

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

April 2026



WCSWA April 28 Meeting Bighorn Logging, Past and Present Mark Standley, Vice-President, Bighorn Logging

Mark Standley Jr is a fifth-generation logger, who began his logging career as a choker setter in 1995. In 2002, Mark made the move to Bighorn and currently serves as Vice President/Co-Owner of Bighorn Logging. He also is a retired volunteer fire captain, serves as Vice President of the Dan Hilger Memorial Foundation, and holds board positions for the Oregon Logging Conference and the Banks Fire Department while serving on the PCC Diesel Advisory Committee.

Bighorn Logging Corporation was started by Harve Dethlefs in 1981 as a small contract cutting company. Quickly throughout the years, that small contract cutting company grew into a full-scale logging outfit able to complete both cable yarding and shovel logging sides. Now Bighorn employs around 70 employees and operates on average 12-14 crews, six of those being cable logging sides.

Bighorn Logging was recently recognized as the 2024 Associated Oregon Loggers Safety Professional of the Year, received the 2008 ODF Region Operator of the Year, has received multiple Oregon Department of Forestry Commendations and is a member of the Small Woodlands Associations and holds both OPL and SFI certifications. Bighorn credits their commitment to safety and the ability to stay ahead of the curve by investing in new technology to bring us into the future of logging and continues to strive for excellence in all aspects.

2026 WCSWA Monthly Programs

April	11	Trail Building Day at Matteson Demonstration Forest	9:00-2:00 Matteson Demonstration Forest. See page 2 for details and to register.
	18	Climate-Informed Forestry Tour at Matteson Demonstration Forest	10:00 -2:00 Demonstration Forest. See page 2 for details and to register.
	28	Bighorn Logging - Past and Present	7:00pm Tualatin SWCD District Office. 7175 NE Evergreen Pkwy, Ste. 400, see above.
May	19	WCSWA Annual Potluck	5:00-8:00 Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve See page 11.
July	11	TFOY Tour and Picnic	Cancelled due to unforeseen health issues. See page 4 for explanation and new tour
	11	Scott Russell Tree Farm Tour, Scappoose	See Scott's thinning, stream restoration and coastal redwoods, planted up to 26 years ago

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Two April Events at Matteson Demonstration Forest

Free with lunch provided. Registration required.

Trail Building Day at Matteson Demonstration Forest

Date: Saturday 4/11/2026

Time: 9am-2pm

Join OSU Extension and Research Forest staff to help build a new section of trail at the Matteson. The new section will provide a shorter walking loop from the main landing and pass by a young stand of Douglas-fir. Bring work clothes and PPE. We will also have some PPE available. Lunch provided. Register here: <https://beav.es/cfd>

Climate-Informed Forestry Tour at Matteson Demonstration Forest

Date: Saturday 4/18/2026

Time: 10am-2pm

With the forthcoming Climate-Informed Forestry Guide for Washington County, this tour will visit areas of the Matteson featured in the guide. We will discuss variable-density thinning, oak release and restoration, site assessments and invasive weed management. Lunch provided. Come prepared to walk (driving options provided as well) and talk. RSVP here: <https://beav.es/qC4>

Leadership Notes by Dan Shumaker

I was able to finish the thinning project in March. All but a few broken hydraulic hoses along the way, it went fairly smoothly with the timber processor. Our main target for thinning was trees that were 8 inches at DBH or smaller leaving the larger trees to continue to grow and eventually be part of the first commercial thinning on this plot.

Don Solar has recently announced that he will be stepping down from overseeing the seedling sales. I want to personally thank Don for all his hard work making the seedling sales go so efficiently over the years. On that note, WCSWA is now needing to replace Don as the seedling coordinator. If you are interested in this important role in overseeing the seedling sales, please let me know or contact any member of the board.



Thinning Project - After

More than 2 million seedlings planted this season in Oregon's state forests

Oregon Department of Forestry, March 17, 2026, By [Chas Hundley](#), Banks Post

A mild winter has helped the Oregon Department of Forestry plant roughly 2 million seedlings across the state's forests ahead of schedule this season, including in the Tillamook State Forest near Banks.

"This has been a great planting season with no shutdowns due to weather," said John Walter, ODF's state forests silviculturist. "All our districts are done or will be this month." Douglas fir makes up about 74 percent of the seedlings planted, followed by 17 percent hemlock, with the rest a mix of western red cedar, noble fir, grand fir, Sitka spruce and ponderosa pine. Hardwoods like alder and bigleaf maple seed in naturally later, Walter said.

Private contractors do most of the planting, with some work in the Tillamook State Forest done by adults in custody from South Fork Forest Camp, a facility jointly run by the Department of Corrections and ODF. ODF staff check the work by measuring 1/100th-of-an-acre circles and counting seedlings. The goal is typically four seedlings per circle, or about 400 trees per acre. Staff also dig up checked seedlings to make sure they're planted at the right depth with roots positioned correctly.

Once in the ground, weather is the biggest factor in survival. "If it is an unusually dry spring and hot dry summer, mortality goes up," Walter said. "We can't do anything about the weather."

Competing vegetation is the second biggest threat. ODF evaluates each unit individually and uses herbicide where necessary to give seedlings a better shot at the available moisture, Walter said. Deer and elk browse, mountain beavers, insects, disease and wildfire also take a toll in some areas.

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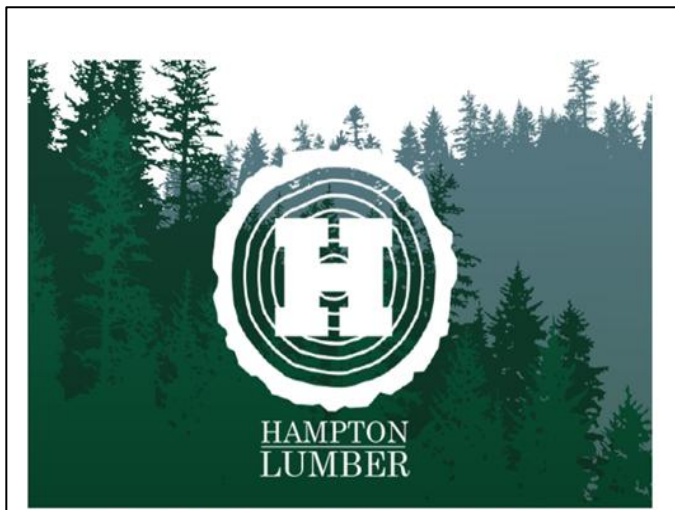
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July 11 Event Change

Due to unforeseen and persistent health issues, Dave Rabon was forced to cancel his TFOY tour. We wish him well as he navigates the healing process. We also acknowledge his exemplary forest stewardship. His TFOY award was well earned.

Scott and Sue Russell agreed to give a tour “sometime” and were able to fill in the July 11 spot. Thank you Scott and Sue. Their forest is near Scappoose and the tour will feature stream restoration, thinning and Scott’s favorite topic: coastal redwood planting that he began 26 years ago. Be prepared to see his excellent results. More information will be in the May and June Forest Forums. An RSVP will be required.



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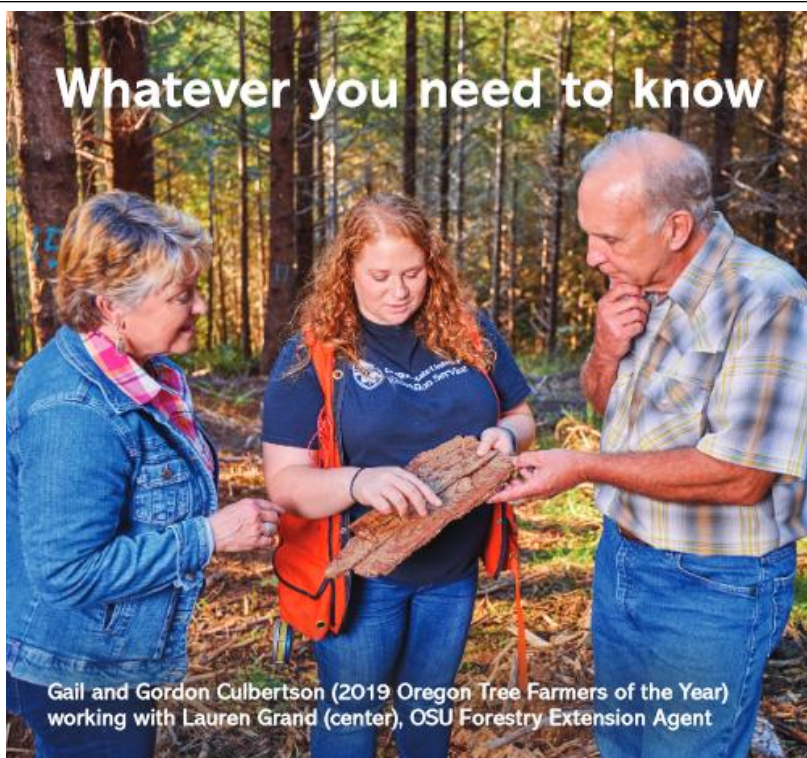
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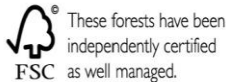
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We are trying to collect landowner data on Valley Pine to see if we can develop growth and yield tables and volume/taper equations for the publication. Reach out to Jake Barker if you are interested in participating. jake.barker@oregonstate.edu

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WCSWA March 24 Meeting Report

Margaret Miller, OFRI Forest Landowner Education Manager

Margaret began with a review of how OFRI was created and operates. It was formed by the Oregon Legislature in 1991. There are 13 volunteer board members and 10 employees. OFRI is funded by a portion of the woodland harvest tax. It is non-regulatory and aims to educate with up-to-date science covering the social, environmental and economic areas of forestry.

ORRI education serves three audiences and also manages the 15-acre Rediscovery Forest as part of the Oregon Garden in Silverton, OR.

- **Public** – TV ads are effective but are limited by budget. New television ads featuring animation are now being shown. Free “planted” signs are encouraged for forestland owners to display which the public sees as they drive by. The Rediscovery Forest at the Oregon Garden also educates the public.
- **K-12** – Education materials and bus reimbursement for forestry field trips are available at *learnforests.org* and serve 25,000 students annually. Oregon Envirothon for high school students across Oregon is held annually at the Oregon Garden.
- **Landowner** –funding for: Partnership for Forestry Education, *knowyourforest.org.*, Illustrated Manual of Oregon’s Forest Protection laws, Master Woodland Manager program Woman Owning Woodlands, Tree School and more. All publications are free. Check out the library at *knowyourforest.org*.

Upcoming projects: making reporting to Oregon Department of Forestry through FERNs easier, automating the process of creating a management plan, and encouraging use of Landmapper, a source for maps of your woodland.

Browse and More, April

By Susan Schmidlin

With our mostly mild winter behind us along with the bulk of the replanting frenzy, the forest has taken to the role of warmer weather with above ground activity we can easily see. Buds on the tips show the new life before bursting out with fluffy light green ends on the Douglas fir. The work of the trees did not stop during winter, only transitioned to a slower pace as the sun inched longer shadows when it was shining at all and cooler weather.

One Doug fir we have watched over the years was an oddball, its timing was inconsistent with neighboring trees. I have always called this tree a male, not because of any scientific reason but because he seemed like a fellow who was always standing along the edge of the gym during a school dance, not really participating but blurting out growth spurts at different times than the rest of the crowd.



One of these trees is not like the others

This boy was about 70 years old and was growing at the base of our hillside. His neighboring buddies were a mixture of 30 to 90 year olds, but this character would always bud out a good two weeks before his closest compadres. The rest of the fir around him and most of the forest located more than 600 feet above him, tended to bud out later. Some trees several hundred feet higher yet and about a mile away were found to possibly be 'early budding kin' and it began decades of wondering if this oddball was established with the help of a wandering coyote or birds rather than from dropped seed from the close forest as the rest of this patch was.



A load of bagged seedlings staged to be packed into planting site

This out-of-sync tree along with many of his close neighbors had been harvested several years ago in a small patch cut. A crop of new trees has been planted and replanted near and around the stump of this oddball without a lot of success so far. In my wonderings I contemplate the reasons and keep toying with the idea that maybe this fella had more unique qualities than suspected. Maybe he had left a designation, a place card for future flora, through his lingering root system and the fungal highway beneath the seen floor of the forest that only a particular peculiar specimen would be allowed to thrive in this special place.

My reforestation plan in all of this is to find that something that would thrive in this spot, it may be found in a tree transplanted from some of the native stock at the top of the hill or a different species altogether. In the meantime, some native wildflower seeds have been sprinkled around the site for this year in hopes that any unseen forces below ground allow for growth and open a fertile path for the next round of planting.

Native Wildflower Mix for Pollinators

by Bonnie Shumaker

Do you remember the pollinator wildflower seed mix that Hampton Lumber generously donated to us at the WCSWA Annual Meeting in November? A packet was put at each individual place setting. Lindsay Davis of Hampton Lumber advised planting them in the early spring.

So, If you have not already planted yours, now is the time. In the experiment that Lindsay did for Hampton, she found that planting in the ash of slash piles gave the best results. I planted mine along the edge of the woods close enough to keep an eye on them. I put a row of fireplace ashes down first, stirred up the soil, watered it, put down the seeds and covered them with a smidgen of compost. Wish me luck. I'll report again later. Let me know how yours grow.



Sustainable timber harvest can bring benefits for wildlife and hunters

by Bob Shumaker

I am a life-time member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation whose motto is “Hunting is Conservation.” I recently read a good article in their bi-monthly publication, *The Bugle*, July/August 2025, that includes timber harvest as conservation. It was written by Charlie Booher, consultant at Watershed Results who specializes in natural resource conflict resolution. His ideas resonated with mine regarding complex land management and differing views. He states, “Regardless of differing philosophies on the topic, the science is clear: actively managed forests and grasslands provide extraordinary wildlife habitat and hunter access.” Following are some pertinent quotes from his article.

“We know that young forests offer some of the best elk habitat by providing high-quality forage and low-hanging cover. Natural disturbances have historically maintained these early successional habitats. However, human activities, particularly logging, have also played a significant role in creating and maintaining these environments. Selective logging and clear-cutting can mimic natural disturbances by opening the forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor and promoting the growth of vegetation beneficial to elk and a range of other species as well. And a robust wood products industry is critical to providing these benefits to wildlife habitats and to fostering strong rural economies.”

“Many of the figures we idolize as early modern conservationists—folks like Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold—were classically trained foresters by way of European institutions and Ivy League schools. They focused on long-range planning and applying best management practices, informed by similar principles first employed by our nation’s first peoples and championed by family forest land managers and the larger timber industry.”

“RMEF has worked with partners in the forest products industry successfully to open more than 150,000 acres to public access. There are a few basic parts in the forest products economy: forestland, transportation infrastructure, and processing infrastructure. Each of these parts require a large amount of capital, personnel and administrative support to remain viable.”

“Mills—where trees and pulp are turned into commodities—require a steady supply of logs to be transformed into pulp, biomass or dimensional lumber. A steady supply of logs depends on land management practices that facilitate harvest of trees. Land management that allows for, or even prioritizes harvest, depends on stable rules, aka regulatory certainty, from the agencies tasked with overseeing our public lands and regulating private lands. Regulations are certainly important. But frequently changing rules complicate the ability of industry and conservation partners to deliver benefits to wildlife and hunters alike. Good foresters, and the companies that they work for, are planning their operations on a timescale that exceeds the lifespan of most other businesses. They are planting trees today that won’t be harvested for 40, 50 or 60 years, and they can’t afford to account for the scale of change that could be felt across more than 10 presidential administrations and 20 Congresses.”

“The future of elk country depends on the future of our forest products economy. Without a strong industry, our ability to manage elk habitat is declining precipitously. It is more necessary than ever for us to steward our partnerships with responsible companies to protect and enhance the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat into the future.”

Volunteers collect Oregon ash seeds to fight Emerald Ash Borer

Tall Timbers, Spring 2026, by Jake Barker

Oregon State University Extension Forestry and Natural Resources Program and partners supported a volunteer-driven seed collection effort to gather Oregon ash seeds across the West for genetics research. Volunteer collections resulted in 149 seed lots or individual trees; 116 were from Oregon, six came from California and 27 from Washington. Fifteen organizations and 10 private individuals participated in collecting 13 pounds of seed, which is equivalent to roughly 147,500 seeds.

Seedling Sale Report

By Don Sohler

The WCSWA seedling sale was completed on the third week of February. Twenty-two customers ordered seedlings this year totaling 40,080 Douglas Fir and 3,500 straight run Western Red Cedar. The Hi-Terpene Cedar that we purchased for two years did not have the natural game repellent we had hoped for. Leib foods cold storage was utilized for a short two-week time period, along with Paul Sansoni's cooler for about four weeks. The mild winter, with very little snow and mild temperatures, allowed customers to pick up their seedlings and begin planting right away.

The mild weather allowed the nursery to lift and bag our order right on time on January 14th as requested. With 9 to 10 million seedlings grown each year, WCSWA appreciates the effort that Lewis River Reforestations puts in to helping small customer orders like ours.

I would like to thank the following volunteers for donating their time, trucks and energy to help haul the seedlings to Forest Grove and Gales Creek cold storage facilities and their patience with last minute changes in the hauling schedule: Dan and Melinda Shumaker, Mike Jamieson, Mel Mortenson, David Rabon, Ray Brock and my Grandson Andrew Sohler. Susan Vosburg and Paul Sansoni both helped issue seedlings when I was unable to help customers at their cooler in Gales Creek.

Melinda will have the 2026/2027 seedling order form ready for the June newsletter. Also, this is my tenth-year volunteering for the seedling program, and I have decided to retire from this very worthwhile program. I would like to thank anyone that helped haul seedlings and the Shumaker family for the secretarial work that goes along with taking orders, collecting payment, and communicating with the nursery with our seed sowing order two years in advance.

May your planting rows be straight and your HoeDad or shovel be sharp and not hit any rocks when planting. Take Care.

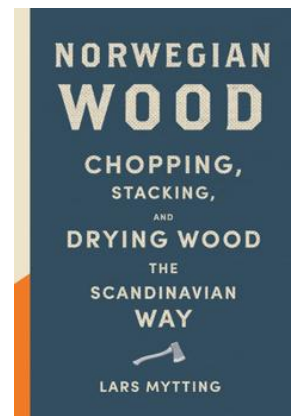


Eye Catching Firewood Stack

By Bonnie Shumaker

Driving up Cedar Canyon Road on my way home, I became enamored of Ray Brock's wood pile, so I gave him a call. He said I could share this picture, and he told me a bit of the how and the why he built it. It started with Ray watching a YouTube video on the Holzhausen, a type of round stack, also known as a beehive. These piles shed water and keep the inside dry. He suggested I watch the video, too, and I did. I was impressed with the technique and the fact that the oddball pieces are thrown in the middle hiding them. Check out the YouTube video for Holzhausen yourself.

If you are into firewood, as many of us are, you might enjoy the book, "Norwegian Wood" by Lars Mytting. It is hard to believe the subject could be a good read but Lars is a really good writer. Here is a quote from chapter four. "Physical work creates a kind of spiritual peace. Once a log is split it stays split. You can't change the split or improve it. The frustrations of the day disappear into the wood, and from there into the stove. One of firewood's most attractive qualities is that it burns up and disappears. No committee will ever study it, nor will it be compared with another, competing log. Sooner or later, in the course of the winter, all the logs that have been badly chopped and clumsily split will end up in the flames, too, and the heat they provide will be indistinguishable from the heat provided by the perfect logs – and isn't there an added spice to the pleasure of burning that particularly obstinate pine root?"



**Annual WCSWA Potluck
Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Location:

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Meeting Place:

Main Visitors Building in Multipurpose Room, Parking in Front of Building

Agenda:

- 5-6pm arrival
- 6-7pm Potluck Meal
- 7 to 8pm Speaker and Presentation
- 8pm clean-up and depart
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What to bring:

This will be an old –fashioned Potluck with no main dish provided. Lots of choices!
WCSWA will furnish plates, cups, eating utensils, napkins, and water.
Hillsboro Parks has no-alcohol policy.
We will eat on the covered deck –bring a light coat if you want

About Jackson Bottom:

Located minutes south of downtown Hillsboro, [Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve's](#) 635 acres are a quiet sanctuary for both people and wildlife. Over 211 species of birds are sighted annually at Jackson Bottom, including Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, and thousands of Tundra Swans and Northern Pintails, making Jackson Bottom a haven for bird watchers. The Preserve is home to deer, otters, beavers, and thousands of other species. Come early for a walk if you want.

Presentation: Mike Cafferata, OSWA Executive Director, will introduce our Presenter, Mike Haglund, OSWA member and partner at Haglund Kelley LLP. Mike and his firm have extensive experience with legal issues related to woodland ownership and management, including recreational liability. He will review Oregon's recreational liability laws as they apply to woodland owners, including considerations involving trespassers and guests, and will take questions from the group. This session will be recorded and shared with other OSWA chapters.

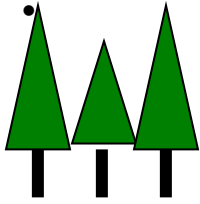
Looking forward to a good time with friends, food, and an informative discussion on issues that are relevant

WCSWA Program Committee: Contact Tony Spiering (503) 680-8112 for questions.



January 2026 Douglas-fir Prices							
	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Change from Previous Month	Jan 2025	Change from Previous Year	5 Yr Annual Average	Current Month Compared to 5 Yr Annual Avg
Logs	\$ 763	\$ 746	2.3%	\$ 916	-16.7%	\$ 869	-12.2%
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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 [Oregonforests.org](https://oregonforests.org). We will also have print copies available at WCSWA meetings.

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

Recommended Fire Related Brochures:

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

Firewise Landscaping: [Firewise Landscaping Basics | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#)

Wildfire Prevention: [Oregon Wildfire Response and Recovery: Wildfire Prevention : State of Oregon](#)

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