

# Bio-Energy Workshop to be held April 23

## WSU Colville Reservation Ferry County Extension

Mark your calendars! WSU Colville Reservation- Ferry County Extension will be hosting a Regional Bio-Energy Workshop at the CCT Energy Department Headquarters at the old Armory in Okanogan on April 23, 2010 from 9 am-1 pm (call 634 2304 to register).

This event will bring experts together to update participants on potential for creating energy alternatives and educate the community on national, statewide, and local region situations and possibilities, as well as answering questions.

Presenters from Washington State University, University of Idaho, Colville Confederated Tribes, USDA Land and Water Agency, and energy industry leaders will provide the latest information on bio-fuel and bio-energy efforts from researchers and industry experts. Topics include: Selling Carbon Credits, Dave Baumgartner, Washington State University; Boards and Bioenergy: A back to the Future Solution for Modern Problems in Biomass Utilization, Jay O'Laughlin, Ph.D.; University of Idaho; Canola Production, Dennis Roe & Frank Young PhD. USDA; Overview of Local Biodiesel Production, Phil Linden, WSU Colville Reservation- Ferry County Extension; and Colville Confederated Tribes Energy Update, Ernie Clark, CCT Energy Department Director.

With continued volatility in the energy markets and the challenges posed by the current economy, communities are going to be looking for solutions for their energy needs and economic diversity to strengthen local markets. Eastern Washington could play a pivotal role in the state's liquid fuel alternatives; forest and farms will be relied upon to offset increasingly unstable fuel markets. An acre of canola can produce up to 150 gallons of bio-diesel, and one ton of slash has the energy equivalent to a barrel of oil. Learn from the experts what can be done to secure our communities' energy future.

This event will begin at 9:00 am sharp on April 23<sup>th</sup> (Doors open at 8:30 am for sign-in). CCT Energy Headquarters is located at 71 Rodeo Trail Rd., Okanogan, WA. **Lunch will be provided for those who register before April 20th.** There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Please call the Colville Reservation Extension office at (509) 634-2304 for more information or to register.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may contact WSU Colville Reservation Ferry County Extension at 9 Methow St. Nespelem, WA 99155, (509) 634-2304, or phil\_linden@wsu.edu at least five days before the program.