

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship

Connecting People, Place and Possibility

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 1, 2012

Contact: Nancy Warner
Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship
509-881-1812 or nwarner@applecapital.net

Public invited to Entiat Rocks! Nov. 15:
IRIS to Host North Central Washington Community Success Summit

October 1, 2012, WENATCHEE, WA - The Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS) is teaming up with the City of Entiat, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, The Wenatchee World, NW Public Radio and others to convene Entiat Rocks, the fourth annual North Central Washington Community Success Summit. The summit is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 15, 2012 at Entiat High School, Entiat.

Community leaders plan to showcase examples of how innovative stewardship practices are building community and lasting success across our region. Citizens are invited to bring their energy, ideas and success stories to share with others. Visit the IRIS website irisncw.org to view the agenda and to obtain registration information.

This year's Summit is also part of a statewide celebration of entrepreneurship and innovation Governor Gregoire is leading in Washington to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week. See <http://www.gewusa.org/blog/governor-lead-statewide-celebration-entrepreneurship-washington>

Highlights of the NCW Community Success Summit will include success stories from Entiat and the greater region. The Entiat High School Leadership Team, Entiat City, and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will showcase community, environmental and economic successes within the community of Entiat. Additional presentations by the Yakama Nation and WorkSource will spotlight strategies for connecting water, food and jobs and creating success across the region.

Additionally, a presentation of the video recently released by Cascadia Conservation District, "Pulling Together – From Conflict to Conservation in the Entiat Valley," will be followed by roundtable discussions about how citizens are adapting to change and creating new ways of doing things that work in today's environment.

For more information contact Nancy Warner, Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship, 509-881-1812, nwarner@applecapital.net. The \$25 registration fee includes refreshments and lunch. An optional fieldtrip to see the Entiat Riverfront Development will follow the Summit.

The Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship supports vibrant, healthy, sustainable rural communities in North Central Washington by building knowledge, confidence, and positive community dialogue. *On the web at www.irisncw.org.*

NCW Community Success Summit

9 am – 3 pm

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Entiat High School

Entiat, WA

What is your newest best thing? How have you adapted to change and created new ways of doing things that work in today's environment? How do we foster the entrepreneurial spirit that characterizes our region?

Please bring your energy, ideas, and success story and join us for a day at the Entiat High School in Entiat.

Agenda Highlights

***Pulling Together-From Conflict to Conservation in the Entiat Valley* video presentation**

Entiat Success Sampler – examples from our host community

Regional Success Sampler – success stories from North Central Washington

Success Story Share – how can we create a legacy of good stewardship?

Please complete the form below and mail, along with a check for \$25. This suggested donation will help defray costs. Additional donations to IRIS are gratefully accepted.

RSVP by November 12, 2012

IRIS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS)

PO Box 4563

Wenatchee, WA 98807

For more information contact Nancy Warner at irisncw@gmail.com or 509.888.7374

Registration
NCW Community Success Summit
9 am – 3 pm
Thursday, November 15, 2012
Entiat High School
Entiat, WA

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
email: _____