

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

August, 2018



Tree Farm of the Year – Neighbor to Neighbor Tour A Big Success!

Rich and Connie Gaebel welcomed a large crowd of about 125 woodland owners to the July 21st event. Those attending saw a variety of interesting demonstration sites, including recently completed logging sites, stream crossings, a pond, and more.

An excellent buffet lunch was provided for all. As usual, the opportunity to connect with other forest landowners was a valuable and appreciated benefit to those attending!

Update on Planned Events

Workshop Full - Saturday, August 25 – The Future of Forest Creatures. The spaces available for the workshop have been filled.

Drones and Woodlands – Tuesday, August 28th. Discussion and demonstration of the potential for drone use in managing woodlands. Matteson Demonstration Forest. Registration required. See article on page 8.

Matteson Forest Harvest Tour - Thursday, September 6th – OSU's Matteson Demonstration Forest, located near Hagg Lake, is being partially harvested this summer and we've been invited to see some of the action. Registration required. See article on page 8.

Friday, September 21st – Pole Mill Tour. We'll be touring the Stella-Jones pole mill in Sheridan in a joint event with the Yamhill County chapter of OSWA. Come see some really valuable logs and learn about how poles are processed. This will be a morning tour. Registration is required for this event and space is limited. See the article on Page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

How to register: When registering for any tour, please be sure to check the announcement to confirm you're using the correct contact email or phone (it's not the same for all events) and include which event you're registering for because the contact email/phone is the same for two of the events.

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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

August	25	The Future of Forest Creatures	*8:30am – 12, Mt Richmond Forest, (Attendance closed – full)
	28	Drones and Woodlands	*4-6 pm, see page 8
September	6	OSU Matteson Forest Tour	*4-6 pm, see page 8
	21	Stella-Jones-McFarland Pole Mill Tour	*10am, Sheridan – see page 7 *Registration required
October	TBA		
November	TBA		
December	No meeting		

Leadership Notes

Tree Farm Values



The American Tree Farm System (ATFS) provides family forest owners with tools and resources to help them care for their woods and ensure they are delivering wood, wildlife, clean water and recreational opportunities – all of which are highlighted on the famous green and white sign.

Our forest is certified with ATFS, and we work hard to deliver the four values indicated on the sign. I know that many woodland owners agree with Bob and me that what many people would call “work,” we call recreation. It is fun to get out in the woods planting

seedlings, pruning up limbs, controlling invasives or thinning a young stand.

This summer, however, we took on a project that really fits under recreation, especially for tired

old bones. Maybe we should call it “rest from recreation.” Since the purchase of our “West 80” last fall, each time we drove down its logging road, we paused to take in the view of the Gales Creek Valley. This view spot has a very steep drop-off, so you can see far and wide above the treetops.

We kept talking about building something so we could better enjoy the view. So, Bob drew the plans for a deck and purchased the lumber. First, we had the recreation of building the “view deck.” Now, we can go and sit on the deck and just relax. We think there will be a fair number of years before the trees will get too tall to see over them, and then it will be time for selective thinning.



WCSWA News: On July 17, we had a Board Meeting. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Our annual Native Plant and Tree sale will be March 16, 2019. This is the third Saturday (instead of the traditional 2nd Saturday) because of Drill Schedule at the Armory
- Tony Spiering agreed to join the Program Committee
- There are two Board positions open for 2019. Elections will be at the Annual Meeting November 17. Tentatively, Norbert LePage and Marc Ahrendt have agreed to run for those positions.

Our membership chair, Doug Eddy has moved. We need a new volunteer. Please contact any officer or Board member if you can help. Doug has the duties written down.

Bonnie Shumaker

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WCSWA Scholarship Student – Austin Finster

Austin Finster is the 2017-2018 WCSWA Scholarship recipient. He attended the Tree Farmer of the Year and Neighbor to Neighbor tour at Rich and Connie's Gaebel's tree farm on July 21st. Austin will be a senior this fall at Oregon State – where he is President of the OSU Forestry Club, and manages the Society of American Foresters student chapter Christmas tree farm. This upcoming year he will begin conducting tethered logging system research to be applied toward a Master of Science degree in sustainable forest management.



This summer he is working full-time for Campbell Global as a summer intern while running his own small business - Finster Forestry LLC- in his free time and on weekends.

This prior spring he traveled throughout Chile for nearly 2 weeks studying forestry and natural resource practices in industrial and conservation venues. In addition, he has a trip planned to the South Island of New Zealand to spend 8 days exploring forestry practices and harvesting systems.

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September 21 Tour of the Stella-Jones Pole Mill in Sheridan, 10:00 am. Registration Required

It's not summer without a mill tour!

The Washington County chapter of OSWA will be joining the Yamhill County chapter for a tour of the pole mill in Sheridan. Previously Pacific Wood Preserving, the mill has been in operation since 1967. The tour will focus on the log yard, grading, peeler, with additional explanation of the treating facility and history of the facility. The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours.

Tour attendees must bring and wear their own personal protective gear. This should include: boots with laces, reflective vest, hard hat, and eye protection. No children under 14 please.

Anyone who would like to carpool (which is hopefully everyone!), let's meet at 9:15 am at Wortman Park in McMinnville, across the street from the OSU Extension Office. Drivers and riders can pair up here and we can leave cars here for the duration of the tour. The address of the park is: 2051 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville, OR 97128.

The tour will start at the mill office. The address of the mill is: 22125 Rock Creek Rd, Sheridan, OR 97378. Enter off Rock Creek Road and follow the signs to a parking area specifically for our tour. Please do not park outside the designated areas. Also, parking is very limited so please carpool as much as possible.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register please send an email to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com or leave a message at (503)703-6573 with the following information:

Name(s) of attendees, contact information (phone or email), and the name of the event. Please respond by Monday, September 17. If we have reached tour capacity before September 17, you will receive a response to your message letting you know.

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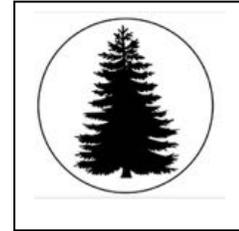
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Matteson Demonstration Forest Events – OSU Extension

Drones and Woodlands - Tuesday August 28th 4:00 –6:00 pm

Have you ever thought about having a drone, or wondered how one could be useful on your small woodland? OSU Extension's Victor Villegas will give a talk on drone technology and research, and discuss potential applications for the small woodland owner. Weather permitting, there will also be a drone flight demonstration. Bring your questions and curiosity; Victor is a drone expert! RSVP by contacting Sonia Reagan, 503-397-3462 or <mailto:Sonia.Reagan@oregonstate.edu>. Please include your phone and email so we can contact you in case of a cancellation.

Commercial Thinning - Matteson Demonstration Forest – Thursday, September 6th. 4:00-6:00 pm

A commercial thinning of about 30 acres of 30-year old Douglas-fir plantation is underway at the Matteson Demonstration Forest. We will talk about the cutting prescription, which includes creating small gaps and leaving snags to make the stand structure more diverse; and markets for the cut logs (including short poles). We'll also see how a cut-to-length processing system is used, and fire conditions permitting, will see a demonstration of the logging equipment. Wear closed toed shoes and bring a hard hat if you have one. RSVP and directions are same as above.

Directions to the Matteson Forest: Highway 47 to the Hagg Lake /Scoggins Valley Park turnoff. Follow Scoggins Valley Rd. past the park gate and turn left on West Shore Drive, crossing the dam. Proceed another two miles past the dam on West Shore Drive. Turn left on Hankins Rd. Follow to the property gate on your right.



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Fire Danger Restrictions Continue

Due to dry conditions in northwest forests, the Oregon Department of Forestry has declared public fire restrictions beginning Thursday, July 5. This is in addition to industrial restrictions already in effect. These restrictions apply to lands in Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, and parts of Multnomah County protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry. To find out what restrictions are in place at any given location, go online to ODF's statewide fire restrictions and closures page at www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx.

Michelin wants to replace oil with wood in tires

The plan is to create more sustainable tires in the future, and experiments with wood waste have provided a solution. The tire maker will incorporate elastomers from wood chips to replace a tire's oil content. Today, 80 percent of materials found in tires come from oil. In the future, that percentage will drop to 20 percent by 2048, Michelin believes. And rubber will also be included, which is also sustainable (from trees). Michelin hopes to show its first tire made from wood in less than two years.

Let's face it; the universe is messy. It is nonlinear, turbulent, and chaotic. It is dynamic...it self-organizes and evolves. It creates diversity, not uniformity. That's what makes the world interesting; that's what makes it beautiful, and that's what makes it work."

Donella Meadows, environmental scientist

East Fork McKay Watershed Forest Restoration Project

Do you own forest land in the East Fork McKay watershed?

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District and Tualatin River Watershed Council are looking for forest landowners who want to partner with them in projects to reduce sediment into streams, repair clogged culverts, and increase stream shading as well as improve habitat for native fish and wildlife species.

The projects may include maintaining woodland roads and trails by diverting water with small water bars or cross drains, replanting abandoned or unnecessary roads and trails, or resurfacing roads with gravel or wood chips where appropriate. Other projects may focus on assessment and removal of invasive species and planting appropriate natives.

A couple projects have already been identified...

- In Multnomah County, we're working with a family to help them replace a small culvert that is failing under a forest road. This site has experienced significant erosion and our project will eliminate this source of sediment.
- In Washington County, we've identified a stream in a ravine that is in great need of additional plants to reduce streambank erosion. The erosion and small-scale landslides are easily visible and a mix of woody shrubs, trees, and grass seed can relieve much of the problem.

West Multnomah SWCD and Tualatin River Watershed Council have received limited grant funding for this work over the next several years. We are interested in forming partnership with individual landowners to tackle these problems. We also may be able to identify other funding to help private landowners meet their ecological goals. Forest landowners who are near or adjacent to BLM lands are especially sought, but others may be considered for this or other opportunities.

If you'd like to know more and are interested, please contact Michael Ahr, West Multnomah SWCD forester, Michael@wmswcd.org 503-238-4775 (Multnomah County projects) or April Olbrich, TRWC Coordinator, trwc@trwc.org 503-846-4810 (Washington County projects).

New Initiative Informs Forest Sector Workforce, Encourages Employees to be “Forest Proud”

PORTLAND, Ore. – A new educational program from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute aims to help inform the approximately 61,000 Oregonians with forest-related jobs about contemporary forestry practices and instill a sense of pride of their work in the state's forest sector.

Forest Proud Oregon is designed for forest-sector employees who aren't exposed to today's responsible forest practices because their work doesn't involve hands-on experience in the forest," says OFRI Executive Director Erin Isselmann. The program offers a variety of educational materials for sector employers to distribute to their workforce that highlight current forest sector practices and values. Forest sector companies can use the online Forest Proud toolkit to order or download the materials free of charge to share with their employees. These include fact sheets, a booklet for employees who are new to the sector, posters and slideshows for display in work areas, and infographics for sharing on social media. There's also a Forest Proud Oregon webpage and Facebook page.

All of the Forest Proud materials reinforce key reasons employees can be proud to work in Oregon's forest sector, helping give them the confidence to represent the sector to friends and neighbors and recruit new employees into the sector. (OFRI)

Lower Willamette West OWEB Small Grants Program, 2017-19

- Supports projects designed to improve water quality, water quantity, fish and wildlife habitat, addressing local priority resource concerns, habitat values and watershed functions
- Funds for projects up to \$15,000 per OWEB biennium per landowner for up to 70% of the project cost. (30% match required). **Next grant application deadline: Sept 1-15, 2018.**
- Lower Willamette West area covers the area west of the Willamette River, south to Wilsonville, north to Sauvie Island and west to the Coast Range.

Landowners work with team members to develop and submit applications, i.e., Tualatin River Watershed Council (April Olbrich; trwc@trwc.org; 503-846-4810), Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District (Juli Waarvick, juli.waarvik@tualatinswcd.org (503)334-2288 ex 108) , West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation (Michael Ahr; Michael@wmswcd.org; 503-238-4775, x109)

Types of conservation projects that may be of interest to small woodlands owners

Highest Ranking (two areas)

1) Riparian Process & Function

- Manage Nutrient & Sediment Inputs:* i) manage grazing (fencing and developing off-channel watering) and ii) plantings.
- Manage Vegetation:* i) plant or seed native riparian species; ii) propagate native riparian plants; iii) control weeds (in conjunction with a restoration project).
- Employ Integrated Pest Management.*

2) Upland Process and Function

- Manage Erosion:* i) install sediment basin; ii) develop filter strips grassed waterways; iii) manage mud (e.g., gravel high use areas, develop paddocks); iii) seed bare areas; iv) reduce tillage
- Manage Nutrient and Sediment Input to Stream through management of* i) grazing; ii) vegetation cover; iii) animal waste; and iv) irrigation runoff.
- Manage Vegetation:* i) non-commercial thinning; ii) plant or seed (native upland species or native beneficial mix); iii) control weeds (in conjunction with a restoration project).
- Employ Integrated Pest Management.*

Medium Ranking (six areas):

1) Instream Process and Function

- Improve Instream Habitat:* i) place salmon carcasses; ii) place large wood; iii) place boulders;
- Manage Erosion:* i) bioengineer stream banks; ii) slope stream banks.
- Eradicate Exotic Aquatic Species.*

2) Wetland Process and Function

- Manage Nutrient and Sediment Inputs:* i) fence out livestock; ii) develop alternative watering sites.
- Manage Vegetation:* i) control weeds (in conjunction with a restoration project); ii) plant native wetlands species.
- Restore Wetlands:* i) excavation/remove fill; ii) eliminate drainage structures;
- Employ Integrated Pest Management*

3) Fish Passage

- Remove Irrigation or Push-Up Dams:* i) install alternatives (e.g., infiltration galleries, points-of-diversion transfers) ii) remove or replace culverts; iii) remove or replace stream crossings.
- Remove or Replace Culverts;*
- Remove or Replace Stream Crossings.*

5) Water Quantity/Irrigation Efficiency:

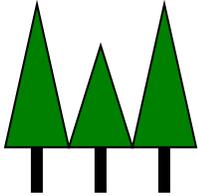
- Recharge Groundwater:* roof water harvesting.
- Implement Irrigation Practices that result in decreased water use & increased instream flow, increased groundwater level or improved water quality:* i) pipe existing ditch; ii) install drip or sprinkler systems; iii) install automated soil moisture monitors; iv) recover or eliminate tail water.

- 6) Road Impact Reduction.** a) *Decommission Roads;* b) *Improve Surface Drainage (subsurface road drainage improvements; gravel surfacing; stream crossings).*

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New Members: Welcome to **Ron Olson** of Banks, **Mark and Jennifer Ludeman** of Buxton, **Austin Finster** of Hillsboro, **Bob and Carol Gutman** of North Plains, and **Gary Ensade** of Corvallis. 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.

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

OSU Extension has published 3 pamphlets to help family forest owners find or hire professionals including:

- Finding the right accountant/preparer <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9169>
- Choosing the right logging contractor <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9170>
- Choosing the right chemical applicator <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9171>

Helpful Links:

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- www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>
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