**TIES TO THE LAND:**

**A Facilitated Workshop on Succession Planning**

Keeping Family Forests and Farms in the Family

Few challenges that family forestland owners, farmers, ranchers, and other land-based family businesses face are more important than the issue of passing the business and its land base on to the following generation. Many small landowners want to preserve their family lands but don’t know how to involve family members in ownership and operation of their small land-based businesses.

On April 30, 2018 there will be facilitated workshop at the MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks conference room in Kalispell to explore succession planning. “*Ties to the Land* - Your Family Forest Heritage: Planning for an Orderly Transition” focuses on ways to maintain family ties to the land from generation to generation, building awareness of key challenges facing family businesses and motivating families to address those challenges. This workshop is a mix of presentations and practical exercises to help families develop techniques needed to address tough issues. Topics covered will also be relevant to professionals working with landowner families.

This is a DVD-based workshop featuring presentations by Clint Bentz (CPA, Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, and Past Chairman, American Tree Farm System Operating Committee) and Mark Green (Director, Austin Family Business Program at Oregon State University) with live classroom activities conducted by Idaho facilitators Kirk and Madeline David.

Each family will receive a copy of the *Ties to the Land* workbook, which is designed to help families continue to improve and direct their communications at home. More information about succession planning is available on the **Ties to the Land** web site, www.tiestotheland.org.

**Workshop Location**

**April 30, 2018**

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

**490 North Meridian Rd., Kalispell**

**Workshop Fee:** $50 for first family member; $10 per additional family member. The fee includes refreshments and one copy per family of the workbook: *Ties to the Land: Your Family Forest Heritage* ($25 value; additional copies will be available at the workshop or online at the web site).

**Registration information:** For more information call Ed Levert at (406) 293 2847.

***For planning purposes, please register by April 20th.***

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