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On Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Grange in Twisp, the Methow Conservancy will kick-off the eighth season of its First Tuesday Lecture Series with a special presentation focused on the local economy for farming.

A panel of six local ranchers, farmers, and orchardists will lead a community discussion to explore the advantages and obstacles to creating and sustaining a local food source in the Valley. How much farming can the Valley sustain? What are the benefits of locally-based farming? These and other important questions about the changing role of the farm in the Methow will be open for discussion at this free public presentation.

The Methow Conservancy hosts the First Tuesday Lecture series each month, September through June. Lectures focus on natural history and conservation topics and typically follow topics of interest to Valley residents and visitors. October's First Tuesday Lecture series will highlight recent international conservation efforts with a special slide presentation focused on Chile. Future topics include planning for forest fire prevention and weed identification and control.

The Methow Conservancy is a locally-based nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to care for the land of the Methow Valley. For more information about the September 7<sup>th</sup> farming discussion or the First Tuesday Lecture series, please contact the Methow Conservancy at 996-2870.

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