

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

August 2023

Tree Farmer of the Year Highlights at Jamieson's Tree Farm

When Mike Jamieson received the award of Washington County TFOY, he wanted an area of focus for his tour. From his forty-plus years of tree farming including purchases of new parcels, he chose "Overcoming Challenges," an area he knew other tree farmers could relate to as well. The 90 participants at the tour were shuttled by bus to different locations:

- A former Scotch broom stand that is still a challenge to get trees to grow. This stand was purchased in 2018. Mike Cafferata from Oregon Department of Forestry explained Mike's working trails concept for open areas of new purchases. Trails are created diagonally from corner to corner and around the perimeter. Then Rich Gaebel demonstrated an almost foolproof method of tubing trees to keep deer and elk away from the seedlings.
- A vigorous stand that had pre-commercial thinning (PCT) and is ready for commercial thinning.
- A hayfield conversion planted in 2003. Taylor Johnson, ODF's small woodland advisor, explained these trees had 100% survival, had no PCT, are too crowded, so what are the choices now?
- At the homeplace, Don Sohler explained Mike's low-cost way to convert a defunct meat locker into a cooler for 6,000 seedlings. Mike's daughter, Miriam Stalker, who works in geometrics and surveying, explained how geospatial data can be of use to small woodland owners (see page 7 for her valuable handout). Mike demonstrated his creative custom spray apparatus and recommended OSU Extension *2002 PNW Weed Management Handbook*.
- Lastly, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and time to visit with old and new friends.

See pictures of tour on page 11

2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs

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| August | 12 | Bell Timber Pole Operations | Field trip to Bell Timber pole yard. 10:00am Longview, WA. BYO Lunch for a picnic after. Reservation required. Limit 30 people. Email washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com . |
| September | 16 | Matteson Demonstration Forest Field Tour | Presentation by Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU. 9:00 – noon. Details, page 5. Registration required: Email washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com . |
| October | 24 | Monthly Meeting | 7:00pm. 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains. Topic: Controlling harmful algal blooms. |
| | 28 | Amy's Trail maintenance | Matteson Demonstration Forest, 9:00-noon. In October 2021, we dedicated our beloved Amy's Trail. It just needs a little TLC. Hope you can come. |

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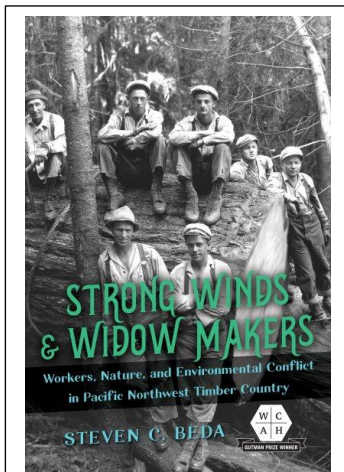
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Book Review: Strong Winds and Widow Makers

Workers, Nature, and Environmental Conflict in Pacific Northwest Timber Country

By Steven C. Beda



Often cast as villains in the Northwest's environmental battles, timber workers in fact have a connection to the forest that goes far beyond jobs and economic issues. Steven C. Beda explores the complex true story of how and why timber-working communities have concerned themselves with the health and future of the woods surrounding them.

Life experiences like hunting, fishing, foraging, and hiking imbued timber country with meanings and values that nurtured a deep sense of place in workers, their families, and their communities. This sense of place in turn shaped ideas about protection that sometimes clashed with the views of environmentalists – or the desires of employers. Beda's sympathetic, in-depth look at the human beings whose lives are embedded in the woods helps us understand that timber communities fought not just to protect their livelihood, but because they saw the forest as a vital part of themselves.

Steven C. Beda is an assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon.

Editor's Note: This book was the prize Bonnie and Bob Shumaker received for their winning photo in the Oregon Tree Farm System photo contest (see page 4). They highly recommend this book.

Some are gifted in designing tools, others in fixing and others like myself are just good at breaking them. At the TFOY tour at the Jamieson Family Tree Farm I learned Mike Jamieson is good at designing, fixing and probably breaking tools on occasion. His road spraying ATV setup had all the tools needed to fix problems encountered way out in the woods. The tour covered many other tools to:

- Efficiently plant seedlings
- Protect seedlings from deer and elk browse
- Build a commercial refrigeration unit with non-commercial low-cost parts
- Map, navigate, photograph and identify hazards in an area

Here's are pictures of a few of the tools Mike uses to manage the tree farm.



Thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to make it a really worthwhile day on a well-run tree farm.

A tribute to Mark Havel who recently passed away: He was a great tool inventor, teacher, leader, and friend of the Small Woodland Community. Mark designed several log arches that help harvest and move logs for small scale harvest operations. I've been getting regular use of the Junior Arch and find it very effective in an unthinned 25-year-old, 70' tall stand bringing down trees 8" dbh and smaller.

The most difficult trees are the ones in tight spacing that don't really have anywhere to go after the stem is severed. The arch is able to give you enough leverage to move the butt on a 400–500-pound tree up to 25' in a direction that works well for a tractor and Farmi winch or ATV and arch setup to pull it out of the woods.

Here's a video featuring Mark and some of the tools he designed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jmuTgtRbis>

Until next time continue to stay safe!

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Oregon Tree Farm System Photo Contest



A photo contest was held by Oregon Tree Farm System at the 2023 OSA and OTFS Annual Convention, June 22-24 in Estacada. People were asked to submit their photos under categories that aligned with the OTFS values of Wood, Water, Wildlife and Recreation. Convention attendees then voted on their favorite in each category. View all the entries on our webpage www.wcswa.com.

The winners in each category are:
Wood – Picture #3, Steve Cafferata
Water – Picture #1 – Bob and Bonnie Shumaker
Wildlife – Picture #1 – Dave Bugni
Recreation – Picture #4 – Kate McMichael

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WCSWA Field Tour – White Oak Management at Matteson Forest (Registration Required)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 16

Time: 9:00 am – noon

Location: Matteson Demonstration Forest, Gaston

Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Silviculture Specialist, will talk to us about Oregon white oak management and restoration. Oregon white oak was once more prevalent in the Willamette Valley, but due to human land uses over the past 180 years, oak habitats have succumbed to development and agriculture, and thus maintaining and restoring remnant oak habitat has become a priority for many landowners.

RSVP by emailing washcosmallwoodlandassoc@gmail.com by Sept 13. Please include the names of everyone in your group. Wear closed toed shoes and bring a hard hat if you have one. Parking space is limited – please carpool if possible.

Directions to the Matteson Forest:

Highway 47 to the Hagg Lake /Scoggins Valley Park turnoff. Follow Scoggins Valley Rd. past the park gate and turn left on West Shore Drive, crossing the dam. Proceed another two miles past the dam on West Shore Drive. Turn left on Hankins Rd. Follow to the property gate on your right.



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Congresswoman Schrier Introducing Bipartisan Bill to Modernize Forest Data Collection Efforts as Wildfire Season Approaches

Schrier Press release- June 9, 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Representatives Kim Schrier, M.D. (D-WA) and Barry Moore (R-AL) introduced the Forest Data Modernization Act, a bipartisan bill that would modernize data collection efforts of the USFS Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. This legislation will meet the needs of forestry stakeholders who have identified a need to modernize the FIA program to meet the rapidly growing market demand for standardized, high-quality data to support sustainable forest management decisions. This legislation accomplishes a necessary upgrade of our national forest data by delivering the most accurate, helpful information possible to key forestry industry stakeholders and the public alike. It improves:

- Data accessibility - by requiring the publication of summary statistics every two years and the creation of a fee-for-service program to handle complex data requests.
- Data usability - by directing the FIA to measure forest carbon and requiring that clear definitions are provided with FIA data to ensure better interpretability of datasets which would allow the forestry sector to leverage collected data consistently.
- Data collection - by recommending consideration of advanced technologies for data collection, such as satellite sensors and computer models that could improve data accuracy and reduce costs as well as codifying existing surveys on wood use and forest landownership to ensure continued availability of datasets on which forestry stakeholders rely.
- FIA program transparency - by requiring the existing FIA strategic plan to be updated, that future updates be made every five years, and that FIA costs and priorities be published annually.

Endorsed by National Alliance of Forest Owners, National Association of State Foresters, Society of American Foresters, American Forest Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Washington State University, Vermont Woodlands Association, Appalachian Mountain Club, Enviva, National Woodland Owners Association, L&C Carbon, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, and Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition.



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**Timber Culture | A Traveling
Exhibit at the Tillamook
Forest Center
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Timber Culture is an exhibit on loan from the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center. It highlights the forgotten town of Maxville, a logging community in Eastern Oregon. Timber Culture tells the story of multicultural loggers and their families, Gwen Trice is the descendant of a logger that worked in Maxville. She developed the interpretive center located in Joseph, Oregon.
<https://www.maxvilleheritage.org/programs/timber-culture>.



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Handout from Marian Stalker at TFOY tour (see page 1)

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- AirNow Fire and Smoke Map <https://fire.airnow.gov/>
- Zoom Earth Satellite Map: live satellite imagery <https://zoom.earth/>
- Oregon HazVu: Geohazards Viewer shows hazards <https://gis.dogami.oregon.gov/maps/hazvu/>
- Landmapper: tool for creating maps for your property <https://landmapper.ecotrust.org/>
- NOAA Data Access Viewer: Downloadable imagery, lidar, land cover. Higher learning curve to use, but can be powerful <https://coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/>
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EFFEKT creates treetop walkway that is accessible to "all nature lovers"

Dezeen Magazine, [Lizzie Crook](#) | 11 June 2023

Architecture studio EFFEKT has completed [Norway's](#) first treetop walkway. "The treetop walk in Hamaren Activity Park offers all nature lovers a new perspective on the natural landscape of Fyresdal," said EFFEKT.

"It grew out of a heartfelt desire to give all people, regardless of physical abilities, the sensational feeling of walking amongst the treetops."



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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 free at [OregonForests.org](https://oregonforests.org)

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

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

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- Refer to forest practice laws
- Register for classes



Oregon is a strong adopter of CLT

FASTMARKETS, June 9, 2023

Oregon appears to be a strong proponent of CLT construction. A \$41.4 million federal grant is expected to drive mass timber research in Oregon during the next several years.

Oregon's Port of Portland, which spearheaded the grant application for a coalition of partners, was one of 21 projects nationwide awarded funding as part of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, created through the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPC).

Leaders of the statewide project set a goal of creating more than 17,000 new jobs in rural and urban communities primarily by offsetting the development costs of:

- A factory to construct mass timber modular homes and other building components in Portland.
- A mass timber workforce training facility.
- A fire testing facility on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis.
- A fabrication and acoustics testing laboratory at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

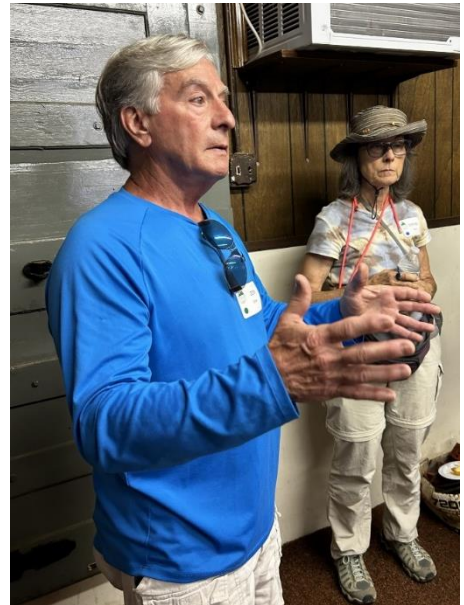
Construction of the modular home plant is expected to begin in 2024 and will eventually have the capacity to produce 2,000 homes per year.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development will modernize development codes to support the use of mass timber in housing, with an eye toward helping those who remain tenuously housed after Oregon's devastating 2020 wildfires.

Tree Farmer of the Year Pictures Jamieson Family Tree Farm, July 15, 2023



Jamieson family introduction by Mike: Left to right: Patricia, Andrew, Lilian, Mike and Marian



Don Sohler explains Mike's seedling cooler construction



School buses got us where we needed to go



Taylor Johnson, ODF, gives history of now overstocked converted hayfield

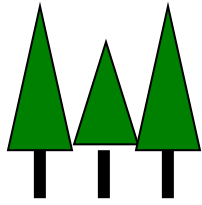


Mike explains spray rig modifications



Lunch and visiting gave a grand finale to an exceptional day

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Forestry for the Birds: *Western Oregon* was produced by the Forest Stewards Guild. Download at: <https://foreststewardsguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ForestryfortheBirdsWesternOregonGuide.pdf>

How to Prevent Phytophthoras in Restoration Plantings on Your Woodland 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. The brochure is available online through the OSU Extension Catalog in both English and Spanish. <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9398>

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](#)

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