

## Forest Forum **Washington County Small**

**Woodlands Association** 

May 2023

#### Annual WCSWA Potluck, May 23, 2023, 5:00pm - 8:30pm

WCSWA will be having their annual potluck at Jackson Bottom Wetland preserve in the Main Building. Julie Woodward, Director of Forestry for Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), will be providing an overview of the agency and an update on their outreach programs. OFRI supports and enhances Oregon's forest products industry by advancing the public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products.

#### Agenda:

- 5 to 6 pm Arrival and Socialize
- 6 to 7 pm Potluck Meal
- 6:45 to 7:30 Speaker and Presentation

#### What to bring:

This will be an old -fashioned potluck with no main dish provided. WCSWA will furnish plates, cups, eating utensils, napkins, lemonade, water, and coffee. Hillsboro Parks has a no-alcohol policy. Location: Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro **Meeting Place:** Main visitors building in multipurpose room, parking in front of building.

#### (Continued on page 9)

#### 2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs

May	20	Forestry for the Birds – Western Oregon:	8:30-12:00 noon, Registration required, see page 5		
	23	Annual Potluck	5:00 pm Jackson Bottom Learning Center Julie Woodward, OFRI Director of Forestry		
June	22-24	OSWA Annual Meeting	Estacada High School/ Lodging, camping in Sandy		
July	15	TFOY Tour	Jamieson Family Tree Farm SAVE THE DATE!		
August	12	Bell Timber Pole Operations	10:00am Longview, WA. Field trip to Bell Timber pole yard		
September	16	White oak management- Alex Gorman	Matteson Forest		

1 May 2023

#### **WCSWA** Leadership

President - Vic Herinckx, 503-645-9434

Vice-President - Open

Secretary-Treasurer - Bob Shumaker; 503-324-7825

#### **Board of Directors:**

Pos. #1: Kathy Brock, 503-702-7620 Pos. #2: Marc Ahrendt, 503-928-2083 Pos. #3: Dave Rabon, 503 686-3039 Pos. #4: Jonathan Ciampi, 971-867-0912 Pos. #5: Cathy Dummer, 503-703-6573 Pos. #6: Kent Grewe 503-701-2087

Legislative Committee Chair: Scott Hayes 503-568-9999
Membership Committee: WCSWA Board members

**Program Committee:** John and Cathy Dummer – 503-970-8789, Tony and Mary Spiering – 503-680-8112, Tom Nygren 503-628-5472

WCSWA Website - https://wcswa.com/

Website Manager: Michael Morgan

Contact Cathy Dummer for web postings and information.

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmall WoodlandsAssociation

#### **Forest Forum Newsletter**

Editors: Norie Dimeo-Ediger and Bonnie Shumaker

503-432-1733 and 503-324-7825

Proofreaders: Bonnie Shumaker, Dan Hundley, Tom Nygren, Ardis Schroeder, Norie Dimeo-Ediger

**Tualatin River Watershed Council Representatives:** Tom Nygren, primary, 503-628-5472, Eric Chambers, alternate, 503-647-2458

EMAIL FOR ANYONE ON THIS PAGE: washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com

#### The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. A free service to our members (3 month limit). List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472.



**ForSale:** 3 wooden crates with approximate dimensions 2.5ft x 2.5ft base and 1ft high. The top has 4 metal clasps to lock down lid ...nice for storing tools. The price for each is \$40.Call Marc 503-928-2083.

**For Sale**: 12'X6' utility trailer with ramp, spare tire, canopy cover and wood deck that needs work. Big Tex 35SV was originally purchased in 2000 from Trailer World in Woodburn. Lightly used since WCSWA purchased in 2015 to hold the plant sale equipment. \$\$1,500 OBO subject to board approval. Contact Vic 503-679-6096.

#### Fire Season Will Be Here Soon

By Don Sohler

After the 2020 fire season, there was talk among members about having fire protection equipment on our properties. With that in mind, I have compiled **4** options into a manual for consideration: The manual contains more pages than can be contained in the Forest Forum, so consider this article a lead-in to the manual. The complete and detailed manual with options for purchasing or building your own fire protection equipment will be available to download through a link in the June Forest Forum.

The four options are as follows:

- Commercially purchased equipment that meets ODF and NFPA standards for logging operations.
- 2. Build it yourself, individual equipment pieces that meet the NFPA standards.
- **3.** Agricultural equipment that does NOT meet NFPA standards but will work for initial attack on private property. This category is where most small woodland owners will fit. The equipment could serve a double purpose.
- **4.** How to select equipment and considerations on building a fire-fighting unit.

#### (Continued on page 3)

#### **Leadership Notes**

#### Vic Herinckx

I was watching the movie Days of Thunder while writing these notes. In the movie Nicole Kidman is trying to understand what Tom Cruise loves about driving for a living and he responds "The speed. To be able to control it. To know that I can control something that's out of control." Does tree farming feel out of control sometimes? We have invasives, pests, rules and regulations, fire, storms and so many other factors that are difficult or impossible to control, yet we spend a lot of time and energy trying. We influence the policies, help write the rules and regulations, manage invasives, mitigate pest damage, try innovative approaches, try new species, try new seed zones and so many other ways we react to an ever-changing landscape.

Thanks to Mike Cafferata for a good discussion on the Private Forest Accord at the April program meeting and the 50+ attendees who brought their knowledge and questions to contribute to the discussion.

At the April board meeting we had a good discussion with Rich and Connie Gaebel who have been working very hard with others putting together plans for this summer's Tree Farmer of the Year tour at Jamieson Family Tree Farm. While many areas are covered there are still plenty of opportunities to contribute time or equipment. Areas like invitations and registration, parking, equipment setup/drop-off/pickup, signage, and others would benefit from additional volunteers. If you have time or equipment that will help make this a fantastic summer event please contact Rich and Connie as soon as possible at <a href="mailto:gaebeltreefarm@gmail.com">gaebeltreefarm@gmail.com</a>
Until next time continue to stay safe!

#### Fire Season Will Be Here Soon (Continued from page 2)

The pictures show three examples that work for small woodland owners. The manual will include details of how materials were purchased, and how the unit was constructed.



Don Sohler's 4-wheeler set-up



Richard and Anne Hanschu's tractor and utility trailer set-up



Scott Hayes's side by side set-up

Why are helicopter dip buckets listed in odd gallonage (such as 72-gallons, 144-gallons or 216 gallons)?

Come to the May potluck meeting for the answer!

**Advertising Opportunity:** The Forest Forum is a monthly newsletter sent out to over 300 members and friends of WCSWA. Advertisers receive free newsletters for the duration of their ads. ADVERTISING RATES (PRICE INCLUDES TYPESETTING & AD PREP)

YES! I want to advertise in the WCSWA Forest Forum. Ad size:				_
Enclosed is a check or money order for: 1 issue 4 issues 12 issu	es			
Company				
Contact		1	4	12
Address		issue	issues	issues
City/State/Zip	1/12	\$20	\$40	\$100
	page			
	1/6 page	30	60	150
	1/4 page	40	80	200
Phone	1/3 page	50	100	250
E-mail	½ page	75	150	375
	2/3 page	100	200	500
Please send this form, ad copy, logos, photos, etc. to:	Full	150	300	750
Bob Shumaker, 52490 NW Cedar Canyon Road, Banks, OR 97106	page			

Land Surveying/Planning/Engineering/Water Rights/Forestry

Thank you for supporting Washington County Small



Woodlands Association!

TEL 503-357-5717 FAX 503-357-5698 2318-B Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116

Serving small timberland owners in Oregon since 1968
Timber Sale Management – Timber Cruising and Appraisal
Land Use Planning For Rural Parcels

### Comprehensive Woodland Management



130 NW 6th Street, Suite 6 • McMinnville, Oregon

whiteoaknrs@gmail.com 503-487-8277



Timber Cruising and Appraisals • Log Marketing • Logging Supervision

Forest Management

Working for you!

Home: (503) 637-3145 Cell: (503) 201-4590 Fax: (503) 637-6317 Don Lofthus 42704 SE Kleinsmith Rd. Sandy, OR 97055 "In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

-Margaret Atwood



Partnering with small and industrial forestland owners for more than 75 years. We buy logs, standing timber & timberland in NW Oregon & SW Washington.

#### OUR FORESTERS/LOG BUYERS

#### JEFF CLEVENGER

503-365-8400 office 503-931-7651 cell

WILLAMINA 1000 Willamina Creek Rd. Willamina, OR 97396 Desired Species: Douglas fir

#### DAVE KUNERT

503-815-6321 office 503-931-3143 cell

Tillamook 3111 Third St. Tillamook, OR 97141 Desired Species: White woods

Warrenton 550 NE Skipanon Dr. Warrneton, OR 97146 Desired Species: Douglas fir & White woods

#### **TYLER ROBBINS**

503-324-2681 office 503-728-8192 cell

BANKS

13662 NW Commerce St. Banks, OR 97106 Desired species: Douglas fir



The newest edition of *Oregon Forest Facts*, a pocket-size booklet packed with the latest statistics and information about Oregon's forests and the state's forestry and forest products industry, is now available to download and order at Oregonforests.org. Copies will also be available at WCSWA monthly meetings.

#### Forestry for the Birds: A Workshop for Forestland Caretakers, May 20, 2023

**Limited to 30 attendees,** Register at foreststewardsguild.org. Click on Attend an Event, scroll down to May 20 and fill out registration form. Free to OSWA members.

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Forest Grove, OR (off Hwy 6). The event address will be shared after registration.

Join us and wildlife biologist Nicole Ruggiero from the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District and forester Scott Hayes (retired) from Oregon Department of Forestry who will help demonstrate the *Forestry for the Birds, Western Oregon Guide* and identify birds and habitat preferences.

This guide was developed to assist woodland caretakers including landowners, loggers, foresters, natural resource managers, or practitioners, to identify, assess, and support a healthy forest with birds in mind. We will review the guide while walking through various habitats and forest stages. Learn more about the focal birds, bird habitat preferences, identifying understory plants, and forest structure and variability that make appealing habitat for different bird species.

We look forward to meeting you, hearing about your management goals and efforts, wildlife, and bird observations! Please bring your stories, curiosity, and binoculars if you have them. We will have coffee and cake for the early birds!



OREGON

project.

PROFESSIONAL LOGGER SINCE 1996

Bighorn Logging brings modern

equipment & 37

yrs. of experience

to your next timber

# We Harvest for the Next Generation



13820 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106 Phone: 503-324-2422 www.bighornlogging.com

Facebook.com/bighornlogging

Proud Member & Supporter of the #TimberUnity Movement

#### LOGGING SERVICES

- ° Timber Cruising/ Unit Layout
- ° Drone Cable Logging Layout
- ° Log Marketing
- ° Free Project Estimates
- Cutting &
   Processing
- ° Shovel & Yarder Logging

#### Updated pamphlet outlines bird species protections

A new pamphlet produced by OFRI's *Wildlife in Managed Forests* program helps forest landowners, managers and other natural resource professionals understand the varied habitat protections for forest-reliant bird species required under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Oregon's privately managed forests provide valuable habitat for wildlife no matter the age of the trees. Some wildlife, including sensitive, threatened and endangered species, have special protections under the Oregon Forest Practices Act and/or the state and federal Endangered Species Acts. OFRI's new *Wildlife in Managed Forests: Forest Practices Act Reference Series* outlines these protections for a variety of bird species of interest, such as the bald eagle, great blue heron, marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl. This includes specific requirements for each of the nine species featured in the pamphlet, and a chart that outlines their critical nesting periods, when extra protections are required under the Forest Practices Act.

OFRI's *Wildlife in Managed Forests* series includes publications focused on habitat and different kinds of forest wildlife such as deer and elk, beaver, songbirds, amphibians and fish. The educational booklets, pamphlets and fact sheets inform forest landowners, managers and others about managing for wildlife living in Oregon's forests.

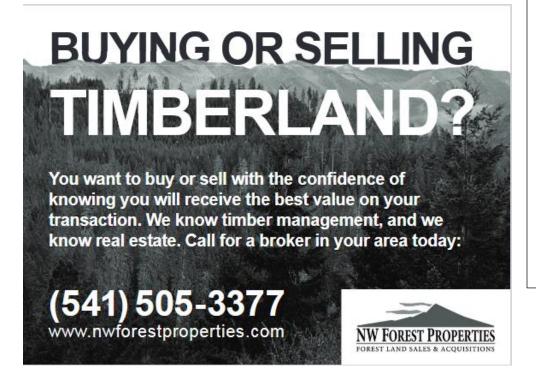
Print and electronic versions of the *Forest Practices Act Reference Series* are available to order or download for free through OFRI's website, OregonForests.org, on the publications page.



Josh Miller WA & OR Small Woodlands

120 Industrial Way Longview, WA 98632 Josh.Miller@nwhardwoods.com

Cell 360.509.3599





Our pond has.... Dragonflies on leaf-rustle wings and impudent birdies who insist we all sing the constant moaning and groaning of frogs mix with alarming sounds under logs "We're so glad you could be here." the mosquitos all hum "Your blood is too thick we'll just thin it out some." I really should be going but I think I'll stay till the moon's in the pond and some stars in the rill. Wherever I go. here It is still.

-Don Ediger

## Oregon Woodland Cooperative Annual Meeting 9am-2 pm Saturday, June 10

Come help us celebrate OWC's accomplishments and learn about the latest projects to help small woodland owners diversify their income.

- Equipment demonstrations included.
- More discussion on the new Private Forest Accord.

All are welcome. If possible, bring a dish for lunch to serve 4-6 people. The main course (ham) will be provided as well as coffee and other drinks. Meeting location is Kinton Grange on Scholls Ferry Road (just a mile from the new Mountainside High School). For more information, call Neil Schroeder at 503 628 2344.





#### A BALANCED APPROACH

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

ALTERNATIVES TO CLEARCUTTING

FOREST PLANNING AND RESTORATION



These forests have been independently certified as well married.

PORTLAND FORESTERS - 503-222-9772

Scott Ferguson Barry Sims Mike Messier

CORVALLIS FORESTERS - 541-435-0383

Mark Miller Matt Fehrenbacher Shane Hetzler

Pamela Hines, Office Manager 503-409-2888

info@troutmountain.com

Forest stewardship for productivity and diversity

www.TroutMountain.com

PSC Trademark ® 1994 Forest Stawardship Council A.C. = 9CS-PMCDC-00069/CN

#### **Starker Lecture Series 2023**

#### Final lecture for 2023

Register in person or online www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lecture

#### May 31, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

In person: Starker Forests Classroom, Peavy

Forest Science Center Room 117

Lecture: Social Innovations to Meet Societal

Challenges

Speakers: Michelle Medley-Daniel, Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Director and Dr. Mindy Crandall, OSU, Assistant Professor in Forest Policy.

Mitigating climate change impacts, wildfire risks and improving rural livelihoods are some of today's most urgent challenges. To meet these challenges a large number of society and community members need to agree to engage and act collectively.

Video archives of previous lectures are available at www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lectures/former-lectures

## GEO MECHANICS

## Engineering Solutions for Soils, Slopes & Foundations

geocompanies.com

1049 SW Baseline Street, Suite D-450 | Hillsboro, OR 97123 Jonathan Ciampi: 971-867-0912 | jciampi@geocompanies.com

#### Annual WCSWA Potluck, May 23, 2023, 5:00pm - 8:30pm (Continued from page 1)

**About Jackson Bottom:** Located minutes south of downtown Hillsboro, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve's 635 acres are a quiet sanctuary for both people and wildlife. Over 211 species of birds are sighted annually at Jackson Bottom, including bald eagles, great blue herons, and thousands of tundra swans and Northern pintails, making Jackson Bottom Wetlands a haven for bird watchers. The preserve is home to deer, otter, beaver, and thousands of other species. The Wetlands Nature Center includes an exhibit hall filled with interactive exhibits on wetlands and natural history, and the only bald eagle nest on display in the continental United States.



## North Plains & Longview WANTED: Land & Timber, standing timber and pulp logs

Rob Vance - (360) 355-2817 Paul Hadaller - (360) 431-9661



## Reforesting the world since 1889.

FORESTERS
SEEDLING NURSERIES
CONE COLLECTION & PROCESSING
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC SEED & SEEDLING SALES

SILVASEED.COM | (253) 843-2246 | INQUIRIES@SILVASEED.COM



#### 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



#### **New Video Series about Woodland Pollinator Habitat**

By Lauren Grand, OSU Extension Forester for Lane County and Brad Withrow-Robinson, OSU Extension Forester, retired

Many local forest and woodland properties provide excellent habitat for pollinators, including our many native bees. Areas such as open woodlands and meadows, and recently harvested or other disturbed areas can provide both the flowering and nesting resources needed to support many of our native bees.

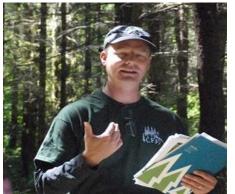
There are many opportunities to improve and maintain pollinator habitats, just as many people do to provide better deer and elk or bird habitats on their property. The key to providing good habitat for bees or other wildlife is to be aware of what a particular kind of animal needs, to think about how management can affect that, and to choose management actions to provide better habitat conditions when possible.

There is a new resource to help that effort. The Bees in the Woods video series gives practical information to help landowners recognize pollinator habitat as well as some simple ways to protect or improve it.

These short videos cover the basics about what bee habitat is, and practical steps to improve it, including adjusting your weed control practices, or seeding flowering plants. There is a short series focusing on our moist habitat of NW Oregon, as well as another short series with tips for people living in drier parts of the state. Explore the videos and other resources at the Bees in the Woods website: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/collection/bees-woods

Editor's note: These 3-minute videos target various subjects around pollinators. I found them very useful.

#### **WCSWA April Monthly Meeting Recap**



Mike Cafferata, Forest Grove District Forester for ODF spoke about the Private Forest Accord (PFA).

In Oregon, fighting over forestry has been going on for decades - at the ballot box and in court. In an attempt to end the conflict, industry, environmentalists, and small woodland owners met in closed meetings for a year that resulted in negotiated settlement and a whole new set of rules. Timber and conservation groups agreed to recommend changes to the Forest Practices Act on Oct. 30, 2021.

One of the goals is to have a Habitat Conservation Plan which will keep forestry issues out of court. This plan must be approved by US Fish and Wildlife Service. If attained, then operations in compliance with the revised Forest Practices Act would be deemed in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The new rules mostly concern increased streamside buffers, roads and steep slopes. Also, road assessments must be made when harvest is scheduled. To help with changes, ODF has added a Small Forestland Owner office. Taylor Johnson will serve our area and help with new rules, tax credits, road condition assessment reports. He will work with the new stewardship forester.

Under the PFA, within a watershed there are rules of how much can be cut. If this is reached, a landowner may have to wait five years for new trees to be established.

The State Forest program is also working for a Habitat Conservation Plan, which will likely result in lower timber harvest, but more certainty. Thinning will be allowed to keep the forest healthy and fire danger down.

Mike also reported on Oregon Climate Research Institute's report that forecasts 5-degrees Fahrenheit higher temperatures with greater extremes by the 2050s. All landowners should think about what this means for their forests. Defensible space around homes is important, as are ways to improve fire protection on your lands. This includes things like making sure roads have turnarounds, water sources are cleared and marked, and forests are kept healthy. For reforestation, genetics and species choice are important. For example, on valley fringe south slopes with clay soil, consider a mix of ponderosa pine and incense cedar to prepare for the future climate.

#### 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-Changes.pdf

https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI\_PFA-Summary.pdf

#### Forest Forum



NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
HILLSBORO, OR
PERMIT NO. 54

#### **Potpourri**

**New Members:** Welcome to new members. 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.

**REMINDER**: If you intend to use power-driven machinery this year, please submit your application through the FERNS (Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System) website of Oregon Department of Forestry@ http://ferns.odf.oregon.gov, Once on the website, first create your account. Then click on "NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)" and apply. The Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA) requires forest landowners and operators to notify the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) of operations at least 15 days before they begin forest operations. If you have questions or need help with the website, please call your ODF local office; (Forest Grove office 503-357-2191). They are wanting and willing to help.

#### **Recommended Fire-safe Brochures:**

NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire (Home Ignition Zone)

<u>Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire</u> (Defensible Space)

Firewise Landscaping Checklist: checklists (oregon.gov)

FireWise: Living With Fire | OSU Extension Service (oregonstate.edu)

Fire Resistant Plants for the Home Landscape: <u>Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes | OSU Extension Catalog | Oregon State University</u>

#### Helpful Links:

- <a href="http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics">http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics</a> read OSU Extension's "Tree Topics" blog
- <u>www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com</u> 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