Ties to the Land, a workshop designed to assist family forest landowners with succession planning, has helped property owners in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and will be in Helena on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Forest landowners, farmers and ranchers are welcome to attend and participate in the workshops. Ties to the Land features a full-day interactive workshop broken down into segments to assist families to understand the basics of—and value of—family succession planning. Costs of the workshop are only $50 for the first family member and $10 for each additional family member. Seating is limited to 25 people per workshop.

**Ties to the Land Registration Form**

To register by mail return this form with registration fee by April 20 to: Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation, PO Box 1056, Libby, MT 59923. Make checks payable to: Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation.

To register online: Go to ForestStewardshipFoundation.org then click on the Events tab at the top of the page and drop down to “Ties to the Land Workshop.” Payment can be made by credit card (PayPal) when you register online.

NAME(S): _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

CITY / STATE / ZIP: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE: _______________________ EMAIL: ______________________

NUMBER IN FAMILY ATTENDING: _______ Registration fee (per family or ownership) includes one workbook, CD, and refreshments.

Please return this form with a check ($50.00/first family member + $10/each additional family member attending) no later than April 20. A Ties to the Land workbook will be provided to each family. If you would like additional workbooks, please add $25 per workbook.

I/we plan to attend Ties to the Land:

Number of people attending: _______

Amount Enclosed: $ ______________

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

9:00 AM-5:00 PM Radisson Colonial Inn, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana Lodging Info: (406) 433-2100

Questions? Please call or email Ed Levert, 406-293-2847, televert@kvis.net

Your family forest legacy: Planning for an Orderly Transition—Intergenerational Family Forest Project

**Millions of acres of family-owned forest land in the U.S.—and thousands of Montana family-owned forest lands—will change hands in the next few years. Some forests and other rural lands may be converted to a different use because owners didn’t take charge of the succession process in time. There are many reasons for this:**

- Landowners may have a strong desire to pass their land on to their children but have not yet done the work necessary to ensure that result.
- Many landowners haven’t talked to their children about who will take care of the family forest after they’re gone.
- Some owners have realized their children may lack the skills to manage the family land or may not be interested in doing so.
- Others assume that succession planning will be too expensive, and they aren’t sure what the benefits will be. Other owners wait for their children to take the initiative. Or maybe they just don’t know what to do next.

**If any of these describe your situation, this Ties to the Land workshop is for you! Open to forest landowners and ag producers.**

**Workshop Content:**

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- 10 Steps to Successful Succession Planning
- Passion, Preparation, and Planning
- Family Ties, Differing Objectives
- Generation Gaps
- The Heirloom Scale, Values and Goals
- Conflicting Roles of Family and Business
- Tips for a Successful First Family Meeting
- Guidelines for Good Communication
- Choosing the Best Team of Advisors for You
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