

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

October 2025

WCSWA October 28 Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm Habitant Enhancement After Harvest

For our meeting this fall we are excited that Lindsay Davis will be speaking to us about Hampton Lumber's pilot pollinator habitat enhancement project. When they began the pilot pollinator enhancement program in 2017, there was very little information available about which native bees made use of forest habitat and no substantive information about how post-harvest management might affect bees. Hampton's partners in the conservation and academic community encouraged them to try out different management prescriptions and evaluate their effectiveness.

Over the course of three years (2018-2021) Hampton has treated over 165 acres of recently harvested forestland with different variations of habitat enhancement. Treatments included:

- Sowing seeds of native plants particularly valuable to pollinators, either for food or habitat.
- Creation and maintenance of piles of woody debris to serve as nesting sites.
- Altering woody debris management to increase competitiveness of flowering plants.
- Maintaining small areas of cleared, lightly disturbed top soil for ground nesting species.
- Creation of treatment exclusion zones within the pilot project area for research into the effectiveness of the pilot treatments.
- Doing pre and post-treatment species surveys to provide indications of treatment effectiveness. Lindsay will be presenting the preliminary results of the project, including how they are providing assistance to other forest landowners interested in improving habitat for pollinators on their properties. For more information see their website https://www.hamptonlumber.com/trees-bees/.

2025 WCSWA Monthly Programs

October	18	Matteson Forest Community Day and Amy's Trail Maintenance	9:00am – 12:00 with lunch provided plus Matteson Forest update. See page 8 for details and registration.		
	28	Lindsay Davis, Hampton Lumber, Habitat Enhancement After Harvest	7:00pm Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Office. 7175 NE Evergreen Pkwy, Ste. 400, Hillsboro. See above for details.		
November	22	Annual Meeting and Banquet	Location: Embassy Suites in Hillsboro Speaker: William Sullivan, author. See page 2 for speaker details and see insert for registration.		
December		No Program in December			

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You can place an advertisement in *Forest Forum*. This is a free service to our members (3 month limit). List tree farm items/land to buy, sell or trade. Email ad to washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com.

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For Sale: 2023 LoadRunner single-axle enclosed trailer\$4500 OBO Contents inside trailer are not included.

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"Log Cabins and Coyotes"

Author **William L. Sullivan** will be our guest speaker at the WCSWA's Annual Meeting and Banquet which starts at 5:30pm on November 22. Sullivan will fill us in on the construction of a log cabin he built by hand for \$400 on his family's forest property and the mystery surrounding it. He'll also take us on the 1,300-mile solo backpack trip he undertook across Oregon to research the state's wildlands.

Sullivan is the author of 27 books about Oregon, including the "100 Hikes" guidebooks, three books about Oregon history, and a series of murder mysteries set in Oregon. His adventure memoir "Listening for Coyote" was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon's "100 Books," the 100 most significant books in the state's history.

Be sure to fill out and send in the registration form insert in this Forest Forum. Hope to see you there.

Leadership Notes

by Dan Shumaker

On August 19th, some members of WCSWA and I visited Matteson Forest near Hagg Lake and met with Jake Barker the OSU Extension Forester. We discussed some new projects and thinning operations coming up in the near future at Matteson Forest. The forest is a varying age, density and species of trees. One event that is coming up on Saturday, October 18, 2025, will be a community workday to perform some maintenance on trails etc. This will give members an opportunity to visit Matteson Forest as well as help keep the forest maintained. Lunch is provided.

I worked on creating a better anchor system on my portable sawmill this month. When I originally set up the mill I placed it on paver blocks. This created a few issues when loading logs onto the mill as it could slide off the paver blocks. I ended up taking the mill apart and poured concrete forms and installed anchor tiedowns to keep the mill from moving and getting out of level. This should make it much more stable as I load some fairly large trees I recently acquired.



WCSWA Annual Banquet, November 22 at Embassy Suites. In addition to the good food, prizes and awards, there will also be a business meeting at the banquet where we elect officers and board members. Nominations for positions are listed below. There are two board positions open. Please consider being nominated for a board position: Contact Dan Shumaker 503-680-8943 to find out more about the duties of a board member.

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Maple Sugaring Workshop for Hobbyists November 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Oregon City \$15 per household (up to 3 people)

Join us for an introductory workshop on bigleaf maple sugaring at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest where staff and volunteers are gearing up for their third winter of making bigleaf maple syrup. Attendees will see the Hopkins sugarbush (where trees are tapped) and sugar shack (where syrup is made), learn about the process and equipment, and taste test local bigleaf maple syrup.

Each registered household will receive a tapping kit which includes spiles and tubing for up to three maple trees. Youth are welcome, as bigleaf maple sugaring can be a fun and enjoyable hobby for the entire family. Google OSU Extension, Clackamas County to register.



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Bighorn Logging Offers Full Service Forestry Operations TimberWest Magazine by Tim Cox | Aug 29, 2025 |



BANKS, Oregon – Harve Dethlefs, the owner of Bighorn Logging Corp., has learned that safety pays in more ways than one. The company's safety initiatives earned Bighorn the 2024 Safety Professional of the Year Award from Associated Oregon Loggers earlier this year. Bighorn Logging is a full service forestry business that performs both conventional ground-based logging and cable logging serving small and large landowners.

The safety award from Associated Oregon Loggers recognized the company for its overall safety practices. "We are recognizing Bighorn for their effective company safety culture and innovations for productive, safe, and healthy work," the association said in a statement.

The Bighorn Logging safety committee has eight employees from across all job categories. The panel meets monthly to discuss safety issues and implement new safety standards. Workers also hold pre-job and monthly safety meetings and are rewarded for no-bad-decisions.

Bighorn hosted a successful in-the-woods logger rescue safety training event in 2024 and invited other nearby contractors. Denise, Bighorn's Office Manager, came up with the idea of putting GoPro video cameras on the hardhats of some workers to capture video footage. Hilltop Aerial edited the emergency response training video for Bighorn. The video can be accessed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRMUnyMs6Ls

Matteson Community Day, October 18, 2025



The 180 acre Rubie P. Matteson Demonstration Forest is located near the west shore of Hagg Lake near Gaston. This forest tract is managed as a working forest, providing income to OSU College of Forestry, access to the public, and a multitude of Extension, education and demonstration opportunities.

Event Date: Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Registration: beav.es/xpy or jake.barker@oregonstate.edu

Event description: Join OSU College of Forestry Research Forests, FNR Extension, and Friends of Matteson for our annual Matteson Community Day. The day will include volunteer work from 9am to 12pm and a discussion over lunch from 12pm to 1pm, with time for questions, socializing, and connecting. If you are limited in what you can physically do, come just for lunch.

Lunch will be provided, so don't forget to register

Together, we will:

- -Work on Amy's Trail
- -Maintain the native pollinator garden
- -Plan a new trail loop
- -Reflect on the past year of programming at the forest
- -Hear from members of the Friends of Matteson group
- -Discuss visions for the coming years
- *PPE Provided*

What to bring: Appropriate clothing and footwear for trail work and landscaping work; Water, Sun/Rain protection, Camp chair for lunch, Tools (some tools will be provided but bring your own, too.)

Ties to the Land Workshop – Local Class

Counties: Columbia, Washington, and Yamhill Dates: November 7th and December 5th

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Tualatin SWCD Office, Hillsboro (where we have our monthly meetings)

Cost: \$20 per family

Register: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/events/ties-land-north-willamette-valley
Description: The Ties to the Land program seeks to assist farmers, ranchers, growers, and forest landowners in succession planning for the future of their land, livelihood, and loved ones. Effective succession planning considers the emotional, financial, and legal aspects of completing a transition to the next generation of owners and managers. Over the course of two sessions, attendees will fill out worksheets for their properties and learn from case studies.

A couple of decades ago we tried using papers to deter browse on mainly Douglas fir seedlings where the deer and elk seemed to enjoy mowing the new plants right to the ground. The papers were a fibrous white material about the size of a square of toilet paper. While being the "butt" of many puns and jokes, the material itself was fairly slippery even with the fibers embedded. We purchased staple guns for each of the crew to fold the papers around the tender buds to secure them, and off we went to vanquish the enemies.

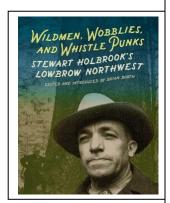
We carefully folded and stapled little hats onto three or four buds on each of the seedlings depending on how many buds they had. The forest was soon awash with white fluttering. We had not thought that the wind could launch so many of our little protective covers. The ones not disturbed by the wind/rain/snow were pulled off by wildlife. In either case, most of the seedlings were decimated that year.

The next year we tried to outsmart our browsers by being more aggressive with the protection. We used about the same amount of white papers as the previous try, but this time we stapled a few of the needles as we attached hoping that the elements, both weather and critters, would not be able to dislodge them as easily. We were a little too aggressive and the staples restricted air flow around the tender tips. We killed more trees that year than ever before and gave up on our little white hats.

I was surprised this year when I noticed a fellow woodland owner using white bud caps on a new planting of seedlings. The new and improved caps were purchased from Pacforest (www.pacforest.com) just outside of Springfield, Oregon. It had been a couple of years since I looked at their website and found that they have exclusive products available for browse control that were new to me and they are made to decompose over the years as well as being designed not to restrict airflow around tender buds.

Brad from Pacforest states, "We do have a few proprietary products available for preventing deer browse, along with other upgrades (our PRO-Line) we have made to existing products within the industry. For browse protection we have the Breathe Easy Bud Cap, for terminal application on firs and pines. We have had this product for almost 25 years and have sold millions of them. We also developed and have manufactured for us the Pacforest Pro Tube, a solid wall, easy to assemble tube for browse protection and seedling growth enhancement. And it is easily removable for additional use, due to its engineering. They assemble to 4" diameter and can be doubled up to make a 8" diameter tube. This product we have had for almost five years now and has shown great results; they are sturdy. Nothing but positive feedback on the Pro Tube, sales keep increasing. As far as the traditional Vexar/Mesh seedling tubes, not only are we the singular source for 6" diameter tubes, in addition to our vast selection of 5" tubes, we offer the only tight mesh tube with holes small enough to keep the rodents out. We call it the BGR tube (Big Game & Rodent)."

Book Review



Wildmen, Wobblies, and Whistle Punks

Summary from OSU Press

Stewart Holbrook was a high school dropout who emerged from logging camps to become the author of three dozen books, the Pacific Northwest's foremost storyteller, one of the nation's most popular historians, and a satirical painter known as "Mr. Otis."

Today readers are rediscovering Holbrook's colorful and irreverent accounts of Pacific Northwest history. *Wildmen, Wobblies, and Whistle Punks* collects twentysix of Holbrook's best writings about the region. Combining solid scholarship with humor and a gift for celebrating the offbeat, Holbrook's stories record a vibrant, often overlooked side of Northwest history. Here are forgotten scandals and murders; stories of forest fires, floods, and other calamities; tales of loggers and life in the logging camps; and profiles of various lowbrow characters—radicals, do-gooders, dreamers, schemers, and zealots.

Editor's Note: Bob and I have both read this book. It brings a lot of historical insight of our region.. Thanks to David Rabon for loaning us his copy

Sawmill Tour, August 23

A great turnout of WCSWA members and friends came to see the 60" circular belt-driven saw from the 1920's that was pulled from Scoggins Valley and rebuilt on Matt Pihl's property. One pull on the saw makes a 2-5/8" board, All boards in the two buildings Matt made with lumber from the saw use this dimension. Matt said that saws of that era are reputed to "make lots of sawdust and occasionally turn out a board or two." Matt said that is close to correct.

After an impressive and noisy demonstration of the saw, a caravan



Building built with lumber from the saw houses the saw.

of 5 RTV's gave us a ride through beautiful woods to Garrigus Creek to see remnants of an old sawmill.



Matt explaining the history and use of the saw



The saw in action



Garrigus Creek. This was originally the Garrigus homestead



Remnants of old sawmill on Garrigus Creek.



A 'Roomba for the forest' could be SoCal's next wildfire weapon

Los Angeles Times, By Noah Haggerty Sept. 5, 2025



The BurnBot RX, shown in Thousand Oaks last month, is a remote-controlled, prescribed-burn system that creates precise burns. The system is used to create fire breaks, fuel breaks and defensible space.(Myung J. Chun / Los Angeles Times)

- BurnBot is a huge, Zamboni-like vehicle that executes precisely controlled burns of flammable grass alongside buildings and roadways.
- It's designed to create fire breaks lines of charred land that keep flames from spreading.
- When plants do grow back, instead of invasive, combustible grasses, it's typically native, more fire-resistant vegetation.
- Private investors are throwing millions of dollars at the fire problem, and consequently, a slew of entrepreneurs and former firefighters are trying their hand at developing high-tech solutions
- Few of the emerging technologies including BurnBot
- have faced rigorous scientific scrutiny yet: Fire

researchers in Southern California still haven't collected enough data to settle on which broad strategies are most effective or which companies are best at carrying them out.

Washington County Master Gardeners classes of interest

Lawn Be Gone! Now What? How to remove turf and look at what to do next Free, In Person Class – No registration required, **Saturday, October 18**th, 10-noon PCC Rock Creek, Bldg. 4, Room 103 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229

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Helpful Links:

Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual 2025

This edition is now available as a print copy. You can order at <u>Oregonforests.org</u>. We will also have print copies available at WCSWA meetings.

<u>Forestry for the Birds: Western Oregon</u> was produced by the Forest Stewards Guild. Download at: https://foreststewardsguild.org/foresters-for-the-birds

Recommended Fire Related Brochures:

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