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This field trip is still being researched and organized. Below is the tentative outline for the fieldtrip.

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. An official field trip announcement will be sent at a later date with a more firm itinerary and instructions for registering for the field trip. Spots will be limited. Priority will be given to active AEG and AWG (Association for Women Geoscientists) members. This trip will be the first of two jointly organized Olympic Peninsula trips, with the second trip (date TBD) focusing on the Forks area and mostly organized and led by AWG members.

Field Trip Dates: May 14-16, 2010, starting and ending in Tacoma.

Number of Participants: 40

Transportation: Rented Vans

Lodging: Two options include camping at the Salt Creek County Campground (about 15 miles west of Port Angeles) or staying at an inexpensive, clean, euro-style hotel in Port Angeles.

Cost: To be determined

AEG Field Trip Chair: Doug Anderson (WSDOT)

Field Trip Leaders: mentioned below

#### Field Trip Itinerary

Friday, May 14 - We will leave Tacoma mid-day on Friday, which makes Friday primarily a travel day with a couple stops on the way to Port Angeles and the Campground (Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe - Jimmy Come Lately bridge/stream project - Jim Park -WSDOT ).

Saturday, May 15 - Dean Butterworth (NPS) , Jeff Duda (USGS) , Ken Neal ( Kenneth Neal & Associates?), and Jim Park with Tim Abbey with Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe stream/habitat project will lead us through the Elwha Watershed. We will start with a 1 hour presentation at the Olympic National Park Visitors Center in Port Angeles about the Elwha Dam Removal project followed by several field trip stops in the Elwha basin starting at the Glines Canyon Dam and progressing down drainage to the confluence of the Elwha with the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Sunday, May 16 - The focus of the trip will be visiting the north coast near the Pysht and Twin River drainages to learn about the geology that makes this area so susceptible to very large structurally controlled landslides and visit some of the progressive stream habitat improvement projects being done on the north coast of the Peninsula. Gabe Taylor (WSDOT) , Jim Park, Hank Schasse( Retired DNR?), and Doug Anderson will lead the last day of the field trip. We are aiming for a drop off in Tacoma between 6

and 7 pm on Sunday.

A shared web map with each planned field trip will be published before the trip. Everyone is encouraged to use web enabled phones and other devices to post their observations and images for field trip sites at that location on the map. This map will be a collective effort that keeps changing during the trip with information and remarks coming from the crowd of participants on the trip. After our return, a link to the map will be on the AWG-PNW website for easy access. The maps and the location tagged information will be an adjunct to the field trip guidebooks.

Hope to see you there.

Thanks,

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