

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

April 2024

Managing Your Forest’s Future – April 23 Program, 7:00pm



Taylor Kittell, speaker April 23

Small forestland owners are used to thinking of their forests as long-term management challenges. However, many don’t think of how to provide for the future of their forests beyond their own lives. At some point though, they seek answers to help them make such decisions. The advice of a qualified estate attorney can then be invaluable.

Taylor Kittell is a Founding Partner at Breakwater Law. Taylor will be the featured speaker at the WCSWA April 23rd monthly meeting. She recently spoke to the Yamhill County SWA on the topic of providing legal advice in helping forestland owners. She will speak on this topic, and on the implications of recent legislation affecting woodland owners. Taylor’s practice focuses on estate planning and administration, including probate, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships. Above all else, Taylor says she values her relationships with clients. She is committed to treating each client with respect and compassion while assisting them in resolving both the immediate and long-term issues they face.

2024 WCSWA Monthly Programs

April	23	Managing Your Forests’ Future	Taylor Kittell, speaker (see above article) 7:00pm: 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains
May	4	WCMG Gardenfest Plant Sale	Saturday May 4 th 9AM.–1PM See pg. 10
May	10 Fri	Wildfire Mitigation Tour	2:00 PM PGE Forestry Team - Neil Schroeder’s Property, Gaston, See pg. 4
May	10,11	Banks Library Plant Swap	See article on page 10
May	29 Wed	WCSWA Annual Potluck at Anne and Richard Hanschu’s-Gales Creek	5pm Social, 6pm Potluck, 6:45 Speaker on SFISH Program – see page 6
June	13-15	OSWA/OTFS Annual Meeting	Boulder Inn, Lebanon, OR. Information coming soon from OSWA
June	22	Wildfire Ready! Wildfire preparedness stations and fair	9am to 2pm Hagg Lake, C-Ramp
July	13	Tree Farmer of the Year tour and picnic	Tom and Julia Tibbs Tree Farm, Buxton

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Editor's Note: I have been doing this for about 5 years. It is fun. Try it.

We have had a good response to membership renewals as most members renewed their membership for 2024 prior to the April 1 cutoff. If you haven't yet renewed, your membership will go inactive at this point and you will stop receiving communications from OSWA and WCSWA. Of course, membership applications are always available and the easiest way to join is at the oswa.org website.

Great program meeting with Clint and Matt from PGE talking about the Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction Program (AWRR). If you missed the meeting Clint and Matt will be back with on the ground discussions at the Schroeder tree farm in Gaston on May 10 along with representatives from BPA and ODF. See the calendar page and the article on page 4 for more information. Registration is not required.

A few quick facts on Oregon's 2020 wildfire season – 4,000 homes lost, 850,000 acres burned, 40,000 homes evacuated, and 11 lives lost. An event of this magnitude, hopefully not to be seen again in our generation provided an opportunity for many to sharpen their focus on prevention, fire communication and support and post-fire response.

Oregon's fire statistics are subdued compared to Northern California, where Pacific Gas & Electric has been blamed for more than 30 wildfires since 2017, the most notable the Camp fire in November 2018 that burned 153,000 acres, nearly 19,000 structures and caused 85 lives to be lost.

Fortunately for us the local fires in 2020 were able to be contained before getting out of control. If you want to revisit any of the footage from the Chehalem Mountain – Bald Peak Fire from 2020 here are a few links.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hA9QUDBVXlo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vm7oZfiar08>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWtS3pBie0w>

It's April everyone, time to get out and enjoy the new growth and maybe spend a little extra time taking inventory and addressing hazard trees around power transmission lines. If you are in PGE's service area, you can call the PGE Tree Hotline at 503-736-5460 for advice or assistance before working on trees near power lines.

Until next time, continue to stay safe!

BE ALERT: There are changes to a couple of events on the Event Calendar, page 1

The tour at Neil Schroeder's Gaston Tree farm with the PGE Forestry Team is on a Friday. See page 4.

The May Potluck at Anne and Richard Hanschu's is on **Wednesday**, May 29 not our regular Tuesday. You must register for this. It should be fun and the SFISH topic is important, too. See page 6.

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Yamhill County Small Woodlands Association

Schroeder Tree Farm Tour 2024
Goodin Creek Parcel

Property History
Neil Schroeder, Landowner
Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction
Matt Allen & Clint Robison, PGE Foresters

Forest Roads
Darin Smith, BPA

Road Condition Assessment
Taylor Johnson, ODF

Free Admission
Public Invited

Friday
May 10, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM

End of Goodin Creek Road, Gaston, Oregon
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For more information contact Darcy Davis 503-550-2361

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We will be restocking our inventory with new SuperSplit firewood splitters and again will be offering discounts to Oregon forest landowners. OWC recently began manufacturing an ergonomic handle for the SuperSplit. Check the OWC YOUTUBE videos to see how these products are used in forests of your neighbors.

<https://www.youtube.com/@OregonWoodlandCoop>

WCSWA ANNUAL POTLUCK

Wednesday May 29, 2024

Little Beaver Creek Tree Farm
Richard and Anne Hanschu
14655 NW Parson Road
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

WCSWA will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, Bring a side dish or dessert to go with the main entrée. Water will be provided, or you may bring your own beverage. **RSVP by May 22 to:**

Tony and Mary Spiering

Phone: 503-680-8112

E-mail: maryspiering@gmail.com

PROGRAM

5pm Meet and greet

6pm Dinner

6:45pm. Speaker, **Josh Hanson** ODF

SFISH Program

(Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat)

Under the new Private Forest Accord, when a Notice of Operation to harvest timber is submitted a Road Condition Assessment is required. SFISH is a grant program to help provide funds for small woodland owners to repair or improve roads and culverts.

Other speakers: **Scott McEwen**, Executive Director of Tualatin River Watershed Council

Bethany Lund, Habitat Program Coordinator, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

They will be describing programs they are implementing in the basin to replace and/or upgrade culverts and other structures in the watershed.



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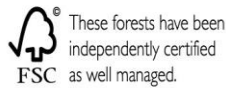
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Watch as a dozen Oregon artists are pitted against each other in an all-day judged carving competition.

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Videos explain reforestation process

March 12, 2024

A new three-part educational video series produced by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) explores what it takes to reforest Oregon's timber-producing forests.

Each three-minute video in the *Reforestation in Oregon* series focuses on a different part of the reforestation process, such as growing and collecting seeds from native and genetically bred trees, or hand-planting seedlings on steep terrain and in brutal weather.

The first video focuses on the J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard, which provides genetically superior tree seeds for Oregon's forest landowners.

The second video visits a Weyerhaeuser tree nursery that grows seedlings for reforestation in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The last video in the series follows planting crews working to reforest timber harvests on Starker Forests land in western Oregon.

View the videos on OFRI's YouTube channel., <https://www.youtube.com/@oregonforests>

The release of the video series coincides with the start of OFRI's spring educational advertising campaign, which kicked off March 11 and features multiple spots airing on broadcast and digital media. The campaign highlights the importance of reforestation to sustain Oregon's forests for future generations.



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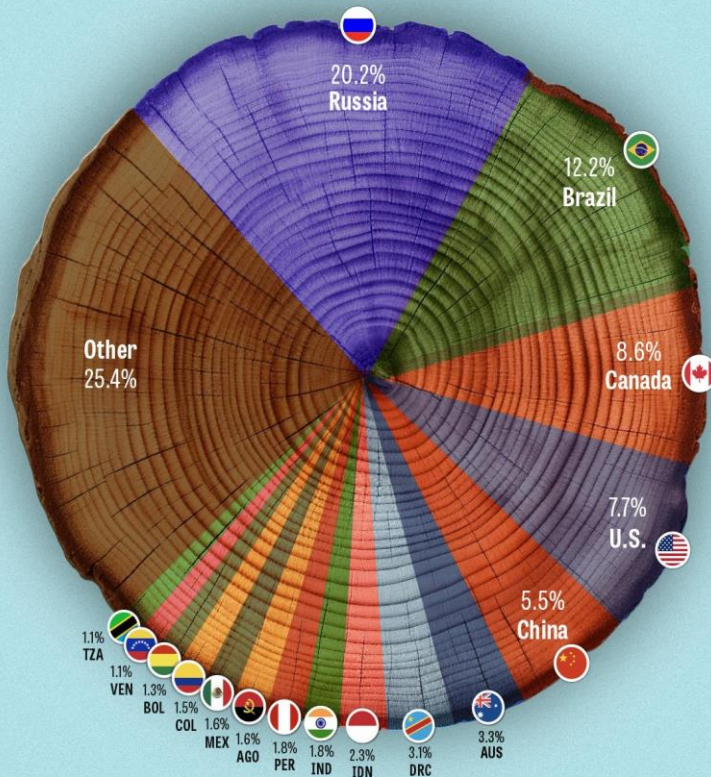
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Share of the World's Forests, by Country



The World Contains Over Three Trillion Trees

The tropics and subtropics account for slightly less than half of all trees (1.3 trillion), the boreal regions for about one-fourth (0.74 trillion) and the temperate regions about one-fifth of the world's forests (0.66 trillion).

Using data from the World Bank, we visualize the share of the world's total forest area per country.

Naturally larger countries tend to have more forest area, and thus, a greater percentage of the world's forests, but it's interesting to see how local environments also influence the metric.

Source: Visual Capitalist.com, by Marcus Lu
Graphics Design by Sam Parker, 2/17/2024

Editor's Note: If you want to see this in color, go to our website www.wcswa.com.

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

Keep your forest healthy • Improve wildlife habitat
Reduce wildfire risk • Learn about certification

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



2023-2024 Seedling Sale Report

By Don Sohler, Seedling Sale Chair

The WCSWA seedling sale was completed on February 21, 2024. The 37 customers who ordered seedlings for this year came and picked them up in just a 3 week time frame. That gave me time to complete my own planting projects in January and February and still have time to help other members meet their schedules with their tree planters. Total seedlings sold were: 50,880 Douglas-fir and 4,200 Hi-Terpene Western redcedar.

This year presented several unexpected last-minute challenges. The commercial cold storage was not available at the last minute, and the nursery notified us that there were approximately 4,500 additional Douglas-fir seedlings available as the survival rate was better than expected. Thanks to the generosity of Kathy Sohler Floral Design and Patrick Newton Nursery in Dilley, we were able to use their cold storage on a last-minute notice. Their willingness to help us did not go unnoticed. We could not have done this without their help. Mike Jamieson used his cooler as well, so all seedlings found a home waiting for pick up by customers. With the help of other WCSWA members, I was able to place the additional seedlings with just a couple of phone calls.

I would like to thank the following members that donated their time, trucks and trailers and especially their patience in delivering the seedlings to the four different cold storage units and one residence: Ray Brock, Gordon Dana, Wally Dodge, Mike Jamieson, Rich Gaebel, Mel Mortensen and Dave Rabon. The volunteers are the reason the WCSWA seedling program is successful. With all of the last-minute changes just a day before we were scheduled to pick up our seedlings, the volunteers followed a military saying that I live by "Follow your last order first."

A special thanks to Paul Sansone and Susan Vosburg for the use of their cold storage. They have provided this service to WCSWA for many years. Having access to their cooler on the weekends helps to facilitate the program by allowing me to issue seedlings to those members who work during the week and only have the weekends to plant.

I used the words "WE" and "Help from other members" several times in this letter. Thank you to all who answered the call.

Editor's Note: THANK YOU, DON for all your hard work and expertise

TWO GARDENING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO WOODLAND OWNERS AND GARDENERS

4th Annual Plant Swap at Banks Library

Saturday, May 11 from 11 am to 3 pm

Plant drop-off Friday, May 10 from 3 to 5 pm

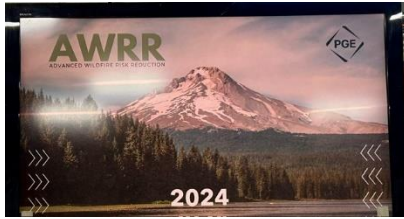
Bring your extra vegetable starts, divided plants, tubers, etc. on Friday and then come back to "shop the swap" on Saturday. Besides wonderful, donated plants, there will be pollinator plants available thanks to a generous grant from the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. There will also be educational and fun activities related to gardens and growing!

Gardenfest Plant Sale:

Saturday May 4th, 2024. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join Washington County Master Gardeners for a fun-filled day shopping from a selection of thousands of plants expertly selected for the Pacific Northwest. You can also get ideas from our Education Garden and ask gardening questions at our "Let's Talk Plants" booth. The sale will offer Oregon native plants, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, houseplants and more for flower-filled gardens and bountiful harvests. There will be kids' activities and Gifts for Gardeners, too.

The event will be held at PCC Rock Creek Campus Hoop House area near Building 4 – 17705 NW Springville Road, Portland. Free parking. OK to bring wagons, but no pets.



March 26, 2024, WCSWA Monthly Meeting, PGE Vegetation Management

reported by Cathy Dummer

Presentation by Clint Robison and Matt Allen. They are both Senior Foresters for PGE and work in PGE's Advanced Wildfire Risk Reduction (AWRR) Program. Clint has been

with PGE for 3 years and Matt has been with PGE for 16 months.



The AWRR program provides vegetation control along power distribution lines within 11 High Fire Risk Zones (HFRZ) defined by PGE. Vegetation control along PGE power transmission lines is addressed by a different group within PGE. Only about 2% of all PGE customers are within a HFRZ. Vegetation management within these zones can be both within the PGE right-of-way (ROW) as well as outside the ROW.

The PGE AWRR territory includes about 1,100 distribution line miles and is divided into 3 areas for this program. Matt's area includes Yamhill County north and east and includes all of Washington County and the Portland area. Clint's area includes Yamhill County south to Salem and includes some area east of I-5. The 3rd forester's area is primarily Clackamas County.

The program is about 2 years old and is still evolving. They have seen increased scope, primarily in response to state requirements like SB762 and requirements of the Public Utility Commission (PUC). For example, they have historically been required to control vegetation to 10 ft on either side of the lines but recently control of vegetation around the power poles has been added by the PUC.

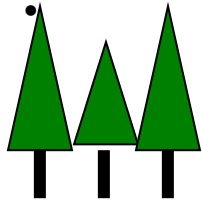
The High Fire Risk Zones are defined by PGE risk staff and meteorologists. In defining the zones PGE considers fire history, vegetation level, ingress/egress accessibility, cellular phone service, and local fire district capability as well as typical climate conditions such as prevailing wind. To find out if you are within an HFRZ you can call either Clint or Matt or PGE customer service. Clint and Matt's phone numbers are included at the end of this article.

The work done by the AWRR program includes the following:

- Vegetation Management
 - o Monitor/inspect all line miles 3 times each year within the HFRZ
 - o Full scope treatment. Each year some zones are scheduled for full scope treatment. This year (2024) Zone 7, which is in Washington County, is scheduled for full scope treatment. This work will include removing dead/diseased/damaged trees, enhanced pruning, and mowing. The work is focused on 5-10 ft on each side of the power line but can extend beyond that if risk is high such as dead or leaning trees. Mowing is relatively new to the program and requires extensive coordination with the landowner and other utilities. Zone 7 is also slated for some wire replacement this year. Vegetation treatment is mostly done by subcontractors like Asplundh.
 - o Inter-cycle work (between full scope treatments). This work is in addition to the full scope treatment in other zones is completed as necessary due to risk.
- Other
 - o Installing, maintaining, and monitoring weather stations mounted on the PGE poles. PGE has 2 meteorologists who do this work.
 - o Turn off power in advance of a potential high-fire risk event. This is a relatively new tool in their toolbox and has not been used much in the past. These are called Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). There is a protocol for initiating these that includes communication with residents. PGE has expanded the conditions under which these shutoffs might be implemented. The criteria for implementing these includes relative humidity, windspeed, and temperature.

If you have any questions or information about fire prevention vegetation management near PGE assets feel free to reach out to either Matt (503.405.5221) or Clint (503.732.8605). Matt and Clint will be leading a tour at the Schroeder property in Gaston Friday, May 10. See page 4 for more information.

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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>

Recommended Fire Related Brochures:

Initial Attack Fire Equipment for Woodland Owners Booklet. Go to www.wcswa.com. About us/links.

[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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