

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**October, 2020**

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### **Next WCSWA Meeting - Zoom #5**

## **Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Virtual Project Tour**

We are excited to offer a virtual tour opportunity for WCSWA members on Wednesday, October 28 at 7pm. Please join us for the premier of the **Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Virtual Project Tour**. Brandy Saffell, the Forest Conservation Specialist at Tualatin SWCD, will lead a virtual tour through two forest projects funded and managed by the district. One project focuses on forest health improvement across a 30-acre property by removing invasive weeds, pre-commercial thinning, and planting a variety of native trees, shrubs, and grasses. The other project emphasizes understory habitat creation in a 20-acre tree farm originally planted in a former hay field. The tour will be led within an ArcGIS Story Map, which is an interactive online map (like Google Maps) integrated with video, images, and text. Brandy will guide the tour and share behind the scenes stories about the projects, though the maps will be live on the Tualatin SWCD website and anyone may access and explore them at any time. You won't want to miss this opportunity to see some of the work being done by your neighbors right here in Washington County. This is also a great chance to stay connected as we get through this year together.

***This will be a Zoom meeting, once again presented with assistance from Mike Cloughesy and OFRI. Here are the details for joining the meeting:***

***Topic: WCSWA Zoom Meeting #5***

***Time:*** Oct 28, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Please join a few minutes early so we're ready to go at 7pm sharp.

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## Event Calendar

<b>October Fall Tree School</b>	<b>20</b>	Land Mapper: Find Your Property, Explore Your Land, and Print Your Map!	3 p.m. - Tree School Online, presented by David Diaz and Sara Loreno of Ecotrust, see page 7
	<b>28</b>	TSWCD Virtual Project Tour	7 p.m. – WCSWA Monthly Meeting. See page 1
<b>November Fall Tree School</b>	<b>6</b>	Fish Habitat and Riparian Management	3 p.m. - Tree School Online. Presented by Guillermo Giannico, Extension Fisheries Specialist, Oregon State University
<b>Fall Tree School</b>	<b>17</b>	Diamonds Under The Douglas-fir (Mushrooms, Truffles)	3 p.m. - Tree School Online. Presented by Charles Lefevre Ph.D., New World Truffieres
	<b>18</b>	Carbon in Oregon's Managed Forests	7 p.m. – WCSWA Virtual Annual Meeting: OFRI presentation, based on soon to be released publication. <b>Note: This will be an Election meeting.</b>

# *Leadership Notes*

*Vic Herinckx*

The Browns and their tree farm really put on a good show at the virtual Tree Farmer of the Year event on September 23rd. Many thanks to everyone who helped put it together as well as those who tuned in for the presentation. If you missed it, be sure to look on OSWA or WCSWA's website for links to the video.

During the initial planning at the Browns tree farm in late May I had the pleasure of getting to know the videographer, Pat McAbery, and now you shall too.

Pat resides in Rhododendron with his wife and 2 kids and is a firefighter for Gresham Fire. He's into technology, particularly video production and can easily recall details like the clock speed on his first computer and the capacity and water transfer rate of a type 1/3/6 fire engine. He made a go of the video production business along with a high school buddy in the early days but that never turned into a full time career. He has been shooting video for Tree Farmer of the Year for 15+ years and it's his favorite project to look forward to every year. Pat is a licensed drone pilot and thinks aerial footage is incredibly helpful to telling the tree farmer story. I recently asked Pat how he managed to put together the exceptional audio quality while filming in the woods and it was all from the magic of 3 wireless mic's and separate audio channels feeding his high tech camera. Pat's business website is [www.s3hd.com](http://www.s3hd.com) if you are interested in learning more.

Pat has been fighting fire with Gresham Fire for 28 years and loves his work. He says "It's great to be able to make a positive difference in someone's horrible day." He has been on many wildland fire dispatches over the years, the most recent ones include the 2017 Chetco Bar Fire near Brookings, OR and the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise, CA. This year he was deployed to Task Force 30 fighting wildfire in Clackamas County on Labor Day when his crew was redirected rather urgently to the Medford area to fight the Almeda Fire in Jackson County. They arrived at around 2:00am and spent the night and all of the next day saving structures in mobile home parks. He estimates they saved about 100 homes that would have likely been burned. They were the first firefighters to arrive from out of the area and the local crews were extremely glad to see them.

This picture shows Pat's type 6 engine partner Lt. Anthony Foster working to save a home while fire right next door is consuming another. Pat spent 12 days on this dispatch working the Almeda, South Obenchain and Slater fires.

Let's continue to pay respect to Mother Nature and do what we can to be firewise and build defensible space around our structures. Hopefully 50 years from now our kids and grandkids will look back to 2020 as an aberration not the new normal.



***Until next time, I hope everyone continues to stay safe!***

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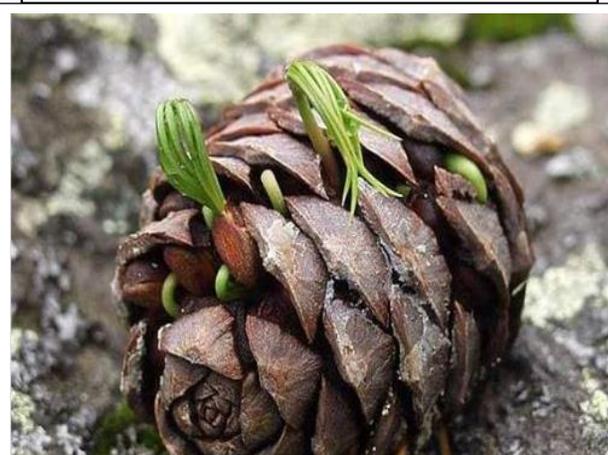
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## Timber harvest = Plantations = Persistent Deficits in Summer Streamflow

Summer streamflow in industrial tree plantations harvested on 40- to 50-year rotations was 50% lower than in century-old forests, data from the long-term Alsea Watershed Study in the Oregon Coast Range showed.

The research, led by Oregon State University College of Forestry Associate Professor Catalina Segura, is an important step toward understanding how intensively managed plantations might influence water supplies originating in forests and downstream aquatic ecosystems, especially as the planet becomes warmer and drier. Industrial plantation forestry is expanding around the globe and that’s raising concerns about the long-term effects the plantations might be having on water, especially in dry years, Segura said.

In the current study, Segura and collaborators looked at 27 years of streamflow data to compare the effects of historic and contemporary forestry practices on summer streamflow in three sites within the Alsea watershed: Flynn Creek, Deer Creek and Needle Branch. After the mature forests were harvested in 1966, streamflow increased for seven years, then began to decline as the Douglas-fir seedlings grew, eventually falling below pre-harvest streamflow levels. The harvesting of the plantations didn’t lead to much of an increase in streamflow. The likely reason: high evapotranspiration from replanted Douglas-firs and other rapidly regenerating vegetation, and from the vegetation in the riparian buffer.

“Results of this study indicated that 40- to 50-year rotations of Douglas-fir plantations can produce persistent, large, summer low-flow deficits”, Segura said. “While the clear-cutting of these plantations, with retention of riparian buffers, increased daily streamflow slightly, streamflow did not return to where it was before the harvesting of those mature forests, which apparently do not use as much water”.•

# WCSWA - 2020 Virtual Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tour – Did You Miss It?



Our first Virtual Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tour premiered Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and was a great success. This video was created as an alternative to our usual in-person woods tours that OSWA/OTFS typically hold annually. This tour was on Barrett and Susan Brown's tree farm in Washington County, the Snoosville Tree Farm.

If you were unable to attend live, you can view the video here at this link: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SemguiJj4Og&feature=youtu.be>).

If you prefer to watch only the individual topic segments of the tour, you can find them at this link: ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3smdBqPDDS0&list=PLQ67t3M3JIMKuJYOwr5FzCIO\\_qgsrboV9&ab\\_ch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3smdBqPDDS0&list=PLQ67t3M3JIMKuJYOwr5FzCIO_qgsrboV9&ab_ch)).



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- Oregon State University Extension is continuing to work with the Partnership for Forestry Education to continue the Tree School Online webinar series to our Oregon forestry community on the 1st and 3rd **Tuesdays** of the month from **3:00pm - 4:30pm**. The first webinar was on September 15, "Biology & Management of Western Redcedar" followed by "Thinking About the Future of Your Forest: Passing It Onto the Next Owner" on October 6<sup>th</sup>. **The next webinar is "LandMapper: Find Your Property, Explore Your Land, and Print Your Map!" on October 20.** This webinar will introduce you to a new tool being developed by David Diaz and Sara Loreno of Ecotrust, in consultation with other partners, including OSWA and OTFS.

The November 3d webinar will be "Fish Habitat and Riparian Management" presented by Guillermo Giannico. The November 17<sup>th</sup> webinar will feature "Diamonds Under the Douglas-fir", presented by Charles Lefevre. More information on the Tree School webinars can be found online at [www.knowyourforest.org/TreeSchoolOnline](http://www.knowyourforest.org/TreeSchoolOnline)

Can't view the webinars live? Don't worry! They will all be recorded and you can view them at your convenience at the above website.

**Questions?** Contact Tree School Coordinator Amanda Brenner at [amanda.brenner@oregonstate.edu](mailto:amanda.brenner@oregonstate.edu)

***Future Developments in the Forest Sector Future***  
by **Ed Pepke, Jim Bowyer, Kathryn Fernholz, Harry Groot and Ashley McFarland**  
Published by **Dovetail Partners** January 2020

The start of a new decade – the 2020s – provides an opportunity to forecast future developments in the forest sector. We predict these developments of wood and paper products will bring increased

demand for wood fiber. Sustainable production of wood and wood fiber is essential and must be ensured by sustainable forest management that protects biodiversity and other forest ecosystem services. Continued market development is critical, especially for new products and applications. Efficient manufacturing is needed for traditional and new products. A revitalization of the forest industry via viable products and processes is especially necessary in the United States. Strong, ongoing support is important for university-level education and research in all aspects of the forest sector. International cooperation is and always will be a key for continued forest sector development. Communication of the benefits of current and new wood and paper products and processes is essential to all target audiences.



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you don't  
understand.**

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you already  
understand, you'll  
fail to notice.**

*Richard Powers*

## ***Forests Change in Response to Global Warming***

As the climate is changing, so too are the world's forests. From the misty redwoods in the west to the Blue Ridge forest of Appalachia, many sylvan ecosystems are adapting to drier conditions. Researchers at UC Santa Barbara, the University of Utah and the U.S. Forest Service have studied how the traits of tree communities are shifting across the contiguous United States. The results, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, indicate that communities, particularly in more arid regions, are becoming more drought tolerant, primarily through the death of less hardy trees.

To understand what might be driving changes in the ability of forests to cope with climate change, the scientists considered two main physiological traits: a species' average tolerance to water stress and how close this was to its maximum tolerance (essentially how much wiggle room it had when dealing with water stress). "We basically put a number on what species composition means in terms of their ability to deal with water stress," said lead author Anna Trugman, an assistant professor in UC Santa Barbara's Department of Geography. Fortunately for the team, the U.S. Forest Service tracks tree species, size and abundance in more than 160,000 forest plots randomly distributed across the country. What's more, the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis database includes over 200 different types of ecosystems ranging from dry pinyon pine forests to cypress swamps, and Atlantic hardwood forests to the temperate rainforests of the Pacific Northwest.

There are two ways a community can become more drought tolerant: Less hardy trees can die or more resilient trees can grow faster. Both result in a community that is hardier overall. Trugman found that it was primarily the death of less robust trees that drove the shifts toward greater drought tolerance, though she notes that the effects of sapling recruitment have been less evident over such a short time span. She also noticed that the scope of traits in a given plot didn't automatically correlate with the number of species present. "You don't necessarily have a larger range in strategies if you have more species," she said.

Overall, the results indicate that forests are shifting to communities that can cope with greater average water stress as well as more variability in water stress. This should buffer forests against some of the effects of climate change, at least in the short term, according to Trugman. "Ultimately," she said, "we want to put trait velocities and climate velocities in some comparable context to understand how mismatches between the two will affect our forests."

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### ***OSU Study: Oregon Timber Harvests Don't Appear To Affect Rare Salamander,***

A seven-year field experiment on 88 tree stands across Oregon's western Cascade Range found no discernable difference in the abundance and occupancy rates of rare Oregon slender salamanders on recently harvested tree stands -- clear-cuts -- compared to stands late in the harvest rotation -- older than 50 years. The findings are published in the journal *Forest Ecology and Management*. The project was a collaboration of Oregon State University, Weyerhaeuser, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

To their surprise, the researchers found that a different, more commonly found terrestrial salamander, the *Ensatina*, was negatively affected by timber harvest. The study emphasizes, however, the importance of downed wood in the detection of both species. When there is dead wood on the ground, there are more Oregon slender and *Ensatina* salamanders, regardless of harvest stage.

The Oregon slender salamander only exists on the western slopes of the Cascades, where it lives most of the year underground or burrowed in woody debris on the forest floor. This fully terrestrial salamander is primarily found in mature evergreen forests, including timber plantations. Due to concern over the effects of harvesting trees, the Oregon slender salamander is considered "sensitive" by the state of Oregon and has been petitioned for Endangered Species Act candidacy.

***The study comes with a recommendation from the researchers: After harvest, leave downed wood behind to provide adequate habitat for the salamander.*** "That dead, decaying wood is essential habitat for maintaining the moisture and temperature salamanders need," said study lead author Tiffany Garcia, a wildlife ecologist in Oregon State's College of Agricultural Sciences. "We found that more downed wood meant more salamanders. If there's not enough downed wood and places for them to hide, you won't find them. The size and the type of the downed wood also matters. It needs to be in large enough pieces to keep moisture for a long time, at least until the trees grow back. If they are small pieces they'll just dry out."

# When Did Oregon and Forestry Become Synonymous?

Before white settlers arrived in Oregon, it was home to over 20 tribes whose people lived symbiotically with the land, maintained the forests, and worked to preserve the environment around them. Today, there are only nine federally recognized tribes within the state. However, they continue to play a crucial role in the maintenance of forested lands and passing on indigenous knowledge to other state residents.

The timber industry in Oregon was born alongside the California Gold Rush of the 1800s. As more people moved west hoping to strike it rich, the need for lumber grew. When rail lines were extended into Oregon in the 1870-80s, the Ponderosa Pines of Eastern Oregon and the forested areas of the Western Cascades were there to meet the need. Between the 1880s and 1911, more railways were added and logging boomed. By 1938, Oregon was the nation's leading producer of wood. To this day, Oregon produces more wood building materials than any other state.



As Oregon, and its largest city, Portland, grew in the mid-1800s, more trees were cut to build homes. Because it was easier to leave the stumps instead of removing them, the city of Portland became known as Stumptown. Stumptown Coffee and the numerous other brands that use this moniker pay homage to Portland's early logging history.

Other brands and organizations have also embraced the city's logging history. The Portland Timbers was established in 1975 as part of the North American Soccer League (NASL). In 2011, the team earned a spot within Major League Soccer. Timbers' fans, proudly called the "army," celebrate their team with lumberjack-inspired apparel. Players' jerseys sport an axe-shaped logo and the team's woodsman mascot, Timber Joey, cuts rings from a Victory Log after every home goal.

## An Evolving Economy



Oregon has been at the forefront of the development of logging practices since the very beginning. The state continues to lead the field. Originally loggers used the steam donkey to increase productivity, eventually trading it for electric tools.

Around 1925, when California's demand for lumber fell, Oregon's loggers began to suffer; mill closures and employee layoffs became commonplace by the beginning of the 1930s.

After World War II, however, Oregon's logging industry boomed once again. The post-war increase in production brought a second wave of logging prosperity. New technology, specifically the modern chainsaw, further increased efficiency.

## Timber Today

Logging still accounts for a significant portion of Oregon's annual revenue. In 2019, Oregon made \$86.9 million from timber sales. Today, over 61,000 Oregonians are employed in the forestry industry, and 47% of the state is considered forestland. The state is the top U.S. producer of both softwood

lumber and plywood. And, more recently, Oregon has become a leader in manufacturing innovative “mass timber” engineered wood products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) and Mass Plywood Panels (MPP).

Forestry has shaped the state in countless other, more subtle ways. Portland’s thriving arts, cultural, and non-profit organizations are indirectly supported by the timber industry, as many of the state’s largest philanthropic donors have financial roots in forestry.

Oregon remains a leader within the field of forestry development. Oregon State University’s College of Forestry is an internationally recognized leader in forestry education, the International Mass Timber Conference draws over 1,000 forestry experts to Portland each year, and World Forestry Center’s “Who Will Own The Forest” conference is one of the largest timberland investing events in the world.



The roots of World Forestry Center date back to the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition, in which a massive log structure was built to house the Forestry Building. Since then, the non-profit has worked to create and inspire champions of sustainable forestry.

Almost every aspect of Oregon life has been influenced by the timber industry. It is considered “the wheel which sets all other wheels in motion.” New industries and businesses have continued to reference Portland’s forestry history when choosing brand names, logos, and images.

So, the next time that you see a new craft beer with a lumberjack on the logo, know that you have Oregon’s timber history to thank.

***World Forestry Center Newsletter, July 21, 2020***

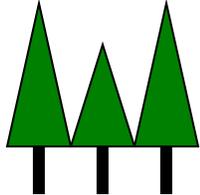
## ***Fire Impacts in Washington County***

The following is a message from our partners at the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District:

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District is gathering information to better understand the impact of the recent fires in Washington County on woodland owners and farmers. There will likely be some federal funding available to help with efforts like seeding, replanting, managing weeds, and other post-fire land management efforts; but before we can assess our eligibility and apply for the funds we need to have some information so we can frame the specific needs in our area. If you or anyone you know has had damage to forestland or farmland from the Chehalem Mountain/Bald Peak or Powerline fires, please contact Brandy Saffell at [brandy.saffell@tualatinswcd.org](mailto:brandy.saffell@tualatinswcd.org) or 971-371-0353.

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### Potpourri

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- 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:

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> read OSU Extension's "Tree Topics" blog
- [www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com](http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com) learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>
- For E-Notification: : <https://ferns.odf.state.or.us/E-Notification> or visit an ODF Office