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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Workshop for Heritage Barn Owners

Ellensburg – If you own an old barn in Kittitas County or the surrounding region, are you aware of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*? This initiative establishes the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns. Owners of historic barns over fifty years old that retain a significant degree of historic integrity can nominate their barn to be designated as a Heritage Barn and be included in the statewide register. Moreover, owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects.

The Ellensburg Public Library is hosting a **free** workshop at the Hal Holmes Community Center on Wednesday, September 7th from 6 to 7:30 pm for barn owners wishing to learn more about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* and to assist barn owners in filling out both the *Heritage Barn Nomination Form* as well as the *Heritage Barn Grant Application*. Chris Moore, Field Director with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing both documents. The deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is October 7th, 2011, while the deadline to submit grant applications is October 17th, 2011. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and to obtain assistance in participating in this valuable program.

The meeting will be held in the library's Hal Holmes Community Center located at 209 N. Ruby Street in downtown Ellensburg. For more information, call 206-624-9449 and visit <http://www.halholmes.org/hhmap.jpg> for directions. Complete information along with nomination and information forms can be found at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-grants>.

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