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“In-Woods Demonstration” Highlights New Technology in Processing and Biomass Transportation Equipment

New technologies in portable sawmill operations, biomass harvesting and transportation equipment will be on display at an “In-Woods Demonstration” hosted by the Pomeroy Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, in cooperation with the Washington State University Extension Forestry program. According to District Ranger Monte Fujishin, the public is invited to attend the demonstration on October 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Clearwater Guard Station 26 miles south of Pomeroy, Washington.

The demonstration will include a test of a **Stinger Steered Chip Trailer** developed by the US Forest Service, San Dimas Technology Development Center. “The San Dimas Technology Development Center just recently unveiled their alternative chip trailer designed to haul biomass from hazardous fuels projects over typical forest roads,” said Sale Preparation Forester, Ed Koberstein. Traditional forest roads were originally designed to handle log trucks which have a tighter turn radius and higher ground clearance than normal highway chip trailers. San Dimas has developed a stinger-steer log truck with the capability to use a standard ocean going shipping container to haul chips. “This new development allows the trailer to navigate existing roads and maintain the ground clearance of a conventional log truck.”

In addition, Davco Solutions of Grande Prairie, Alberta will be demonstrating the latest in mobile milling capabilities, the Twin Cut Mill. The mill comes packaged on a forty foot tractor trailer and is capable of producing up to 20,000 board feet of lumber per shift with a three person crew and can efficiently operate on less than three gallons of diesel fuel an hour. “Set up time for the Twin Cut Mill is less than 40 minutes and fold up to on the road is less than 30 minutes,” said Koberstein.

For more information or to RSVP for the In-Woods Demonstration, please contact Ed Koberstein, at the Pomeroy Ranger District (509) 843-4643.

Directions from Pomeroy, WA: From Hwy 12, turn south on 15th street. 15th street turns into Forest Road 40 (Mountain Road.) Drive south on the Forest Road 40 (Mountain Road) approximately 26 miles to the Clearwater Guard Station demo site. Watch for signs.