

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

October 2026

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October 27, Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program WHCMP

Lauri Brewster, North Willamette Watershed District Regional Habitat Biologist at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will present a program intended for landowners who want to actively manage their property for wildlife habitat.

Her talk will include ways to improve habitat for wildlife that we all can use and also introduce us to the Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program (WHCMP). Its goals include protecting good habitat that already exists, improving habitat diversity, controlling invasives, and helping prevent valuable habitat from being converted to other uses.

For WCSWA members, perhaps the most appealing part of the program is its emphasis on stewardship which many of us are already doing. It may not be the right fit for every woodland property, but for members interested in managing part or all of their property specifically for wildlife habitat, it's certainly a topic worth learning more about.

2026 WCSWA Monthly Programs

October	10	Matteson Community Day	Annual work party on Amy's Trail, discussion and lunch. See page 6.
	27	Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program (WHCMP) in the North Willamette Valley	SWCD office, 7175 NE Evergreen Pkwy, Ste. 400, Hillsboro Speaker: Lauri Brewster , see article above
November	20	WCSWA Annual Banquet	Embassy Suites Hotel, Hillsboro Note change of day: The banquet will be held this year on Friday . See registration insert and article on page 4.
December		No program in December	

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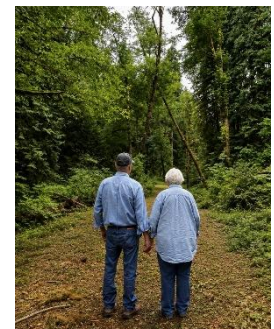


Anne Doneen Hanschu passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at her home in Forest Grove, Oregon. She was born on October 11, 1940, in Bellingham WA. She was a long-time resident of Bartlesville, OK and Forest Grove, OR. She was surrounded by her family and husband Richard Hanschu, retired veterinarian of Bartlesville, OK.

Anne is survived by her husband, Richard Hanschu of 60 years; three children, Amanda Henderson (Kirk), Kristine Wyers (Gerald) and Richard Duane Hanschu (Shuchun Yao); four grandchildren, Andrea, Sean, Kate and Dawson; 7 great-grandchildren, Kourt, Luke, Ava, Mya, Alexandria, Madelyne and Meira.

Anne spent the last 30 years devoted to her family and The Little Beaver Creek Tree Farm. She was involved in the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Washington County Small Woodlands, American Tree Farm System, Oregon Woodland Cooperative and the Oregon Forest Resource Institute.

Her greatest joy was watching her family and the trees grow. There was no other place she wanted to be but in the woods with the trees and if camping was included, the better. She was a special lady and will be sorely missed by all.



Leadership Notes by Dan Shumaker

Melinda and I made it home on September 9th from our Alaska and Canada trip. This was a 7-week trip that covered 8500 miles. We spent the next few days after our return cleaning the truck and trailer from all the rough roads that Alaska and Canada had to offer. As we headed south the tree diversity and size changed drastically with more cottonwood, pine and fir trees. The leaves were already starting to change. It was a great trip, and we are glad to be home.



Salmon Glacier – Hyder AK

The timber thinning at our Southern property has stopped until this fall. The logger was having issues with the white fir logs being full of summer sap and causing the log trucks to only haul partial loads due to weight. He also was having issues with the sawmill near Medford that was scaling the logs mainly in the favor of the mill. This is typical, but it was worse than normal. The logger is working with a replacement sawmill for this fall.

I am happy to announce that we have candidates for the WCSWA president and treasurer positions and the three open board seats. The positions will be voted on at the annual meeting in November. I would like to personally thank these individuals for agreeing to fill the officer positions, three board positions, and two committees that were in need of a coordinator.

Mary Spiering – President

Vic Herinckx – Vice President

Kathy Brock – Treasurer / Secretary

Board Position #5 – John Dummer

Board Position #6 – Mark Turner (Turner Logging)

Board Position #1 – Bonnie Shumaker to fill in as Kathy is moving to Treasurer / Secretary position

Melinda and I have agreed to help with the seedling sale and coordination for the near future. We met with Don Sohler in September to get more information on the process he had used in the past. John Dummer and Mike Jamieson have agreed to help coordinate the Tree Farmer of the Year process.



Save these dates:

November 14, 2026

Oregon Tree Farm System Annual Members Meeting & Recognition Celebration:

Saturday, Oregon Garden, Silverton



June 19, 2027 OSWA Tree Farmer of the Year tour at Roje Gootee's
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WCSWA Annual Meeting, Nov. 20

"Family forests: positivity and hope as working hypotheses"

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Why The Great Plains Has Almost No National Forest – World Atlas

Pull up a map of America's national forests and a pattern smacks you in the face. They pile up in the mountains, and then there is one giant, conspicuous void through the belly of the country: the Great Plains.

The Plains Were Never Forest

Most of the Great Plains is naturally too dry for trees, a grassland rather than a forest.

Let's clear up the biggest misconception right away. The Great Plains was not stripped of its trees; it never had many to begin with. It is a grassland, full stop. Most of the region is simply too dry for forests, with less than 20 inches of rain a year, which is why one 19th-century explorer took a single look at the land west of the 100th meridian and cheerfully wrote it off as "the Great American Desert."

The Land Was Already Taken

Under the Homestead Act, the feds were practically flinging free prairie at any settler willing to plow it, and plow it they did, fencing the whole region into farms and ranches. By the time the Forest Service clocked in for its first day in 1905, the Plains were already claimed, cropped, and closed for business.

The Plains Got Grasslands Instead

After the Dust Bowl, when the over-plowed prairie got so fed up that it physically blew away, the government sheepishly bought back around 11 million acres of the wreckage it had encouraged people to farm in the first place. Crews coaxed the native grasses back to life, and in 1960 roughly 3.8 million acres were rechristened National Grasslands, a brand-new type of public land run by, yes, the National Forest Service.

The Exceptions Prove the Rule

The Black Hills National Forest is a wooded mountain island in a sea of prairie.

There are a couple of genuine national forests out here, and they only make the point stronger. The Black Hills National Forest is a cool, pine-covered island that erupts out of the flat Dakota prairie as if it wandered in from Colorado and forgot to leave. Then there is the **Nebraska National Forest**, which is the largest hand-planted forest in the entire country. That is not a typo. Back in 1902, a group of foresters stared at a treeless ocean of sand dunes and decided, essentially out of sheer stubborn optimism, to plant a forest there themselves, one seedling at a time. So the Plains earns a national forest exactly twice: once where nature bothered to build a mountain, and once where humans flatly refused to take "no trees" for an answer.



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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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Oregon Forest Resources Institute

October Browse and More, “Good Fences Make Good Neighbors”

by Susan Schmidlin

We have all heard the phrase, “good fences make for good neighbors”, but how did we get here from those Wild West days? Spending an afternoon with KLS Surveying owner Don Wallace led to that very question.

The Land Ordinance of 1785 created the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) to divide the land into orderly square-mile sections and townships using baselines (east/west) and meridians (north/south). Donation Land Claims was passed by Congress to encourage U.S. settlement in the West. It promised free land to qualified settlers who arrived by late 1850.

Finding a starting point for the legal division of property lines from the California border at the south, the Pacific Ocean on the west, Idaho on the east and the Canadian border on the north was a challenge. Oregon does not sit exactly square to make east/west, north/south straight lines easy. The jagged coastline, the north line along the Columbia River and the east line along the Snake River contributed to the issue. All the while, the fertile Willamette Valley was very active with new claims and surveys of the land were crucial to keep neighbors from claiming land that rightfully belonged to others and necessitated the extension of the PLSS of 1785 into Oregon and Washington.

A grid was needed with a baseline that ran from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho by using the northernmost straight line east/west while still avoiding the Columbia River. Luckily this straight line would be well north of Mt. Hood which would be sure to create many challenges to beginning the baseline, and this proved true as the survey proceeded. The meridian needed to be away from the dynamic coastline and the Coast Range but not so far that it would be affected by the Cascade Range. Thus a point located in the Portland West Hills near Skyline Road became the starting point for the monumental task. That starting point is called the Willamette Stone or Willamette Meridian. That point connects to your current property lines and to the legal descriptions of all land in Oregon and Washington, but nature, time and advancing technology have led to corrections over the years.

Surveyors began to map out square miles of land (640 acres) called sections. They used a Gunter’s Chain that was 66 feet long with 100 links. Each individual link was 7.92 inches long. They were plotting the square miles to fit into townships of 36 sections. In theory each section would be exactly the same. Rugged terrain, difficult seasons, unexpected wildlife and the lonely life of men plotting through the territory led to some rather wonky grids. One group had been plotting from the Willamette Stone to the eastern side of Mt. Hood from the north while another group starting from the Willamette Stone plotted from the south and did not meet up as expected on the other side of the mountain. There you will find half-townships and other odd boundaries just as it is with the edges of some current counties. It was not an exact science.



Don Wallace finding paint on tree

Designating the points of townships was down to notching trees, scribing on rocks and stumps, using whatever was on hand and creating witness trees if none stood on the exact spot.

Surveys of any given area are documented and recorded with the county as proof of the previous survey work. Don and other surveyors use the county documents to define the area in order to locate the points leading to correct property lines. Surveyors of today have more advanced methods of finding property lines by homework in reams of county documents first, but they still need to get in the field to find those stones,



Current monument

posts, trees and monuments that are the positive points recorded with each county. Detective work is second nature to surveyors, sturdy outerwear a necessity.

OSU Tualatin Mountain Forest Tour, Sept. 19

By Miles Merwin



Mark Swanson and Jake Barker giving overview of Tualatin Mountain Forest

OSU hosted a small group of WCSWA members at its newest research forest near Scappoose on Sept. 19. The tour was led by Jake Barker, OSU Extension Forester, and Mark Swanson, Interim Director of OSU Research Forests. Nancy Stone, Trail Stewardship Director for the Northwest Trail Alliance (NTA) was also on hand.

Tualatin Mountain Forest (TMF) comprises 3110 acres in NW Multnomah Co. and has been in industrial ownership since the early 20th century, most recently by Weyerhaeuser. The forest is mostly Douglas fir from 0-40 years old. Acquisition by OSU last year was facilitated by the Trust for Public Land.

At the first stop, Jake and Mark gave an overview of the forest from a high overlook with a sweeping view, despite the low clouds. We then drove to a unit that was nearing the 40-year age where it would normally be clearcut under industrial management. They described variable density thinning as an alternative approach that they plan to implement to increase the diversity of tree sizes, ages and species within the stand. The next stop featured an example of a group selection harvest whereby gaps are created to create a wide range of habitat types. Mark and Jake explained that the overall goal is to move to longer rotations and build forest complexity to emulate natural stages of stand regeneration and to create multi-age, multi-layer, multi-species forests. Revenue from timber sales will help support research and maintenance.



Nancy Stone of Northwest Trail Alliance describing mountain bike trail agreement and maintenance

At the last stop, Nancy Stone described the work of NTA to manage over 30 miles of mountain bike trails under a lease agreement which began with Weyerhaeuser and will continue with OSU. NTA volunteers maintain the trails which have over 1200 visits per week in summer. The challenge facing forest managers is to coordinate active forest management operations with extensive bike recreation.

Jake said that work is starting on the development of a public recreation plan for TMF. Once that's completed, OSU anticipates opening areas of the forest next year for public use, including hiking, horseback riding and perhaps tribal hunting. Stay tuned to news from TMF and other OSU research forests by signing up for their newsletter at

<https://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/get-involved/get-news>.

Two Inserts in this issue

1. Annual Member Roster: This is very helpful in contacting friends and is never put online.
2. Annual Banquet Registration. Send this in by November 10 to reserve yourself and family members a place.



Program ideas?

Our chapter is known for excellent monthly programs and tours.

The program committee meets in November to plan dates for 2027.

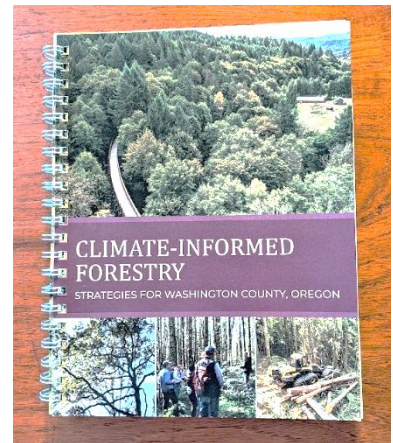
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Climate-Informed Forestry (CIF): Strategies for Washington County, Oregon

About CIF

Climate-Informed Forestry: Strategies for Washington County was written by a team of local agency professionals, forest managers and private forestry consultants. The guide provides forestry professionals and stewards with climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. Copies will be available at our October 27th meeting. It can also be downloaded at [Climate-Informed Forestry - Tualatin SWCD - Washington County](#).



New sawmill will be built in Clatskanie thanks to \$30M USDA loan

Columbia County Spotlight, August 1, 2026, by Kaelyn Cassidy

A new sawmill is coming to Clatskanie. After years of planning, Clatskanie Scion LLC is moving forward with the construction of a sawmill. The mill will be ready to operate in about a year and a half, bringing at least 35 jobs to the area, Brian Myers, a partner in the business, said.

The facility will expand the operations of Myers Woodline Inc., a family-run business based in Sheridan. “We’ve been together since the 1980s — my father, myself and my brother,” Myers said. “(We’ve) been doing it for a long time.”

Once it’s complete, the sawmill will manufacture industrial lumber products such as wooden separators used for shipping, crates and more. “If a customer calls and wants a certain size, we will cut it for them,” Myers said. “It’s amazing how much lumber is sold that doesn’t go into homes or a box store.”

The sawmill is coming to fruition thanks to \$30 million in financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In partnership with lender First Interstate Bank, the project is being funded through two of the USDA’s loan programs, one focused on timber and wood companies, particularly those that process forest fuels. The other is intended to help grow rural businesses.

Tillamook Forest Center Newsletter, Fall, 2026



As fall settles into the forest, the shifting leaves remind us that transitions are part of every season. Color changes, cooler air, and quieter trails signal the landscape is preparing for winter. This year brought its own transitions to the Tillamook Forest Center, including staff

supporting a record-breaking fire season which required steady teamwork and flexibility on the home front.

mark your calendar

Winter Closure
Starting November 30th

Join us for a program!
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What Forests Teach Us About Time

[Mountain Times Newspaper](#), By Dr. David Wenzel, 27 Jul 2026

One of the unexpected things I've learned from managing a small woodland is that trees have completely changed the way I think about time.

Humans tend to measure life in short increments. We worry about next week's meeting, this month's bills, or this year's goals. Even our longest plans usually stretch only a few years into the future. Trees are operating on an entirely different schedule.

A Douglas-fir seedling may spend its first decade looking almost insignificant. Fifty years later it has become a respectable tree. At one hundred years it is mature. At three hundred years it is just beginning to acquire the massive limbs, thick bark, and quiet presence that make old-growth forests so breathtaking.

To a tree, my entire lifetime is little more than a season. That realization has been strangely comforting.

When I first began caring for our woodland, my lifetime, a human lifetime, was my frame of reference. I didn't understand that a 60-year-old fir was just getting started. Sixty years seemed like such a long time in the context of a human lifetime. Plans for trees to provide shade or maybe a privacy screen of sorts require great patience. In reality, I won't enjoy the shade from trees I'm planting this year.

The forest politely ignores my human timetable and reminds me that healthy things often grow slowly. Year after year our PNW conifers quietly add another ring. So slowly that I often don't see the difference from one season to the next. Yet twenty years later the transformation is undeniable. Every time I plant a Douglas-fir, I know I will never see it at its full potential. Someone else will stand beneath its shade. Someone else may admire its height or mill its lumber generations from now. Oddly, that doesn't make the work less meaningful. It makes it more meaningful.

Perhaps we never really own a forest. We simply enter its story for a few decades. Our task is to honor those who shaped it before us and leave something worthy for those who will one day walk beneath these same trees.

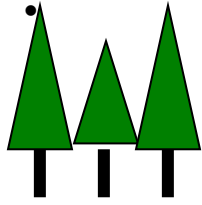
Perhaps that's one of the greatest gifts forests offer us: They invite us to slow down. They remind us that a meaningful life isn't measured only by what we accomplish this month or this year. Some of the most important work we ever do - raising children, caring for forests, building friendships, strengthening communities - is measured in decades.

The mountain communities understand this better than most. The forests surrounding us have stood through floods, fires, harsh winters, and generations of people who have come and gone. They have witnessed more history than any of us ever will.

Maybe that's why time seems to move a little differently here.

The trees quietly remind us that while our days are short, our influence doesn't have to be. Like the forests themselves, the things we nurture with patience today may become the legacy someone else enjoys tomorrow.

Dave Wenzel has lived in the Mt. Hood community for more than 30 years, where he and his wife, Hollis, care for a 20-acre woodland they affectionately call the "20 Acre Wood." His days are spent managing the forest, planting trees (including as many redwoods as he can before he dies), welcoming guests to their Treehouse, and appreciating the lessons that nature has to teach about life, community, and meaning.



Potpourri

Membership: Welcome new members **Andrew Graham & Andrea Flanagan, North Plains.** We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! Questions? Contact any of the directors, officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 2.

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 \(oregonstate.edu\)](https://firewise-landscaping.org/)

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

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