

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
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Log Roll-Out At Stimson: Know Your Logs for Higher Value



Tom St. Laurent, chief of the Yamhill Scaling and Grading Bureau, and member of the Northwest Log Advisory Group, along with Stimson Lumber Company, hosted WCSWA on September 15th for a “log roll-out”. Tom explained how scaling bureaus operate; as an agent of both log buyer and log seller, using a scaling rule book that explicitly defines how scale and grade are determined. Tom also described how logs coming in to mills have changed over the past 20 years – something not too hard for tree farmers to imagine as we see the progression from old growth to second growth to small size logs from commercial

See “Roll-Out”, page 7

2007-2008 WCSWA Program:

The Washington County Small Woodlands Association program year beginning this October is shaping up to continue the tradition of quality programs and tours we’ve come to expect from the Program committee; Mel Mortenson, Jim Brow, and Ralph Raines. Leading off on October 23rd will be a presentation by Steve Bowers, OSU Forestry Extension agent from Lane County. Steve will be leading us through VARPLOT, a computer based cruising system designed for use by forest landowners. Those who are familiar with Steve’s presentations know he will be practical, informative, and entertaining!

The Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on November 13th. A flier for the meeting is enclosed with this newsletter. The banquet will be held at the Jennings McCall Center in Forest Grove. The speaker will be Martin Goebel, president of Sustainable Northwest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainable use of forest and farm lands. Sustainable use is defined by economic viability, social acceptability, and environmental sensitivity, and Sustainable Northwest has been involved in a number of projects in Oregon aimed at those goals. Healthy Forest-Healthy Communities has been one of interest to forest landowners in eastern Oregon, and there are also projects of interest in southern Oregon. Recently the organization has begun projects in northwest Oregon related to carbon sequestration, certification, and other initiatives related to non-industrial private forestry.

Meetings have not traditionally been held in December due to the other activities taking place. January’s meeting, on the 22nd, will feature a subject many small woodland owners struggle with – invasive plants! Lacey Townsend of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District will present information about how to recognize and deal with these invaders. *See “Program”, page 6*

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Notes from the President

by Dallas Boge

The calendar tells us that Fall started a few days ago, the crispness in the air only confirms the change of seasons. My impression of Summer was that it was a little cooler and a lot dryer than what we have had recently. In spite of that, a recent check on this year's seedlings shows a very good survival rate. That also reminds me that it is time to order any additional seedlings needed for next year's planting. The chapter still has a good supply of Douglas fir and western red cedar. Contact Bob Shumaker for details, or see the order form included in the Forest Forum a few months ago.

Once a year we send the Forest Forum to all timber owners in Washington County. This year it is the October issue. The members are owners of a few acres to hundreds of acres of woodlands. Our members own timber for various reasons. The current class of Master Woodland Managers recently visited a small acreage which features a broad collection of species of woodland trees. It also has enough locally marketable species to qualify as commercial woodland, even though it might not be its primary objective. The owner has a chance to interact with other owners and exchange ideas.

Other owners own and manage many hundreds of acres. Often their management objectives are for maximizing the production of timber for the manufacture of lumber for the housing market. In addition, the local chapter thru the state organization helps to shape legislation in the state and nationally.

Our members receive 12 issues of Forest Forum each year, 8 issues of the Update from the state and 4 issues of Northwest Woodlands. In addition, the chapter meets 11 months each year, only taking off December. In the Summer, our meetings are field trips to member's woodlands, and other woodland-related businesses. If this sounds interesting to you, I have a special offer for you. Thru the generosity of Stimson Timber, we have a limited number of coupons offering a \$25.00 discount for new members. All you need to do is fill out the membership application and forward it to me with a check for the full amount less \$25.00.

Dallas

Oregon Woodland Co-op Gets Implementation Grant

Last year the Oregon Woodland Co-op (OWC) received a grant from USDA to prepare a business plan. That plan has been completed, and calls for significant changes in the scope and value of services, products, and opportunities for Co-op members. A "working capital grant" for \$147,050 has just been authorized by USDA to help the Co-op implement the new plan.

The new business plan will change the way the Co-op does business. Professional services will be provided, as in the past, but with a broader range of services and providers. The Co-op will help members find and utilize niche markets and markets for non-timber products. Coordinated member marketing will be used where there is member interest in achieving higher returns for their products. Specialized forestry equipment will be available for rental or purchase. And, the Co-op will have the services of a staff person to assist members in utilizing Co-op services, researching markets, and providing other member services.

The Co-op is looking for increased membership to participate in this new business venture. A brochure is enclosed with this issue – if you are interested, call Marie Madison at 503-926-3220, or Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472.

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Event Calendar

- October** **23 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** – 7:00 p.m. VARPLOT, timber cruising software – Steve Bowers, the “Tree Man”. OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185th and Walker Road, Beaverton.
- November** **13 WCSWA Annual Meeting** - speaker, Martin Goebel, president of Sustainable Northwest. Jennings-McCall Center, Forest Grove. 5:30 social, 6:15 dinner, 7:00 speaker
19 Oregon Tree Farm System Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon – co-sponsored by Oregon Forest Resources Institute and Oregon Tree Farm System. World Forestry Center (see details in Potpourri, page 16)
- December** **No scheduled meeting**
- January** **22 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** Lacey Townsend, Resource Technician, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, will present information on invasive weeds. OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185th and Walker Road, Beaverton.
- February** **26 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** Paleogeographer. Details later. OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185th and Walker Road, Beaverton.
- March** **25 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** John Krause, Stewardship Forester, Oregon Dept. of Forestry. Details later. OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185th and Walker Road, Beaverton.
- April** **22 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** Susan Barnes, Wildlife Biologist, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Details later. OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185th and Walker Road, Beaverton.
- May** **20 Potluck** at Reeher Family "stage stop" and "woods camp". Details later
- June** **12 Twilight tour** at the Raines Tree Farm to celebrate 50 year anniversary

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OSU Extension Forestry *by Chal Landgren, Extension Forester*

There are many people who sincerely want to help and answer your forestry question(s). The Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service is one venue for help. I certainly don't have all the answers, but maybe I can help put you in touch with someone who can answer your question or get you started in the right direction.

Oregon State University Forestry Extension concentrates on group education. We sponsor classes on things like road maintenance, forest planning, and so on.

There are two Extension Foresters in this general area and 10 spread across the state. My "territory" is Washington and Columbia counties with some statewide work in Christmas trees.

Brad Withrow-Robinson covers Polk, Marion and Yamhill counties. Both of us have newsletters and try to outline coming events and opportunities. The newsletter(s) are free and available on the web (addresses below) or you can be added to mailing lists.

Newsletter-Tall Timber Topics (Washington and Columbia Counties)

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/index.php>

Contact phone for Chal Landgren is 503.725.2102.

Newsletter- Forest and Tree Notes (Yamhill, Polk, and Marion Counties)

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/yamhill/forestry/index.html>

Brad Withrow-Robinson's contact phone is 503.434.8914

Currently, I'm in the middle of a series of classes called Master Woodland Managers. The list of participants for our latest class is:

Elouise Binns	Dallas Boge	Sharon Boge	Jim Brown	Vic Herinckx	Brian Hoyt
Linda Martin	Pat Nygren	Paul Nys	Cary Renzma	Joanne McGilvra	Rose
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In a few months, these folks will help others as part of their "pay back" for the instruction over the past months.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)

The Oregon Legislature established OFRI in 1991 to improve public understanding of Oregon's forest resources and encourage environmentally sound forest management through training and other educational programs for forest landowners. It is funded by a dedicated tax on harvest of forest products. OFRI sponsors conferences, training courses, and publishes a wide range of booklets and brochures on specific topics of interest to forest landowners. Their website is www.ofri.org

Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)

OSWA represents the interests of small woodland owners in Oregon – in the community, in the legislature, and in relationships with other organizations. One of the primary missions of OSWA is education. OSWA and its partners use a variety of means to help family forestland owners educate themselves, including field tours, newsletter (the Update), website, and Northwest Woodlands, a quarterly publication that features topics of interest to landowners managing forests. Participating in OSWA is a very good way to get "plugged in" to a variety of educational opportunities. An application form is included in this newsletter. The OSWA website is www.oswa.org

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The **February 26th** WCSWA meeting will likely be a paleogeographer, but no specifics are available yet. Perhaps when Jim Brown gets it lined up for us, we'll know what the term means! A good guess might be that it has something to do with what the landscape looked like in pre-historic times.

On **March 25th** John Krause, one of the Forest Stewardship foresters working out of the Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Grove office, will meet with us to discuss his dual responsibilities: providing assistance to forest landowners and administering the Forest Practices Act.

Susan Barnes, wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will visit us at our **April 22nd** meeting. She is currently the Wildlife Diversity Biologist for ODFW's Northwest Region, an area that extends from Astoria to Cottage Grove on the west side of the Cascades. Susan's main responsibilities include 1) providing oversight and coordination of non-game wildlife related issues and activities for fellow employees, local jurisdictions, project applicants and the public and 2) serving as the technical expert on biological requirements and management of non-game species. In other words, her job is to represent and promote the conservation of non-game wildlife and their habitats.

On **May 20th**, we'll begin the summer tour season with a potluck at the Reeher family "stage stop and rest camp" on the Wilson River highway. The Reehers will present a half hour slide program on the "early settlers" as well as a half hour "historical walk". There is an eating hall that will accommodate 40 to 50 people, with tables, chairs, electricity, water, stove, and refrigerator. The historic stage stop and woods camp is located near the Tillamook Forest Center.

The first official summer tour will be on **June 12th** – a visit to the Raines tree farm near Cherry Grove (just northwest of Gaston). This is the 50th year of operation for the tree farm, begun by Ralph Raines from farming and grazing lands that he has planted and cultured over the years. Ralph Jr. will conduct the tour.

July or August are the normal months for the annual Tree Farmer of the Year Tour (the TFOY will be announced at the annual meeting in November). This is always a big event for WCSWA, with food and drink as well as an interesting tour.

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thinning. The rule book has changed over time to accommodate these changes.

Log measurements continue to evolve. One decision that faces those selling younger, smaller timber is whether or not to sell by weight or by boards. Weight is based on the weight of a cubic unit of wood, while boards are measured by a constructed conical shape representing the number of 1" by 1" by 12" pieces of wood in a tree. Using cubic volume tables, and average weight per volume tables, the weight of logs can be determined. Comparing the value by weight from mills that buy by weight, with the value of boards offered by mills buying by boards, can help a log seller make a decision. However, the value by boards can be trickier to estimate, unless the seller is very familiar with the log scale rule, and how mills structure their buying prices.

Following an overview of log scaling, Tom led those at the roll-out through a detailed examination of 20 logs, which exhibited a variety of scaling sizes, defects, and deformities. Using the scaling rule book, Tom demonstrated how logs can be "made" into their highest value, taking advantage of mill pricing structure, and minimizing the effect of defect on value received.

Tom offered these tips to log sellers:

- 8 foot minimum recovery is the bottom line. The log bucker must adhere to this standard. If not, the log is scaled to only its minimum length
- on 4 ring to the inch or less, 2 ½ " knots with raised collars are a downgrade because of the effect of the collar down through the boards
- ring count is not usually a factor except in old growth logs
- some mills have a maximum log butt width, which may require "long butting" or "sniping"
- mills may say they want extra trim, but scalers follow the rule book. A mill can, however, refuse to buy if too many logs come in not meeting their requirements.

Does this picture intrigue you?

Where do you think this picture was taken?

Look in Tree Talk, page 11

(Hint: look at the last sentence, first paragraph)



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After reading this newsletter, we hope that you will decide to join the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, the voice for the small woodland owner in Oregon. When you join OSWA, a county chapter membership (such as Washington County Small Woodlands) is also included. At the very minimum, membership in the organization offers you:

- The opportunity to network with over 2,900 family woodland owners in Oregon.
- The opportunity to educate yourself and others about family woodland ownership via publications, events and tours.
- The opportunity to advocate for issues important to the Association by working with other volunteers and our professional staff at the local, state and national level.
- The opportunity to help develop new tools aimed at sustaining family forestlands as part of Oregon's landscape for generations to come.
- Links to leading research for and about family woodland ownership.
- Speakers at monthly meetings of Washington County Small Woodlands and summer forest tours.
- Monthly newsletter from Washington County Small Woodlands as well as OSWA newsletters and Northwest Woodlands Magazine.

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Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

Bob and I recently returned from a trailer trip. We left our land of doug fir, cedar and alder for that of spruce, aspen and pine. I'm sure we're not the only tree farmers who get excited about trees in other parts of the country. We seem to gravitate toward treed country when we travel. The Canadian Rockies encompassed the start of our route, and then we dipped back into the U.S. at East Glacier. Eastern Montana brought the high plains and North Dakota the Badlands. While we enjoyed the endless prairie dotted with antelope and Angus, when we reached the piney woods of the Black Hills of South Dakota, our woodland kinship was renewed. The Black Hills is ninety percent National Forest and exhibits sound management with well thinned, multiple use forests. The conflict we see in the west on how to manage our National Forests seems delightfully absent there. After enjoying the monuments of Mt. Rushmore and Chief Crazy Horse as well as scenic sights of the Black Hills, we turned west and completed our circle back through Montana and Idaho to return to our own beauty of Northwest Oregon. In the Canadian Rockies, I took an up close picture of the new growth of a stand of healthy spruce. Five inches seems to be the norm. And we think forty to eighty years is a long time to wait for harvest!

Since this issue of Forest Forum will reach a much larger audience than usual, I would like to put in a plug for joining Oregon Small Woodlands Association. Bob and I first joined OSWA when we owned five acres of woodland in Scholls. We were a busy family with small children, and while we never took advantage of meetings or tours, we felt it advantageous to learn what we could and support the small woodlands natural resource community.

After moving to forty acres in Banks, we raised sheep and were hustling to learn this fun but challenging job. We tried to take care of what little forest we had while raising a family and working outside jobs. After twenty years, we had the opportunity to buy an adjoining forty acres of forestland that had just been clear-cut. We took the responsibility for doing the replanting. During this purchase, we became more than ever aware of our situation as neophyte forest managers. We remembered OSWA and rejoined. This time we did attend meetings and tours and learned from the eons of experience represented and readily shared by members. We became Master Woodland Managers through OSU Extension and have happily volunteered where our interest and the woodland community's needs meshed.

I urge you to consider joining OSWA. With your membership you are automatically a member of a county organization such as Washington County Small Woodlands who distributes this monthly newsletter to members and has regular educational meetings and tours. OSWA also has a statewide newsletter. OSWA is the only organization in Oregon dedicated to supporting woodland owners in the community, in the legislature, and in other organizations. Their primary mission is education. While it is true that trees will grow on their own, growing a healthy, fire-resistant, productive forest takes know-how. OSWA and WCSWA are ready to provide the necessary knowledge and support. I hope you will join the organization for your own benefit and that of the wider small woodland resource community. If you have questions, feel free to contact any OSWA or WCSWA officer or board member or check out the websites at www.oswa.org or www.wcswa.org.

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Who Are Tree Farmers?

by Ron Bell, Arkansas forest landowner

Editor's note: This article appeared in the National Woodlands magazine, date unknown. It was suggested for inclusion in this issue because of it emphasizes getting "down and dirty" in managing your woodland. The article is not meant to denigrate forestry professionals, who can provide valuable services to landowners, or even those of us who own land but find we don't have the necessary time or resources to be as active as we'd like to be. However, it does give one pause to reflect on how much of our time, passion, and resources we are giving to our woodland, and to our community of woodland owners and tree farmers.

Son, I did not give you a very good answer the other week when you asked a very important question. The conversation occurred in late March while you were out of school for spring break; and I had you planting trees and helping your mom and I run our regional forestry conference. You asked, "Why do I have to work all week while my friends are going everywhere on vacation? Their parents are forest landowners too!" My answer was, "The reason you are working and those other kids are not is because their parents are forest landowners while yours are tree farmers". Now, I realize you don't have the experience to understand that answer, so I would like to explain it to you.

The first thing you need to understand is that, while all tree farmers are forest landowners, most forest landowners aren't tree farmers. Let me explain some of the differences. The average forest landowner, especially the large institutional ones, is probably third generation dilettantes or debutants who own forestland simply because an ancestor left it to them as part of the inheritance. Most tree farmers are first generation landowners who purchased their forestland because they have a love and passion for forestry. Forest landowners attend conferences, sometimes for the chance to learn a little about forestry, but mostly to socialize, politic, and do and say what their industry handlers tell them to do. Their children won't be present because it's really not all that important. Tree farmers plan and run conferences because of their willingness to serve others; and their children will be there to learn how to do the same when their time for service comes. A forest landowner seldom visits their forestlands because they don't want to get mud, dust, or scratches on their Lincoln Town Car. Mud is mostly what holds a good tree farmer's pickup together.

Forest landowners occasionally receive a timber sale check from a forestry consulting firm and are told they had a good sale, got a good price, and everything turned out all right. A tree farmer will be on site, managing his sale, ensuring that the trees are harvested as he marked them, that materials are properly sorted for their best use and highest value, and delivered to the buyers he has selected to get the best price the market has to offer.

A tree farmer will have sawdust in his hair, tree sap on his pants, and seedling planting dirt under his fingernails. Forest landowners seldom will. At this conference, when you will hear someone giving a theoretical, general presentation on a management practice that will produce theoretical results, you are probably listening to a forestry professional. On the other hand, if the speaker demonstrates he probably knows more about growing that particular stand of trees on that particular patch of ground than anyone else on earth, you are probably listening to the tree farmer who grew them.

A forest landowner looks for her check so she can finalize her plans for a European vacation. A tree farmer will look forward through the mists of time and future events, design in her mind the architecture of her future forest, and then lead her generations of descendants in building it.

Now son, this has still been somewhat of an incomplete answer, but I hope it helps. Just understand this. That week last March, while the children of those other forest landowners were out spending their legacy, this tree farmer had you out building yours.

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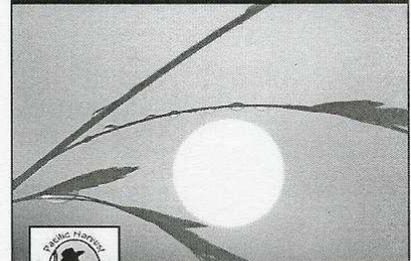
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Is it possible that old growth trees are now growing faster in recent decades than they did before? Research was done on ring count samples from oaks, poplars, and cedars in states from Maine to North Carolina by Neil Pedersen, assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University. Some of these trees were 400 years old, but still showed a growth spurt in recent decades. Coincidentally, climate data for the same geographic area over the last 80 years is showing that there was about two weeks less snow on the ground, and temperatures over 4 degrees colder, in the 1970's than now. Pedersen found that younger trees were growing faster too.

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Sustaining Washington County's Forests

On the 26th of January the Vision Action Network of Washington County sponsored a day-long Sustainability Summit at the County Public Services Building in Hillsboro. This summit involved 126 leaders and experts from government, business, education, non-profit groups, service organizations, farming and forestry. Vision Action Network has been chartered by Washington County to explore challenges, options, and actions for the County's future.

Seven breakout sessions were an important part of this Sustainability Summit. One of these breakout sessions worked on the topic of Forests. The Forests Breakout Session identified a number of specific challenges facing forest sustainability in Washington County. Here are the **highest priority challenges** identified:

- Finding more equity between public interests and private interests
- The public's limited "protectionist" view of forest resources and values
- A general ignorance on forest roles regarding silviculture and the economy
- Conflicts among neighbors over different expectations regarding forest management
- Protecting urban upland woodlands (green spaces vs. development)
- The ongoing loss of forest products and their processing and marketing infrastructure
- Increasing forest fragmentation and the many problems this creates
- Problems with invasive species and diseases
- Maintaining forest habitat diversity and connectivity
- Creating community amongst stakeholders

Other challenges of slightly lower priority in Washington County were:

- Aging owners of private woodlands; heirs with different objectives
- Maintaining listed and sensitive forest species
- Continued loss of forest land to other uses
- Forest housing developments
- Increased wildfire danger due to the urban-wildland interface
- Increased recreational expectations
- Reforestation that appears to be weak in practice to some observers
- Identifying the public's stake in private forest lands
- Vandalism and dumping
- Protecting and maintaining forest values when developing land

From this list of challenges the January Breakout Session developed a list of recommended priority actions. A subgroup met in mid-March to develop these priority actions into a set of specific action statements to communicate to decision makers and executors. Three primary action areas: Education, Political Action, and Community Support were identified. Specific actions were developed for each.

Education. Promote a coordinated and comprehensive curriculum on the many benefits that sustainable and renewable forests provide. There are many existing programs, but is there a need to meld and expand these programs and courses?

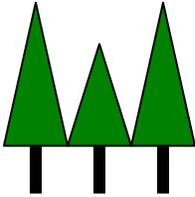
Political action. Concern over the potential effects of BM 37 on forest lands. Are there opportunities for actions that would improve forest land protection and management?

Community support. Can community support and understanding of the social, environmental and economic benefits of forest lands be improved?

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Welcome to New Member!

David Recek of Forest Grove has joined OSWA and WCSWA. We are here to help you achieve your management goals for your woodland. 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! If you have any questions, or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editor (listed on page 3).

Oregon Tree Farm System Annual Meeting - The annual meeting and awards luncheon of OTFS will be held on November 19th at Cheatham Hall, World Forestry Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and pastries. A free workshop sponsored by Oregon Forest Resources Institute will be followed by the annual meeting. The awards luncheon will begin at 12 p.m. in Merlo Hall. The cost of the luncheon is \$20, and pre-registration is required. Call Anne Hanschu at 503-357-2551 to register. The workshop topic, and other information on the event, will be in the November Forest Forum.

Annual All County (and more this year!) Issue – *WCSWA has sent out the Forest Forum to all Washington County forest land owners (on the tax rolls as such, and 10 acres or more) each year for the last three years. This year the distribution is including Yamhill and Columbia Counties, in conjunction with OSWA and the Oregon Woodland Co-op. The purpose is to offer OSWA benefits (through membership) to a broad spectrum of potential members. The Oregon Woodland Co-op is also interested in building its membership, especially since they are beginning a grant facilitated process of implementing their new business plan. Therefore, brochures for OSWA and the Co-op are included. WCSWA is having their annual dinner meeting on November 13th, and if you are interested in coming – welcome! A response flyer is included for the dinner meeting.*