

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

May 2024

WCSWA Annual Potluck
Wednesday May 29, 2024
 Little Beaver Creek Tree Farm
 Richard and Anne Hanschu
 14655 NW Parson Road
 Forest Grove, Oregon 97116
RSVP by May 22 to: Tony and Mary Spiering,
Phone: 503-680-8112 or E-mail: maryspiering@gmail.com

Event agenda:
 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.

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.

2024 WCSWA Monthly Programs

May	10 Fri	Wildfire Mitigation Tour	2:00 PM PGE Forestry Team - Neil Schroeder's Property, Gaston
May	29 Wed	WCSWA Annual Potluck at Anne and Richard Hanschu's-Gales Creek	5pm Social, 6pm Potluck, 6:45 Speaker on SFISH Program RSVP by May 22 (see above)
June	13-15	OSWA/OTFS Annual Meeting	Boulder Inn, Lebanon, OR. (see OSWA.com)
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 See page 7 for more information.

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Bigleaf Maple Field Day: Process, products and possibilities

May 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Hopkins Demonstration Forest, 16750 S Brockway Rd, Oregon City



Are you a small woodland owner looking to start tapping your maple trees? Or are you a syrup lover and wild food enthusiast, Pacific Northwest adventurer or lifelong learner? Join us for an educational celebration of all things Bigleaf Maple! Enjoy a day amongst the trees learning about the process, products and possibilities of working with Oregon's native maples followed by a pancake lunch featuring local bigleaf maple syrup. \$50 per person (\$10 for 12 and under). Spaces limited. You must pre-register to attend. Email melanie@oregonmapleproject.org to register or with questions.

In the long run we are all dead. John Maynard Keynes lived 23 years after publishing this famous statement in 1923. The quote from a macroeconomic standpoint speaks to our nature to live and make economic decisions mostly in the present and not consider implications for the future. Estate planning is all about thinking through and preparing for the future to ensure your estate wishes are fulfilled without unintended consequences. Taylor Kittell's presentation on estate planning and administration at our April program reinforced the value and need for someone with professional expertise to sort through things like spousal exemptions, valuation and cost basis, estate tax at the federal and state level, natural resource business property credits, etc., for your specific situation to come up with a good plan. If you don't have an estate plan or have one that's been on the shelf for 10+ years you might consider spending some time on this in the short run.

I'm sure some of you have been learning about the Private Forest Accord rules and how they may impact your property. I've been digging into the documentation for the Road Condition Assessment and found it pretty straightforward. Below are a few key points, mostly derived from the Oregon.gov website. You can find more information by searching for "Road Condition Assessments (RCAs)" or using this website "<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/road-condition-assessments.aspx>". RCAs are required for Small Forestland Owners when:

- Submitting a notification of harvest operations through FERNS. There is an option that allows the RCA to be submitted up to 180 days after the FERNS notification.
- Applying for Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) Program grants.

RCAs can also be voluntarily submitted at any time to get on file with the ODF for a single parcel or all ownership parcels. The RCA form includes information about the number of miles of roads by type along with road conditions and detailed information about stream crossings including bridges, culverts and fords.

There is a 28-page guide to completing the RCA that has a good definition of road types along with pictures. Types of road condition issues that need to be noted are also described with picture examples that clarify what to look for.

There are a few online resources listed in the guide to help determine road mileage and GPS points for the RCA form. For my property here's what I found most useful:

- LocatOr (<https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/LocatOR/>): This is a Basemap for ODF Fire Protection that does a pretty good job of showing known roads and streams over a Lidar view. This can be used to trace roads to determine mileage and water crossing latitude and longitude.
- DOGAMI Lidar Viewer: This may have better Lidar for your property, but I found the mapped roads and streams on LocatOr more useful for my property. On the DOGAMI site you can toggle back and forth between Lidar and an Aerial view of a property by alternately checking/unchecking the "Bare Earth Lidar Hillshade" layer.

Until next time, continue to stay safe!

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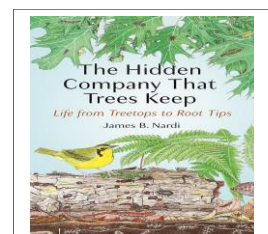
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The Hidden Company That Trees Keep: Life From Treetops to Root Tips by James B. Nardi

February 2023 Review on Amazon.com

You can tell a lot about a tree from the company it keeps. James Nardi guides you through the innermost unseen world that trees share with a wondrous array of creatures. With their elaborate immune responses, trees recruit a host of allies as predators and parasites to defend against uninvited advances from organisms that chew on leaves, drain sap, and bore into wood. Microbial life thrives in the hidden spaces of leaf scales, twigs, and bark, while birds, mammals, and insects benefit from the more visible resources trees provide. In return, animals help with pollination, seed dispersal, and recycling of nutrients. *The Hidden Company That Trees Keep* blends storytelling with illustrations and the latest science to reveal how the lives of trees are intertwined with those of their diverse companions.



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Highlights from WCSWA April Meeting with Taylor Kittell



Taylor Kittell, founding partner of Breakwater Law focuses on estate planning. She spoke to us about considerations for estate planning with natural resource property. First of all, each property has individual considerations. There is no “one plan fits all.” If you do not have estate planning in place, the state has plans for you which involve probate, control, extra time and more taxes. She emphasized that woodland property owners tend to have complex considerations and that it is important to choose a lawyer that specializes in estate planning. She covered three areas with their takeaways.

- Planning for incapacity: How to keep the tree farm running and where will the money come from with temporary or permanent loss of ability. You should have an Advance Directive for health care (Oregon has a free form online) and a Durable Power of Attorney (requires a lawyer to make it legal). Beware of quick on-line forms.
- Wills vs. Trusts: A Will is simple but will go through probate and information is public. A Trust avoids probate, is private and includes benefits during your lifetime including incapacity.
- Taxes: Federal tax exemption is \$13 million. Oregon is \$1 million with 10-16% tax over \$1 million due 12 months after death. Natural resource property is eligible for special tax treatment either through a credit (\$7.5 million) or exclusion (\$15 million but harder to get). Both have requirements.

There was a wealth of information presented. If you would like a copy of the slide presentation, contact Tom Nygren, tnygren@juno.com. Taylor Kittell’s contact information is: taylor@breakwater-law.com
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How Washington County cities are tackling the invasive emerald ash borer problem

(From KGW News April 24, 2024)

A beetle species described as the most destructive forest pest in the country is killing ash trees in Washington County. Now, both cities of Forest Grove and Cornelius are trying to slow the spread of the invasive emerald ash borer. Max Ragozzino, an entomologist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, said the beetle was first detected in Forest Grove back in June of 2022, and since then they've killed at least 200 ash trees locally. "Today, we are working on removing some infested emerald ash borer trees," said Dr. Ragozzino. "We are working as part of the Slow Ash Mortality Strategy program in order to slow the spread of emerald ash borer out from Forest Grove."

On Wednesday, several local, state, and federal agencies were in Washington County taking part in their two-pronged approach to cutting down infected trees and inspecting untouched ones in Cornelius. The groups also chipped the trees they cut down to destroy the larvae. "The adult beetles feed on some of the foliage and then they land on the bark of the tree, lay an egg, and then, this is when the damaging live stage begins," said Dr. Ragozzino. "The larva of the beetle feeds underneath the bark, and in doing so, it girdles the tree. "So, how do you determine if a tree is infected? Well, there are several signs: They include canopy decline, dying branches, bark split down the length of the tree and a "D" shaped exit hole that's three millimeters across the tree."

A group with the Oregon Department of Forestry also helped inspect several trees in Cornelius on Wednesday. They did so by checking the tree canopy, the bark for exit holes and measuring the tree's diameter for age. Once the tree is ready, the group will inject pesticides directly into the tree to protect it from the emerald ash borer. "What we saw over there in Forest Grove is the worst-case scenario," said Community Assistant Forester with the Urban Community Forestry Program at Oregon Department of Forestry, Alison Herrell. "But the good news is that we have an opportunity to make much better managing decisions." Herrell said her team will return in a few weeks to reassess the trees as they're not yet ready to be treated in hopes of saving every single one. "I would personally recommend that almost all if not every single one of these trees, be treated to prevent an emerald ash borer infestation," said Lilah Gonen, a community assistant forester with the Urban Community Forestry program at the Oregon Department of Forestry.



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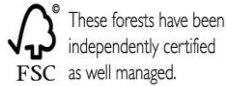


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Tree Farmer of the Year Tour and Picnic - July 13 - Sneak Peek

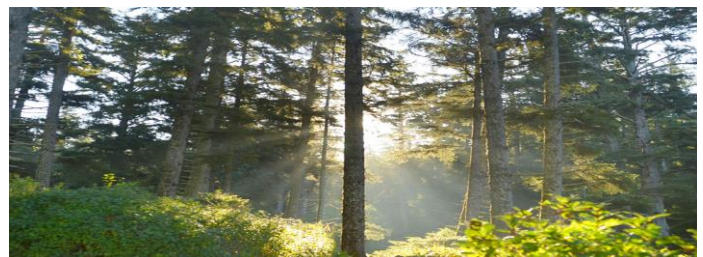
Date: Saturday, July 13, 9:30am – 3:00pm. Lunch served at noon.

Tom and Julie Tibbs have planned an entertaining, educational Tree Farmer of the Year tour and picnic at their Buxton forest. Besides sharing their approaches to basic forestry, the tour's focus will be on learning and exposure to alternative revenue sources on the tree farm. Stations will include:

- Maple syrup operations big and small
- Shitake mushrooms
- Bridges and set-backs to align with the Private Forest Accord
- Natural forest and production forest

*There will be a raffle with all proceeds going to the OSU School of Forestry WCSWA Scholarship Fund. Be thinking of what you might contribute.

More details and RSVP information will be in the June Forest Forum.





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Videos explain reforestation process

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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>



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 Or pinchy moles
 or tender tasty moss.
 But looking back
 upon the path,
 I blithely ask,
 Is every one the same?
 I'm sure it's not
 Where every leaf
 I know,
 And all the twigs familiar
 however far I go.
 Trees and trees and trees and
 trees
 Oh look!
 And yet another...
 Suddenly!
 There is no joy-
 So full!
 So light!
 So sweet!
 Than my parking lot and the
 street!

-Don Ediger

A Forest Begins: Timelapse of a Planted Forest



Nine years ago, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) installed timelapse cameras in a reforested area on private timberland in Oregon's Coast Range to capture the growth of 4-year-old and 9-year-old trees that were planted in a clearcut. Footage from the solar-powered cameras, which filmed the fast-growing young trees for seven years, shows how a new forest has filled in the timber harvest within 15 years of planting seedlings. OFRI has released a two-minute video called A Forest Begins with details about reforestation in Oregon, a summary of the timelapse project, and highlights from the footage. In the video, the trees shoot upwards as the seasons change, their bright green needles budding out in the spring and boughs drooping from the weight of snow in the winter. Eventually, the trees grow so tall they block the view of the cameras documenting them. The release of the timelapse video 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. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/oregonforests> to find A Forest Begins.

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

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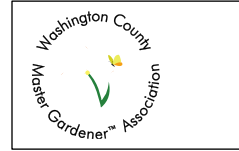
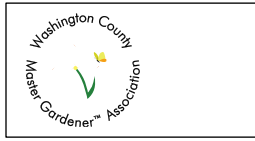
Find it at KnowYourForest.org

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



Conifers of the Pacific Northwest: Characteristics and Natural History of Conifers in the Pine Family (Pinaceae)



Saturday, May 18th, 10 a.m. – noon

Free public event – no registration needed

**PCC Rock Creek Campus, Bldg. 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Ed Garden at PCC Rock Creek 17705
NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229**

Join Washington County Master Gardeners Elizabeth Price and Lisa Hansen to learn more about conifers of The Pacific Northwest. The PNW is one of the most diverse regions in the world for conifers. Our climate has much in common with many of the other areas of the planet where conifers are more common than flowering trees, making the PNW an ideal place to include both native and non-native conifers in the home landscape. This talk will focus on the pine family (Pinaceae). We will walk the PCC Rock Creek campus examining the foliage, cone, bud, and bark characteristics that differentiate spruce, true fir, hemlock, Douglas-fir, larch, and true cedar. A bit of natural history on each of these groups of conifers will also be discussed. For more information, please go to

<http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/>

Join us for a discussion and forest tour featuring the Forest Stewards Guild's Forestry for the Birds Western Oregon Guide.

Hopkins Demonstration Forest

16750 S Brockway Rd

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May 11, 2024 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 within the Guide, bird habitat preferences, identifying understory plants, and forest structure and variability that make appealing habitat for different bird species. We will hop on the Hopkins bus to explore the forest. There will be periods of walking on uneven trails and terrain, but it is not expected to be strenuous. 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 breakfast snacks for the early birds!

Event agenda:

8:30 – Early birds get coffee & pastries

9:00 – Welcome & introductions

9:45 – What is Forestry for the Birds?

10:00 – Forest tour applying the Guide

12:30 – End workshop

Pre-registration is required for this event. For accommodation requests and registration, please contact Jean at jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu or 503-655-8631

Exploring biochar as an alternative sudden oak death treatment-OSU Extension, April 2024

Sudden oak death disease has killed thousands of tanoaks on Oregon’s south coast. Since it was detected in Oregon in 2001, the standard practice to help slow the spread of the pathogen that causes the disease has been quarantining areas where the trees have been infected and cutting down and burning sick trees. Due to the high cost of treatment, there has been interest in finding cost-effective alternatives for disposing of the diseased woody material, known as slash.


A simple, relatively low-cost flame cap biochar kiln has been considered as a potential alternative method for treating diseased slash. Biochar, a charcoal-like product, is produced in the flame cap biochar kiln by controlling oxygen which limits the consumption of carbon. The resulting product – biochar can be used as an amendment to improve soil structure and increase its water-holding capacity.

Oregon State University Extension Service’s Norma Kline and Chris Adlam, in collaboration with Kelpie Wilson of Wilson Biochar, worked on projects in Coos and Curry counties that introduced biochar production with the flame cap kiln to the interagency Sudden Oak Death Program. In Coos County, Adlam, the Extension regional fire specialist for Southern Oregon, helped develop a defensible space webinar and field workshop with the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve that included a biochar presentation on the advantages of using the kiln as a fuel reduction tool.

Kline, Extension forester in Coos and Curry counties who provides technical assistance to woodland owners and collaborates with land managers on forestry issues on the south coast, worked on a project in Curry County that resulted in a cooperative exploration of using a flame cap biochar kiln to mitigate sudden oak death.

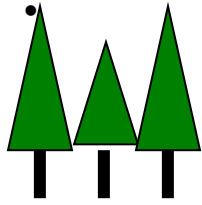
In the defensible space workshop, Oregon Department of Forestry foresters in the Sudden Oak Death Program received training and then tested the biochar kiln on a property infested with sudden oak death in which the landowner was interested in an alternative to standard pile burning. The program foresters reported that the biochar effort was fairly time extensive, however, and wasn’t a cost-effective treatment approach.

While the small flame-cap biochar method is not likely to be an efficient solution for widespread sudden oak death treatment it can be used in a case-by-case situation in special circumstances. The exploration of various approaches and collaborative problem-solving is a promising approach for future solutions.

	<p>Biochar is charcoal-like material created by burning woody debris at high temperatures in a low-oxygen environment.</p>
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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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