

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

**November, 2022**



**Alex receiving speaker gift from Vic**

**Welcome to Alex Gorman  
OSU Extension Forester  
WCSWA Monthly Meeting, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

A large crowd enjoyed meeting our new OSU Extension Forester, Alex Gorman, who is assigned to Washington, Yamhill, and Columbia counties. Alex shared with us his education in forestry that was first spiked at Cal Poly, Humboldt where he received his BS in Forestry in 2018 and his MS at the University of Minnesota in 2022.

Alex's role lately has been heavily impacted by the discovery of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Washington County (Forest Grove), but before giving us details on that, he shared his vision for the OSU Matteson Demonstration Forest near Hagg Lake.

The emphasis at Matteson will be on demonstrations of pre-commercial thinning using light, medium and heavy thinning; planting; cedar harvest; invasive species removal, Amy's trail maintenance and the idea of establishing Amy's Memorial Oak Grove near the parking area.

Next up was information enhanced by slides of the Oregon ash, *Fraxinum latefolia*. This ash is Oregon's only native ash species. Other ash species introduced in Oregon are white or American ash, green ash and Raywood ash which are all susceptible to the EAB. Mountain ash is found many places in Oregon, but is not an ash and is not threatened by the EAB which is native to Asia and probably came here via packing materials. The EAB was first discovered in 2002 in Michigan and has moved into 20 other states, including Oregon, in Forest Grove in 2022. It can result in 99% mortality in infected ash trees and can infect trees as small as one-inch in diameter. It can also establish on true olive trees.

EAB has a thin green body with a coppery-red abdomen and is less than one-half inch long. If you see a large green beetle, it is not an EAB. The beetle lays its eggs on bark and the larvae bores into trees. The eggs are too small to see on the bark, but the exit holes made when the larvae turn into beetles is D-shaped. Signs and symptoms of infestation include canopy thinning and tip dieback, epicormic spreading, woodpecker damage, D-shaped exit holes, and S-shaped galleries beneath the bark. Although it will change the habitat, if ash trees die, they can be replanted with cottonwood, big-leaf maple, Oregon white oak, western red cedar and others.

There is an EAB Task Force led by the Oregon Department of Agriculture facilitated by Oregon Invasive Species Council and 40 other agencies, including OSU Research and Extension. Control through insecticide, removal and biological means are being explored. In Oregon, ash seeds have been collected and stored for years with hope of a genetic solution.

Quarantine of ash, at least in Washington County, is expected to happen soon. Please report suspected infection in ash trees to <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/eab>.

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**Event Calendar**

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|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>November</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>WCSWA Annual Banquet</b> | Embassy Suites, Hillsboro, 5:30<br><b>Speaker: Grant McOmie</b> , award winning reporter and producer of the popular "Grant's Getaways" segments and programs that air each week on KGW News. |
| <b>December</b> |           | <b>No event</b>             | We always take a break in December.   |

# Leadership Notes

Vic Herinckx

Its great to hear and read stories about landowners' passion for their property. This manifests itself in many ways including fire restoration, stand improvement, education and so many other ways. It's with this same passion that Alex Gorman introduced us to the emerald ash borer at the October program meeting. Its great to have Alex on board and we look forward to many opportunities to share and learn together at future events.



I want to recognize Bob Shumaker for running the seedling sale program for many years and current committee chair, Dan Sohler. The seedling sale has been WCSWA's main fundraiser and has sold 1.3 million seedlings and raised over \$130,000 in its 23-year run. More importantly, it has been a source for high quality seedlings for our members. The revenue puts the association in a solid financial position to do things that fulfill our mission and vision.

Emerald ash borer, metallic green, less than "1/2" long

We continue to look for opportunities to invest in the community so if you have any thoughts on how WCSWA and/or partner organizations can make a difference, we are looking to do things that support these objectives:

- Educate, recruit and support small woodland owners
- Encourage the sustainability of small woodlands within Washington County
- Educate and inform the general public

Contact committee chair Kathy Brock with your ideas.

A bit more history on the seedling sale from Bob-"The seedling sale program was started in the summer of 1999 by Wendell Walker as a means to deliver a valuable service to members and generate income for WCSWA to carry out and expand its programs. The seedling program was mirrored after successful programs started by both Clackamas and Columbia County chapters.

For the first few years, seedlings were purchased from Willamette Industries and/or Weyerhaeuser as a large lot wholesale purchase and then marked up for delivery to the end user with the chapter supplying storage and transportation. We supplied a wide variety of seedlings including Douglas-fir, white fir, hemlock, western red cedar, ponderosa pine, alder, redwood and larch. This became very difficult to manage and we switched to only supplying Douglas-fir and western red cedar which is grown on contract by Lewis River Reforestation in Woodland, Washington".

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting and banquet.

***Until next time continue to stay safe!***

## **CORRECTIONS TO OCTOBER FOREST FORUM**

The roster included in the October Forest Forum was incomplete. The corrected roster is inserted in this newsletter. Please check to see if your information is correct and report any errors via email to [washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com).

Also, the date of the banquet was listed incorrectly in one article. The correct date is November 19. Please accept our apologies.

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## Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Native Bees of Oregon

Tuesday December 6 7-8pm via Zoom

Andony Melathopoulos, Pollinator Health Extension Specialist, Assistant Professor in Horticulture, OSU and

Susan Albright, OSU Extension Master Gardener and Master Melittologist



Did you know Oregon has about 600 species of bees? This talk will describe some of the strange and weird bees that call Oregon home and the journey of discovery by the state's volunteer Master Melittologists. The talk will also cover how to answer common questions from the public on wild bees. Register at <http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/upcoming-events/>.



### Reforestation Assistance Workshops

Fall 2022/Winter 2023, details TBA

The need for landowner assistance with reforestation in Oregon seems to be greater than ever. Losses due to wildfires, ice storms, heat, drought, etc. are increasing the need for reforestation. This is an addition to ongoing needs for reforestation after timber harvest. OSU Extension is planning a series of workshops to help woodland owners plan and implement reforestation and restoration plantings. Likely topics will include: assessing your situation, selecting species and types of seedlings, acquiring seedlings, site preparation for planting, protecting seedlings from damage, and maintenance throughout the establishment phase. We will also cover sources of financial and technical assistance to help get the work done.

Details on locations, dates, and registration information will be finalized pending the level of interest across the north Willamette region (Clackamas, Marion, Columbia, Washington, & Yamhill counties). If you are interested in the Reforestation Assistance Workshops, please fill out our Fall & Winter Events form at <https://beav.es/5Zk>. This form is not your official registration, details will be sent via email once they are available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean at [jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu).

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The Oregon Forest Pest Detector training is now available for free and offers information on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of invasive forest pests, including the **emerald ash borer** which was recently detected in Forest Grove, Oregon. Oregon Forest Pest Detectors (OFPDs) are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of invasive forest insects. They apply these skills in their day-to-day activities as arborists, parks managers, foresters, community tree stewards, Master Gardeners and other roles.

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**COMMUNITY SUGARING IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

The Oregon Maple Project is an educational nonprofit that engages community members in local production of bigleaf maple syrup - because nature is admirable, trees accomplish astonishing things, and together we can tap in for a taste. We invite you to join our Sugaring Collective for the 2022-23 season.

**What:** Our Sugaring Collective is comprised of individuals and families in NW Oregon who have access to bigleaf maple trees for tapping. The Oregon Maple Project provides training and assistance through sugaring workshops and site visits. Members of the collective learn to tap their own trees, harvest sap, and freeze it for later processing. In early spring we combine our sap in the Oregon Maple Project evaporator, boiling bigleaf maple syrup together at Camp Colton. Members of our Sugaring Collective pay \$150 to participate, receiving ongoing support throughout the sugaring season, plus a percentage of the bigleaf maple syrup crop equal to their sap harvest.

**When:** Our first workshop for this season's Sugaring Collective will be on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**, but it's also okay to join after this date. We will start tapping in late November; collect sap all the way through February; and "sugar off," bringing sap to syrup in March. Members of the Sugaring Collective follow best practices, harvesting, filtering, and freezing sap from their maples daily throughout the winter.

**Where:** Workshops and the community boil are held at our sugarhouse in Camp Colton. Sap harvesting and site visits happen on members' personal property. Please email Eliza at [info@oregonmapleproject.org](mailto:info@oregonmapleproject.org) to learn more about becoming a member of the Collective.



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**Nanocellulose- To think big, think small. Real small**

American Forest Foundation  
October 2022

To fully understand the positive impact forests can have on our climate, we need to think smaller. At a cellular level - 1,000,000 the size of the head of a pin - are the microscopic building blocks of a tree known as cellulosic nano-materials.

The unique physical and chemical properties of these super structures are what make trees the strong, carbon sequestering and storing machines that they are. So what happens if you separate these components out?

Because nano-materials have a high rate of biocompatibility they can easily be combined with other materials to make them stronger, lighter, and infinitely more sustainable. In a first for North America, the U.S. Forest Service - working with a whole slew of partners - built the first nano cellulose infused concrete bridge in California.

Because of the addition of nanocellulose, material strength increased by 20%, making it possible to cut greenhouse gas emissions by a third (33%).

As we collectively search for answers to climate change, nano-materials from trees and forests hold enormous potential to make every day products and materials stronger and more sustainable. And thankfully it's happening not a nanosecond too soon.



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- Refer to forest practice laws
- Register for classes



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**Thru the Trees: A Forest Careers Video Contest for High School Students**

High school students are invited to make a video that provides information about the value of one or more jobs in the forest sector. Entries may be submitted between October 1, 2022, and April 7, 2023. Find details (including contest rules, prizes for winners, and information on how to make a submission) at [www.thruthetrees.org](http://www.thruthetrees.org)



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## Fact sheets detail new forest regulations

OFRI has developed a series of fact sheets summarizing the Private Forest Accord (PFA) targeted at small forestland owners. Fact sheets cover what the PFA is, how it affects forestland owners, and specific proposed changes to the Oregon forest practice rules.

The three fact sheets explain the significance of the Accord, related changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and plans for the state to seek a Habitat Conservation Plan for private forests. Order at OregonForests.org

[https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI\\_PFA-Conservation.pdf](https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI_PFA-Conservation.pdf)

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**PRIVATE FOREST ACCORD-RELATED LAW CHANGES**

**Oregon's forest practices RULES ARE CHANGING**

**Upcoming changes**  
to Oregon's forest practices rules include:

- Riparian areas:** Required no-cut stream buffers will be 50% to 100% larger, depending on the stream type and its location, including new protections for non-riparian streams. There will be a standard practice for stream buffer widths designed for large forestland owners, and a minimum option as an alternative for qualified small forestland owners.
- Steep slopes:** There will be new rules related to logging on steep slopes, such as retaining trees in certain areas, with the intention to provide high-quality habitat to support long-term conservation of stream habitats. Modeling is being developed to identify the causes of potentially unstable slopes and streams that characterize steep flows.
- Forest roads:** New standards will be required for fish-bearing stream culvert areas and culvert installation procedures. Some road-building rules will be modified to focus on minimizing sediment in streams. Large forestland owners will be required to complete a forest road inventory assessment within five years and update all roads to new standards within 10 years. Small forestland owners will need to complete a less rigorous road condition assessment when filing notices with the state of plans to harvest timber.
- Adaptive management:** All future changes to Oregon's forest practices rules regarding forested riparian areas will be coordinated through a new Adaptive Management Program, with clear stakeholder input that will use a science-driven process to analyze the need for any changes.

As a result of the Private Forest Accord, a compromise agreement signed in 2021 by 59 conservation and fisheries groups, 11 timber companies and the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, the Oregon Forest Practices Act is changing. The aim of the upcoming changes is to achieve key goals that should allow Oregon to receive federal approval of a private forest Habitat Conservation Plan for certain fish and amphibian species. The new forest practice regulations are designed to avoid, minimize and mitigate the effects logging and other forest management activities on private forestlands may have on water quality and aquatic habitats.

The most significant changes to the Act will include new rules for logging in riparian areas and on steep slopes, and upgrading roads and culverts on private forestland. Most of these rules are slated to go into effect for all private forestland owners in 2023, although some of the rules will go into effect for large forestland owners sooner. Small forestland owners, who are defined as owning fewer than 5,000 acres of forestland and harvesting fewer than 1 million board feet of timber over three years, will qualify for alternative compliance plans or financial impact mitigation to offset the disproportionate impact these regulatory changes may have on them.

Example of an OFRI PFA publication

## **State shares revised action plan, timeline for engaging Oregonians in protecting lives, property -From Wildfire September 22, 2022**

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) today announced a revised action plan and timeline for engaging the public on wildfire protection efforts as part of the state's strategy to create more fire-resilient communities.

In the past decade, wildfires have been burning significantly more acres than before, while also becoming more challenging and costlier to fight. Between 2012 and 2021, the state of Oregon spent \$85 million annually on wildfire suppression costs. That is compared to the previous 10 years in which the state spent \$17 million annually. The scale, devastation and statewide reach of the 2020 Labor Day fires brought this reality home for many. Less than a year later, Senate Bill 762's statewide framework for advancing wildfire protection in Oregon moved through the Oregon State Legislature with bipartisan support. The revised plan will be implemented in collaboration with Oregon State University's (OSU) College of Forestry, the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

One component of SB 762 was the creation of a statewide wildfire risk map to serve as a planning and information tool for Oregonians, communities and state and local government. The purpose of the map—a collaboration between ODF and wildfire scientists at OSU's College of Forestry—is to provide transparent and science-based information to Oregonians about the factors near them that drive wildfire exposure including weather, climate, vegetation and topography. The tool will also be used to guide the state in directing resources to communities with the greatest likelihood of wildfires.

"Oregon State University's College of Forestry has used, and will continue to use, the best science to contribute to statewide wildfire risk mapping," said Tom DeLuca, dean of OSU's College of Forestry. "We support the importance of changing the timeline for the mapping component of SB 762. This added time provides an opportunity to better share information and conduct authentic community engagement by listening to Oregonians and community leaders across our state in the implementation of the new law. Even with the timeline change, we must all recognize that addressing fire risk in Oregon is a priority that will require all of us to work together."

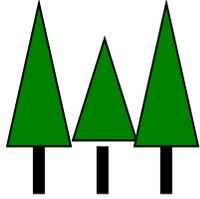
Based on feedback and concerns received from an earlier version of the wildfire risk map, the state revised its timeline for implementing the map to allow for robust community engagement, outreach and education. The revised timeline is as follows:

- **October 2022 through February 2023: Public and stakeholder engagement, outreach and education.**
- **March 1, 2023: Public rollout of draft wildfire risk map.**
- **March through September 2023: Public outreach, engagement and education on draft wildfire risk map**
- **October through December 2023: Final wildfire risk map shared with the public for implementation.**

SB 762 directs state agencies to focus resources in Oregon's highest-risk areas to ensure homes are adhering to building codes and defensible space standards. These building codes and defensible space standards will not be adopted or implemented until the wildfire risk map is finalized in late 2023, but will be available in the near future so people can familiarize themselves with the new expectations.

The DCBS Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) confirmed last month that no Oregon insurance company used the original map to set rates (rating) or as part of a decision to offer or renew insurance coverage (underwriting), and none planned to use it for those purposes in the future. The DFR continues to conduct work to ensure that wildfire mitigation activities are accounted for in underwriting and rating processes. Homeowners are encouraged to contact DFR's consumer advocates at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free) with questions or concerns about their insurance policy. "

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## 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 \(oregon.gov\)](#)

[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
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