

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

July 2023

Pole Operations Tour in Longview, Washington

Saturday, August 12, 2023-Registration Required



Join Mike Luttrell, Operations and Resource Manager at Bell Lumber and Pole for a guided tour of the pole operations in Longview, Washington. Bell Lumber & Pole has been in operation for 110 years as a small, family run business with numerous facilities across the US. They began operating the production facility in Longview in 2018 followed by a treatment facility in Dallas, Oregon in 2020.

Location: 1125 Weber Avenue Longview, Washington 98632

Meeting time in Longview: 10:00 am

Length of Tour: Approximately 90 minutes.

What to Bring: Hard hat if you have one.

Carpool option: Meet in North Plains at The Hub (WCSWA meeting location) no later than 8:15am.

Other: Bring lunch and a lawn chair. We will eat at Lake Sacajawea Park, an 8-minute drive from Bell Lumber. There, you can also enjoy the Solar System Walk, the Frank Willis Arboretum, or the Japanese Gardens.

Registration is required by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9. To register send an email to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com with names of those planning to attend. Attendance is LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE, so register early!

Questions: Contact Mary Spiering at 503-680-8051

2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs

July	15	TFOY Tour	Jamieson Family Tree Farm
August	12	Bell Timber Pole Operations	See information above.
September	16	Matteson Demonstration Forest Field Tour	Presentation by Stephen Fitzgerald. More information in August Forest Forum.
October	24th	Monthly Meeting	7:00m pm North Plains Topic: Harmful Algal Blooms
	TBD	Amy's Trail maintenance at Matteson Demonstration Forest	More information to come.

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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: Many wooden crates with approximate dimensions 2.5ft x 2.5ft base and 1ft high. The top has 4 metal clasps to lock down the 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.

Brochure focuses on preventing tree-harming pathogen

A new informational brochure for small woodland owners, published by the Oregon State University Extension Service and funded by OFRI, offers advice on how to prevent the introduction of invasive *Phytophthora* species – microscopic organisms that can cause root, stem and leaf diseases in native trees and plants.

How to Prevent Phytophthoras in Restoration Plantings on Your Woodland was developed by a group of OSU Extension educators and plant pathologists to provide small woodland owners and their contractors with straightforward information on how to avoid introducing the invasive pathogen during restoration planting projects.

Topics covered in the quarter-fold brochure include a background on *Phytophthoras* and why they are so damaging to native ecosystems; best practices for restoration planting; and how to keep planting projects clean. It also includes a planting checklist with practical steps woodland owners can take to help prevent the invasive pathogens from hitching a ride to the restoration site.

The brochure is available online through the OSU Extension Catalog in both English and Spanish.

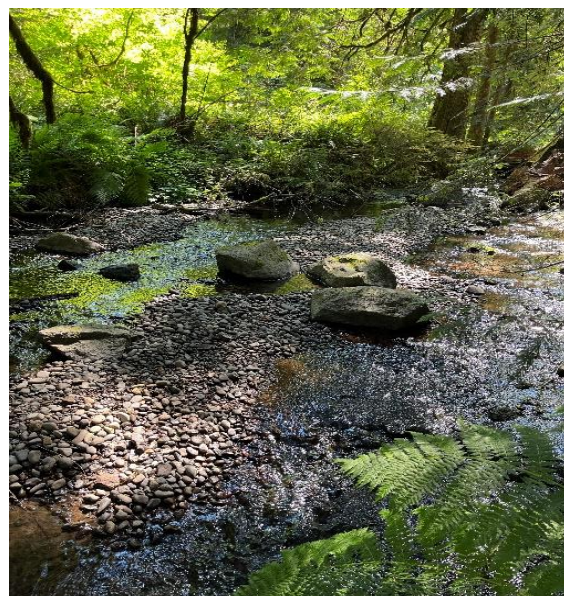
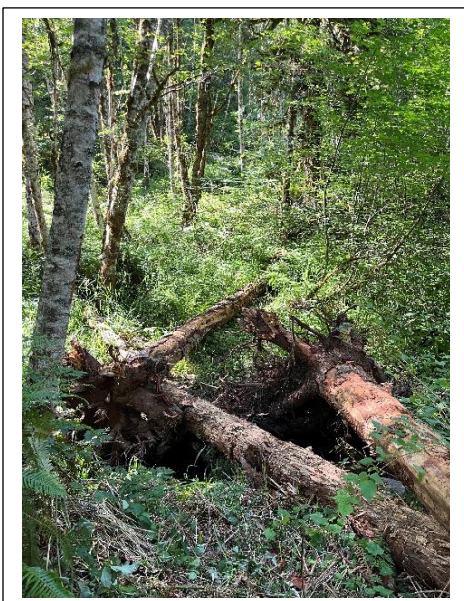
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Looking forward to the Jamieson Family Tree Farm tour coming up on July 15. Thanks to everyone that has been involved in planning or supporting the event including Rich and Connie Gaebel, Bob and Bonnie Shumaker and the Jamieson family.

It was great to be able to attend and see many of you at the 2023 Oregon Family Forest Convention June 22-24. There were many opportunities to share stories with old friends, make new friends and of course learn from all the convention and tree farm tour speakers. It's always inspiring to see the great work done by the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year and this year was no exception.

The most prevalent theme at the Bugni Forest & Tree Farm was the work done to restore Suter Creek, a medium fish bearing stream that bisects their property. The creek had been scoured down to bedrock, so to help restore spawning beds and pools for fish habitat and provide cover they have installed large wood structures and rootwads in multiple locations in the creek. These structures along with in-creek boulders keep the gravel in place and provide critical spawning gravels for several fish species. David Bugni screened natural coho salmon spawning gravels to determine the optimal mix of gravel sizes, proceeded to fill up the stream with several yards of that material then let natural stream action move it around into the arrangement seen in this picture. There are several articles and YouTube videos of the stream restoration projects – for more information search “Suter Creek restoration”.

Until next time continue to stay safe!



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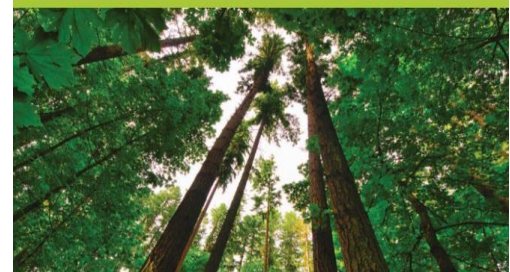
New guide focuses on “Forestry for the Birds”

A guidebook for forest landowners and natural resource professionals with advice for enhancing forest habitat in western Oregon for birds is now available for free online. *Forestry for Birds: Western Oregon* was produced by the Forest Stewards Guild. To learn more about the guide and download it, go to <https://foreststewardsguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ForestryfortheBirdsWesternOregonGuide.pdf>



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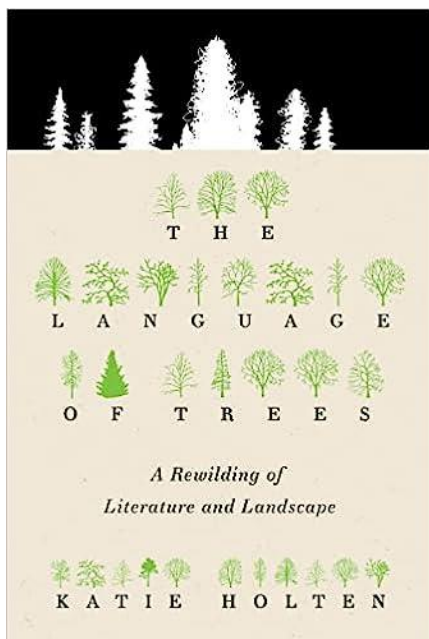
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She guides readers on a journey from creation myths and cave paintings to the death of a 3,500-year-old cypress tree, from Tree Clocks in Mongolia and forest fragments in the Amazon to the language of fossil poetry, unearthing a new way to see the natural beauty all around us.

The Language of Trees considers our relationship with literature and landscape, resulting in an astonishing fusion of storytelling and art and a celebration of trees through the ages.



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**Timber Culture | A Traveling Exhibit at the Tillamook Forest Center
April 1st – September 3rd
During operating hours**



Timber Culture is an exhibit on loan from the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center which highlights the forgotten town of Maxville, a logging community in Eastern Oregon. Timber Culture tells the story of multicultural loggers and their families, who traveled to Oregon during the Great Migration. In sharing and discussing the history of the segregated logging community of Maxville, the exhibit examines issues of race and social justice through the lens of Oregon's logging history.

Gwen Trice, the executive director at the Maxville Interpretive Center, is the descendant of a logger that worked in Maxville and has worked tirelessly to bring Maxville back to life. After hearing about Maxville and realizing there wasn't any real record of African Americans in the logging industry, Gwen was inspired to tell the story. Starting in 2006, Gwen began to speak about Maxville and developed the interpretive center which is located in Joseph, Oregon.

To learn more about Timber Culture and where the exhibit is heading to next, you can visit the Maxville Interpretive Center website at <https://www.maxvilleheritage.org/programs/timber-culture>.



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Wildfire Resiliency and Preparedness Workshop: Home Defensible Space

July 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Oregon Garde,
879 W Main Street, Silverton, OR

The class will cover topics such as wildfire risk evaluation, home hardening, creating defensible space around the home, preparing for evacuation, and fire-resistant plants of the Willamette Valley. The class will be taught by local experts from OSU Extension, Silverton Fire District, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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Wednesdays, July 12 – August 2, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. * Online

Learn about current health issues impacting some of our iconic Willamette Valley species, what it means for your trees, and what you can do.

- July 12 – Western redcedar, ft. Christine Buhl, ODF
- July 19 – True firs, ft. Laura Lowrey, USFS
- July 25 – Douglas-fir, ft. Dave Shaw, OSU Extension
- August 2 – Alder & broadleaves, ft. Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension

Register online at <https://beav.es/TiV>

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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)

https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI_PFA-Conservation.pdf

https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI_PFA-Changes.pdf

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Find it at [KnowYourForest.org](https://www.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



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News From Build Local Alliance (BLA)

A Message from Ryan Temple President, Sustainable Northwest Wood

For much of its history the BLA has relied heavily on the knowledge, leadership, and hard work of its volunteer board. Their commitment has been instrumental in composing the multitude of success stories that illustrate regional sustainable wood finding its way into local green building projects. However, the board has decided that a new model is needed for the BLA to sustain itself, grow, and continue delivering the inspiration, education and connections that have served it so well in the past.

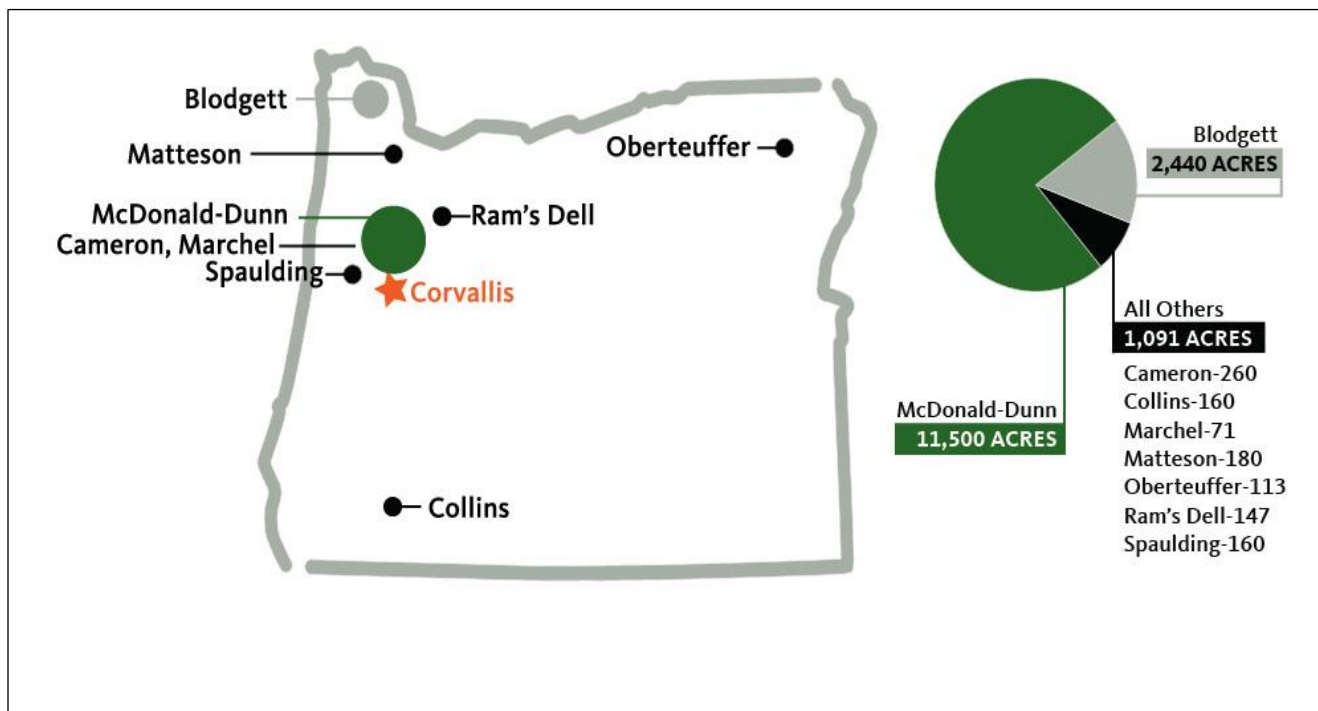
Towards that end, the BLA has dissolved its non-profit governance structure and has asked Sustainable Northwest Wood to take the lead in delivering the important programmatic work of the Alliance.

The spirit and purpose of the BLA will remain intact, but there will be new communities brought into the fold. In the years ahead, expect the BLA's range to expand to encompass juniper work in Central Oregon, small family forests of the Puget Sound, and tribes within the Umpqua Valley. We will engage wood working professionals at all levels, from our robust community of makers to large scale architects and general contractors. We will also acknowledge the critical role played by loggers and small mills and do whatever we can to bring the next generation of innovative professionals into these fields.

We look forward to working together to usher in this next phase of the BLA. In the months ahead you can expect to hear from us on the specific activities and tours that we will plan and the various ways that you can stay involved.

Oregon State University Research Forests-from OSU College of Forestry website

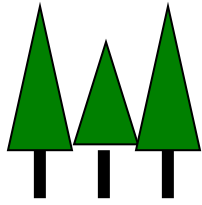
The OSU College of Forestry stewards 10 research and demonstration forests across the state, comprising 15,000 combined acres of living laboratories. These outdoor classrooms are where students, faculty and staff learn, study and work, and where Extension faculty teach forest owners and managers. The McDonald and Dunn are the largest forest tracts managed by the College of Forestry and are where the majority of active management, education and research take place. The Matteson Forest is in our backyard by Haag Lake. WCSWA will have a tour there in September (see pg. 1)



Given their varying size, terrain and location, the College of Forestry does not provide public access to all its research and demonstration forests. The McDonald-Dunn forests, however, are open to the public, welcoming more than 155,000 recreational users each year. Research activity is not always visible to recreational users, but that doesn't mean it's not happening. This is intentional, with staff thoughtfully balancing research, demonstration, harvest, aesthetics and recreation as part of the college's carefully managed sustainable working forest model.



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New Members: Welcome to new member Frederick Busse of North Plains. 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>, 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 503-357-2191). They are wanting and willing to help.

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
- 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