

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

February, 2022

WCSWA February Meeting – February 22, 7:00pm

Wildfire Detection and ODF Updates

Mike Cafferata, Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Grove District Forester, will provide some updates and answer questions on current forestry issues in Oregon – Climate Change, Wildfire, the new State Forester, the Private Forest Accord, Salmonberry Trail Update, etc.. He will have a few prepared remarks and is happy to answer questions and have discussion.

He will also introduce our guest speaker Ashwin Datta, a local entrepreneur from Hillsboro, OR, who recently started **Instinct**, a company working to build wildfire detection and forestry/environmental monitoring sensors. This system provides forest landowners with peace of mind in the face of the growing wildfire threat and helps them use data-driven approaches to managing their lands. Plan on joining us to learn about this new technology, its vast potential and what it could mean for you and your lands.

The meeting will be located at an empty industrial building in North Plains, just off the freeway at Exit 57. The address of the building is: 30780 NW Highland Ct. North Plains, OR. Highland Court is the first street on the north side of the North Plains Overpass. Turn right (or left if coming from North Plains) on Highland Court: it is the second building (marked Building A) on the right after the Shell station. Parking is marked around the building or if that is full, use the back parking lot.

As this is a new location for us, there are a few logistics to cover: There is ample parking around the building. We're not sure that there will be adequate chairs, so **please bring a chair for yourself**.

And of course, COVID logistics: We will follow whatever requirements are in place at the time of the event. A reminder email will be sent a few days before the meeting outlining the current requirements. Coffee, tea, and cookies will not be served. Please bring your own refreshments if desired.

Note: The January meeting had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. This February meeting is planned for in-person, but the situation may change. If so, prior notification will be sent out.

Tax Season is Here - Do You Need Help?

Dealing with the complexities of tax laws as they relate to small woodland owners can be a daunting challenge. The help of a tax advisor knowledgeable about woodland management is best if you have a complex situation. Everyone woodland owner can benefit from basic information about tax requirements though. The "**Tax Tips for Forest Landowners**" publication is intended to assist forest landowners and their tax advisors in preparing their 2021 Federal income tax returns.

Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2021 Tax Year

(<https://www.timbertax.org/publications/fs/taxtips/TaxTip2021.pdf>)

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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. (3 month limit)

For Sale: No new items.

Wanted: No new items.

Event Calendar

February	22	Wildfire Detection and ODF Updates	Wildfire Detection from Instinct with Co-Founder and CEO Ashwin Datta and ODF Updates from Mike Cafferata. See page 1
March	1, 2 12 22	Forest Health in Oregon Native Plant Sale Salvage Logging from 2020 Fires	https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/cpe/forest-health-2022 to register. See page 3 Our 20 th Sale! See article page 5 Trout Mountain Forestry – Mike Messier will give information on salvage logging from the 2020 fires
April	26	Re-Thinking Future Forests	Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forester, Clackamas, Marion, and Hood River Counties
June, 2022	23-25	OSWA-OTFS Annual Family Forest Convention	Benton County Fairgrounds – put the dates on your calendar!

After solid debate the WCSWA board elected to cancel the January meeting due to high COVID rates and the understanding that much of the content from that meeting could be published in the February newsletter (see pages 10-11). Hopefully things will look better for our February meeting and the Native Plant Sale in March.

It's been on the list for a while but now it looks like Washington County will soon have a new OSU Forestry Extension Educator representing Columbia, Washington and Yamhill counties. The search began several months ago with building a great list of candidates. The process has progressed to final interviews at the end of January/early February. The candidates met with the Search Committee, County Office faculty & staff, as well as some local stakeholders, before moving on to connect with faculty and administrators on campus. There are still several steps to go before the successful candidate is announced with a start date likely sometime this spring. Thanks to the search committee for their work on this: Sonia Reagan (Columbia County Extension), Scott Russell (Columbia County), LeeAnn Mikkelson (OSU Extension), Jenifer Cruickshank (OSU Extension), and Brad Withrow-Robinson (OSU Extension). Also thanks to WCSWA members who were able to participate in Zoom meetings to meet and evaluate candidates.

If January flew by too quickly and you missed the membership renewal deadline it's time to get it done. If you have a PayPal account you can do it online at oswa.org. If you have a credit card you can do it over the phone by calling McKinley Carpenter at the OSWA office at 503-588-1813. Invoice copies can also be sent as needed by calling McKinley or emailing her at mckinleycarpenter@oswa.. Thank you all for your memberships and supporting the goals and objectives of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

Until next time continue to stay safe!

Forest Health Outlook

by Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forester

The past year or so has posed many challenges for the health of trees and forests in Oregon. Fire, ice, heat, and drought have increased the number of dying or stressed trees. And then there are the populations of insects at the ready to take advantage of stressed trees. We can look forward to a comprehensive update on these issues at the upcoming OSU conference on Forest Health in Oregon: State of the State (March 1-2, 2022.) This is organized every other year by Dave Shaw, OSU Extension Forest Health Specialist with many collaborators. This time around it will be a virtual conference online. Benefits of this format are that it will be free of charge, you won't have to drive to Corvallis, and you can tune in for any parts of interest to you. Major forest health topics include:

- Statewide aerial survey of forest health
- Trends in tree mortality
- Sudden oak death and Swiss needle cast
- Drought, heat, and scorch in Oregon: effects on trees
- Wildfire in the Pacific Northwest: review and implications of recent fire season
- Forest disturbance agents and air; what's the connection?
- Post-fire tree mortality: assign the probability of fire-damaged tree death potential for bark beetle outbreaks
- Tree decline issues: Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple, and western redcedar.
- Managing when after the fire is before the fire: Silviculture is a novel world
- Adapting forest to changing climate

Forest Health in Oregon 2022: State of the State 2022. Virtual Meeting, March 1, 2, 2022, 8:00am-12:00pm each day. Registration and agenda on the conference website <https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/cpe/forest-health-2022>.

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2022 Starker Lecture Series

Women of Forestry: Inspiring leadership

The 2022 Starker Lecture Series, focuses on women who act as agents of change within the forestry and forest products sector as well as within their communities. The second presentation by **Cristina Eisenberg** is titled

“Beyond the Land Ethic: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Forest Management and Conservation, A Native American Perspective”.

This series will educate and explore the triumphs of women as well as the myriad of challenges they face in forests, mills, research labs and beyond.

For more information, visit <https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lectures>

Whatever you need to know

Gail and Gordon Culbertson (2019 Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year) working with Lauren Grand (center), OSU Forestry Extension Agent

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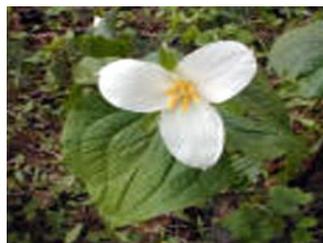
**Find it at
KnowYourForest.org**

All the resources and assistance to manage your forestlands are in one easy to access location that is regularly updated.

- Search by County for local resources
- Find educational materials in the Learning Library
- Refer to forest practice laws
- Register for classes



NATIVE PLANTS--THEY MAKE PEOPLE SMILE
SATURDAY MARCH 12, OUR 2022 NATIVE PLANT SALE



Where's the sale? 30780 NW Highland Court, North Plains, OR. (That's also where we hold 2022's monthly meetings.) Spread the word to friends and neighbors and volunteer to help at the sale.

History of WCSWA's Native Plant Sale. **This is our 20th annual sale!** It is always held on the second Saturday in March. All profits fund scholarships for natural resource education.

When can I **sign up to help at the sale**? At the regular monthly in-person meeting, February 22nd. (Or e-mail NORDBERG@AOL.COM to let us know you'd like to help)

Do I have to help the entire sale day? No, even a couple hours help!

Do I need experience? No. Return volunteers and new members--all are welcome.

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New OFRI Board Members

Jennifer Beathe, forester with Starker Forests (representing class 2 timber producers), **Gordon Culbertson (representing small woodland owners)**, and Brian Trenholm, forester with Weyerhaeuser (representing class 3 timber producers) have been appointed to the Oregon Forest Resource Institute Board of Directors. They replace Casey Roscoe, **Audrey Barnes**, and Steve McNulty, respectively.

The state forester appoints the 11 voting members of the 13-member OFRI board to serve three-year terms. The voting members include nine representatives of timber producer classes, with three each from small (Class 1), medium (Class 2) and large (Class 3) producers; one member representing small woodland owners; and one representative for forest industry employees. The board has two *ex officio* members, the dean of the Oregon University College of Forestry and a public member appointed jointly by the president of the Oregon Senate and the speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Over 9,000 Tree Species Yet Undiscovered

A new study at the University of Michigan, involving more than 100 scientists from across the globe and the largest forest database yet assembled, estimates that there are about 73,000 tree species on Earth, including about 9,200 species yet to be discovered. The global estimate is about 14% higher than the current number of known tree species. Most of the undiscovered species are likely to be rare, with very low populations and limited spatial distribution, the study shows.

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Tree School Online

A new year of Tree School Online has begun. The first class, on Prescribed Fire, occurred on February 8th. The following classes are the next in the 2022 series:

March 8, 3:00—4:30 PM

Using Nature as a Model for Forest Management: The case for ecological forestry

April 12, 3:00—4:30 PM

Healthy streams: a family's journey toward fish habitat restoration

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/tree-school/tree-school-online>

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Northwest Woodlands Magazine Is Searching for a New Editor

The Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Idaho Forest Owners Association, Montana Forest Owners Association and Washington Farm Forestry Association are seeking a contractor to provide editing, writing and administrative services for *Northwest Woodlands* magazine. The quarterly publication reaches 3,500 members and stakeholders of these four nonprofit organizations. It has been a recognized Northwest publication since 1985.

The future editor should demonstrate qualifications to perform the work, including strong writing, editing and organizing skills, comfort talking with advertisers and the ability to work independently. An understanding of family forestry issues and the goals and missions of the small woodland associations will be considered in the selection. Technical knowledge and understanding of Pacific Northwest forests is a plus.

The publisher (Washington Farm Forestry Association) estimates work requires an average of 12-15 hours per week. Due to the nature of publication deadlines and for travel to five annual meetings, more hours will be required during certain times; the contractor will provide their own office and schedule their own time to meet these deadlines. The initial term of the contract is anticipated to be one year with extension based on mutual agreement between the parties.

A copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is available by contacting Anne Maloney at: annewithnww@gmail.com or by visiting the recruitment webpage at: www.wafarmforestry.com/RFP-Editor-NWWmagazine. The RFP is open until April 22, 2022, and top candidates will be interviewed in May. Work orientation begins with the outgoing editor on August 1. Full responsibility begins on October 1.

What will it take to see electric logging trucks in the U.S.?

In 2018, Oregon State University (OSU) professors John Sessions and Kevin Lyons published Harvesting Elevation Potential from Mountain Forests, in the International Journal of Forest Engineering (<https://tinyurl.com/295brjp5>). Their paper explored the feasibility of using electric logging trucks on a British Columbia haul route that connects the southwest slopes of Blanshard Peak to a sort yard at the junction of the Stave and Fraser Rivers.

Advantages:

- Electric trucks are easier to drive – no shifting!
- Maintenance costs are lower
- Lower emissions (pollutants)
- Lower fuel cost - \$20,000 vs \$50,000 per year

Disadvantages:

- Higher cost - \$200,000 per truck
- Batteries – expensive and heavy, require at least twice a day charging
- Inadequate infrastructure presently (charging stations)

Bottom line:

Lyons: Forestry is full of innovators and sometimes an individual will get an idea (for example an electric log truck), and they'll just decide they're going to try it.

Sessions: The Northwest has several advantages. We have low cost, renewable electric power and we also have this elevation potential (recharging on downhill haul) in forestry. It's really a very interesting story.

Timber West, Nov.-Dec. 2021



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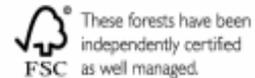
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Tualatin SWCD Programs for Woodland Managers

Brandy Saffell
Forest Conservation Specialist

The [Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District \(SWCD\)](#) mission is to provide Washington County residents with assistance to address natural resource concerns on the land they manage. We can provide *technical* assistance, such as discussing a problem on the phone, scheduling a site visit, and/or coming up with a plan to tackle an invasive weed, dying trees, or another resource challenge. In some cases, we can also provide *financial* assistance to help lower the cost of a forest health or habitat enhancement project.

Our [Forest Conservation Program](#) collaborates with woodland managers to write forest stewardship plans, and design and implement forest health improvement projects. Once we identify a forest health concern and potential project, we determine if the project is eligible for our Direct Financial Assistance program (or Direct FA). Then, we create a project plan and agreement that includes designs, methods, and a budget. The woodland owner manages and carries out the project, though we can make arrangements for Tualatin SWCD staff to assist with implementation, if needed. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis to cover 75% (up to \$100,000) of the project costs as the woodland manager completes tasks in the plan.

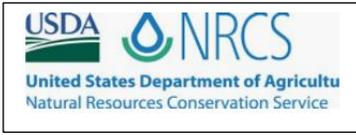
For projects that have a focus on forest habitat, the [Habitat Conservation Program](#) can provide further guidance with project design. If a property contains one of our priority habitats, such as an oak woodland, wetland or prairie, it may be eligible for additional funding opportunities. Contact Brandy Saffell at brandy.saffell@tualatinswcd.org or 971-371-0353 for more information about financial assistance for forest health and habitat projects.

If a woodland manager has concerns about a new highly invasive weed in their woods, we also have a strong [Invasive Species Program](#) at Tualatin SWCD. If a residents finds a priority weed species, such as the ones on our [Early Detection and Rapid Response List](#), our staff can arrange a site visit to identify and treat the weed. They can also make recommendations for managing more common invasive species on the property. Contact Tyler Pedersen at tyler.pedersen@tualatinswcd.org or 971-371-0277 for more information about assistance with invasive weeds.

Our [Grants and Funding Program](#) awards grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, Native American tribes, government agencies, and private businesses. The two grants most relevant to woodland owner groups are:

- [The Tualatin Watershed Improvement Grant \(TWIG\)](#): TWIG provides up to \$5000. TWIG is suitable for small projects that can be completed within twelve months and must benefit pollinators or beneficial insects; native plants or water-wise landscaping; school or community gardens; or rainwater management.
- [Tualatin River Environmental Enhancement Grant \(TREE\)](#): The TREE grant provides up to \$100,000. It is suitable for medium to large projects that can be completed within 36 months and requires a 25% match. TREE projects must demonstrate a public benefit in at least one of the following areas: water quality or water conservation; soil health or erosion control; invasive species management; fish and wildlife habitat; and forest health.

Contact Jen Shih at jen.shih@tualatinswcd.org or 503-501-7738 for more information about Tualatin SWCD grants.



New Program: Forest Resiliency CIS

Jessica Wells
District Conservationist

Happy New Year, woodlands members! I hope 2022 is treating you well. I appreciate the opportunity to let you know about cost share available through the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

This year we have two new Conservation Implementation Strategies (CIS's) that impact forest landowners. If you do not have a current forest management plan (FMP) for your land or if your current plan could use updating the *Forest Management Planning CIS* may be a good option for you. These plans can provide a long-term pathway to address resource concerns on your land. Plans are developed by professional foresters that are certified as Technical Service Providers with NRCS and work with landowners to incorporate goals and objectives for the land and can help recommend NRCS practices that when implemented can accomplish these goals. This funding is available for all forested properties in Washington County.

The *Forest Resiliency CIS* is available to landowners that have a current FMP that meets NRCS requirements and would like to implement conservation activities that will reduce susceptibility to risks of fire, insect pest and disease outbreaks. The local office can help you determine if your current plan meets requirements. Practices available through this opportunity range from pre-commercial thinning to pruning and fuel breaks. The funding area is limited, an interactive map can be found at [Oregon NRCS What's Available in My County](#) or you can reach out to your local NRCS office to see if you are within the current boundaries.

If you live in Washington County and would like more information, please contact the Hillsboro Service Center at 503-207-7959 or email Jessica.Wells@usda.gov or michael.taylor2@usda.gov We'd be happy to talk with you on the phone, over zoom or set up a site visit to talk to you in person.

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Kaycee Shockey
County Executive Director

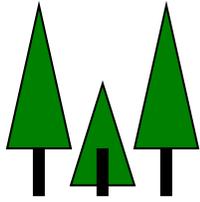


USDA offers the [Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#) that can help owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters by authorizing payments. USDA can also help you plan and implement [conservation practices](#), such as forest stand improvement, tree/shrub establishment, and grade stabilization.

The [USDA's Farmers.gov](#) website is available and provides easy access to find out about USDA programs such as pandemic assistance, loans, protection, and disaster recovery assistance. You can create an account to access secure self-service business tools like managing loans, viewing farm records, eSigning documents or view articles and blogs from other producers throughout the country. There are multiple ways to stay connected with USDA. Producers can now sign up for important email and/or text message alerts from the local county FSA office! To subscribe, text FSNOW (372-669) or by visiting farmers.gov/subscribe.

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New Members: Welcome to our new members: **Grover and Vickie Jones** of Hillsboro, **Chris and Julie Nygren** of Bozeman, MT, **Kevin and Robin Nygren**, of Albany, and **Ron and Eileen Jensen** of Gaston.

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'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.

Stay Up-to-date on the Forest Practices Act Requirements

Get a free (shipping free) copy of the updated Third Edition of the OFRI publication *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws* from <https://oregonforests.org/node/549>

Recommended Fire-safe Brochures:

[NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire](#) (Home Ignition Zone)

[Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire](#) (Defensible Space)

Firewise Landscaping Checklist: [checklists \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/forestry/landscaping/checklists)

[FireWise: Living With Fire | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#)

Fire Resistant Plants for the Home Landscape: [Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes | OSU Extension Catalog | Oregon State University](#)

Helpful Links:

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> read OSU Extension's "Tree Topics" blog
- 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