

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

June, 2018

Coming Up – 2017 Tree Farmer of the Year Tour!



Mark Your Calendar – July 21st

The 2017 WCSWA Tree Farmers of the Year, Rich and Connie Gaebel – will host to the annual WCSWA Tree Farm Tour. The Gaebel Tree Farm is located at 18717 NW Dairy Creek Road, North Plains (503) 647-5830. There is a lot of history on the property – an old railroad grade, historic sawmill site, and a past that included a variety of farming endeavors. Rich and Connie have now transformed the property into a productive and beautiful woodland, with a lot of hard work to achieve their vision! See page 10 for directions and a sample of the tour!

WCSWA Potluck -

The annual WCSWA potluck was held this year at the home and tree farm of Ray and Kathy Derrah, new members of WCSWA. Their property lies on Hayward Road, with a beautiful view of the Tualatin Valley to the southeast. They were great hosts for the potluck!

The cooking crew: Sam Sadtler and Don Sohler are hard at work, with Bob Shumaker providing the supervision.

Following a grand feast – the usual potluck fare – Ray and Kathy Brock gave some background on their acquisition and initial management activities, followed by a presentation from Mike Cafferata, ODF District Forester, on the Oregon Forest Practices Act regarding replanting after harvest. Ray and Kathy assumed this responsibility when they acquired the property and have been working hard with ODF and contractors to accomplish this goal. Following the presentation, members got to see some of the Derrahs' work in reforesting the property.



Photos of some of the hardy folk braving a cool and windy potluck evening can be found on page 11.

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The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

A free service to our members: List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472. Got a tool or piece of equipment you don't need any more? Or maybe you are looking for tools, equipment, property, or materials? You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. Another way for tree farmers to help each other! (3 month limit)

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Event Calendar

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| June | 28 - 30 | Annual OSWA Meeting | Springfield, details on OSWA website |
| July | 21 | WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and Picnic SAVE THE DATE! | Rich and Connie Gaebel's Tree Farm, Mountaindale |
| August | 25 | The Future of Forest Creatures | 8:30 – 12, Mt Richmond Forest, see article on page 8 |
| September | 21 | Stella-Jones-McFarland Pole Mill Tour | A.M., Sheridan – details to follow |

Leadership Notes

What a delightful time of year! The trees are sporting their new “spring green” growth, and the tip-top of the Douglas-firs are vying to win the “most interesting leader” contest. As tree farmers, we prefer straight and tall for the winner. Thankfully most leaders straighten up when the color changes to sensible green and sturdier growth. Now we just need some rain.

I’ve been watching for signs of new life in the understory of our two stands that were recently thinned. Both these stands used to be pasture or crops and had no understory. Now there are grasses and weeds filling in the empty spaces giving proof that “nature abhors a vacuum,” as long as sunshine reaches the ground. The vetch that was a crop thirty-some years ago is everywhere, showing that its seed has a very long survival. The wildflower seeds I scattered around last fall and this spring are slow to show themselves. However, my eyes did catch one that was in the wildflower mix that I identified as



“Baby blue-eyes,” a native to southern Oregon and California. If you are reading this newsletter in print rather than on our website, you won’t see the blue, but if you are old enough, think of Ol’ Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra, and you will have the striking blue color. I hope it goes to seed and produces many more next year. Another plant I’m watching is a lupine which is different from the lupine I’m used to seeing in our forest that was never cropland. The best I can do identifying it is miniature lupine, *Lupinus bicolor*. It was not in my wildflower mix or in the area where I scattered seed, so must have blown in on the wind. It’s a keeper.

Many people did some logging this year with the prices up. Don Sohler has been getting many requests for seedlings which is why we inserted the seedling Order Form early this year. If you need seedlings, don’t put off ordering – they will be in short supply everywhere.

Bob and I hope to see many of you at the OSWA Annual Meeting, June 28-30 in Springfield. The classes will add to your knowledge, the Silent Auction and Award Banquet Friday night followed by the Field Tour at the Cafferata’s on Saturday should be outstanding. While our county chapter offers many events, we recognize that OSWA is the glue that binds us all together as a woodland community.



Bonnie Shumaker

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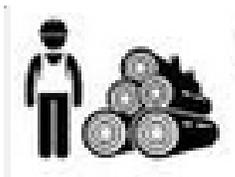
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- Small, Family-Run Businesses // Thailand // Netherlands

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, July 18, 8:30 - 11:30 am
Cheatham Hall, World Forestry Center

Register now!

Time to Order Seedlings

By Don Sohler and Bob Shumaker

This year is going to be a challenge for seedling availability. Because of high log prices, there is much harvesting going on. We will have 50-60 thousand Douglas-fir 1 + 1 Vernonia High Gain seedlings available and six thousand 1-0 Western Red Cedar available. We are experiencing a higher than normal demand from our regular early order customers and want to make sure that seedlings are available for the small user.

Therefore, we are putting out the Seedling Order Form in June rather than July to make sure we have seedlings available for everybody. Our goal is to sell all our seedlings to meet the needs of our members and the forestry community and to generate a profit to fund our chapter operations and our OSU Scholarships. (order form enclosed with this newsletter)

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China – Largest Log Importer in the World; Second Largest Lumber Importer

China imported record high volumes of softwood logs and lumber in 2017, making the country the largest log importer in the world and the second largest lumber importer after the US, according to the Wood Resource Quarterly. Over the past two years there has been a sharp shift towards importing lumber rather than logs, with lumber volumes in 2017 exceeding logs by 36%. Over the past ten years, the total importation of softwood logs and softwood lumber has gone up 3.5 times in roundwood equivalents (RWE), according to the Wood Resource Quarterly (WRQ). (Wood Resources International, May 29, 2018)

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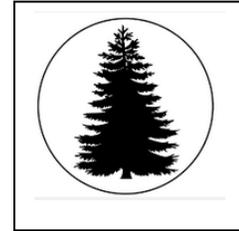
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The Future of Forest Creatures – Exploring our Roles and Opportunities:

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This knowledge and appreciation raises questions such as:

- What roles do native animals play in the health and productivity of our forests?
 - How are these forest-dependent animals doing in our northern Coast Range forests?
 - What are we doing – and could we do – to help them – and how might they benefit us?
- This active workshop, led by knowledgeable, expert biologists, will engage 30 participants in exploring these and related questions. Hyla Woods' 750 acre Mt. Richmond Forest will serve as the setting for the exploration.

When: August 25th, 2018 from 8:30 to noon. BYO picnic lunch to follow, if you'd like to stay

Who: All interested forest owners and managers – private, public, small to large

Why: Because the future of local animals and our forests are intertwined, it seems like a good idea to keep learning and discussing.

Cost: No charge

Registration: Space is limited and prior signup is required. To register please send an email to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com or leave a message at (503)703-6573 with the following information: Name(s), Contact Information phone or email, and the name of the event. Please respond by Monday, August 20.

This workshop is a program offering of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association.

Additional partners include Hyla Woods, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Pacific University, and US Fish and Wildlife Service

Long-Term Study Shows Cutthroat Trout Thrive With Logging That Follows Oregon Forest Practices Act

A decade-long study of cutthroat trout in the Oregon Coast Range has found that logging practices conducted in accord with the Oregon Forest Practices Act had no adverse impacts on coastal cutthroat trout and coho salmon populations or movements.

In studies of logging practices prior to passage of the act in 1971, changes to fish habitat were documented from the use of stream channels as transportation corridors for logs and from other changes to riparian areas adjacent to streams. One of the landmark studies of such practices occurred in the Alsea River watershed in the late 1960s.

Starting in 2006, a team of researchers from Oregon State University, the U.S. Geological Survey, Colorado State University and the forest products industry returned to the Alsea basin to study the impacts of modern logging practices conducted in compliance with the act. They assessed the numbers of cutthroat trout, aged one year old and older, annually through 2014 in the watersheds of Needle Branch and Flynn creeks. The researchers also documented forest cover, stream habitat conditions and stream temperature and discharge.

Logging occurred in Needle Branch in 2009, but Flynn Creek was left unharvested, just as it had been in the 1960s. The results were published March 1 in a professional journal, *Forest Ecology and Management*.

“In the 1960s, the stream channel in Needle Branch got hammered, and the cutthroat took it in the shorts,” said Doug Bateman, the lead author of the paper, now a retired researcher in the College of Forestry.

In the latest study, the biomass of cutthroat trout in Needle Branch increased after the tree harvest relative to the trout in Flynn. In the headwaters area of Needle Branch, nearly all of the trees were cut with the exception of the required buffer strip along the fish-bearing portion of the stream. By monitoring the movements of fish up and downstream, the researchers were able to determine that increases in Needle Branch were related to local changes rather than to influxes of fish from other areas.

“It’s rare to be able to say that,” said Bateman. “In other studies, it is often unknown whether changes in population size are associated with fish movement, but here we show that the fish responded to conditions in the harvested portion of the channel. We weren’t set up to study the causes of the increase, so we can’t really say for sure. It’s possible that increases in sunlight or increased export of invertebrates from upstream areas contributed to the increased fish biomass, but it could also be related to any number of other factors, such as stream temperatures, changes in predators or disease.”

The researchers also recorded changes in numbers of juvenile coho salmon, which were found generally downstream from harvested areas where increases in cutthroat trout were most apparent. No changes were observed in numbers of salmon over the course of the study, possibly due to the fact that these fish were located downstream from the logged area. The salmon numbers are also complicated, said Bateman, by the species’ migratory behavior, which exposes the fish to a variety of factors such as sport and commercial harvest and to conditions in the ocean and estuaries that most cutthroat trout do not experience.

“We can confidently say that, in this watershed, cutthroat trout were not negatively affected by logging activities over the course of the study,” said Bateman. “We’re cautious about generalizing these results to other watersheds since conditions can vary so much. Still, these fish are probably well adapted to changes in the streams, and forests provide some of the best remaining habitat for them. When you move downstream into areas adjacent to farm fields and urban areas, the changes to rivers and streams can pose significant challenges. It’s important to look at the watershed as a whole.”

The study can be found at https://www.researchgate.net/publication/323005026_Fish_response_to_contemporary_timber_harvest_practices_in_a_second-growth_forest_from_the_central_Coast_Range_of_Oregon



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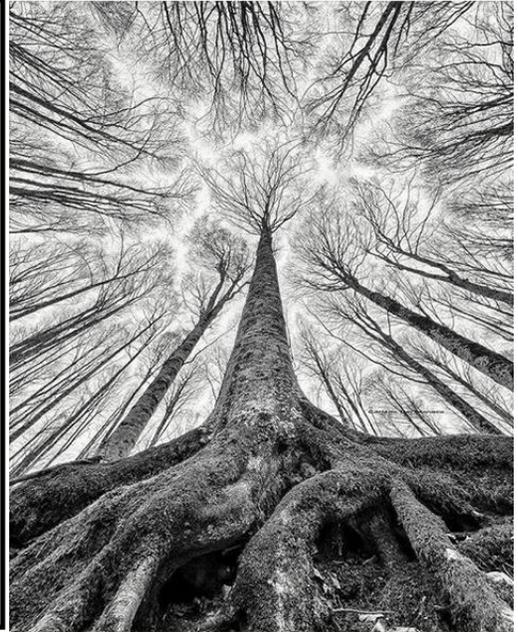
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Some Sights To Look Forward To – July 21st TFOY Tour

The Rich and Connie Gaebel Tree Farm on the East Fork of Dairy Creek offers a lot to see and learn from! Rich has put a lot of thought into his projects – from plantation thinning, to road building and culvert installation, to encouraging wildlife. Be sure to put this tour on your “must” list!

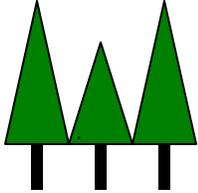


2018 WCSWA Potluck - A Cool Event!

As you can see from these pictures, this year's potluck offered a beautiful venue, good friends good food – but what you can't see is the cool wind that kept us company throughout the evening! Nonetheless, a good time was had by all.



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COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE
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ASSOCIATION

Potpourri

New Members? We don't have any new members to report this month. Have you suggested to your fellow woodland owners, neighbors and friends why they should join OSWA and WCSWA? We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. (You're always invited to the WCSWA meetings!). You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! If you have any questions or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Flash! June Horse Logging Cancelled

The planned horse logging tour had to be cancelled. The horse logger hopes to be able to re-schedule, so the Program Committee has tentatively scheduled it again for next year.

The Future of Tall Timber – on display at World Forestry Center through Summer 2018

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