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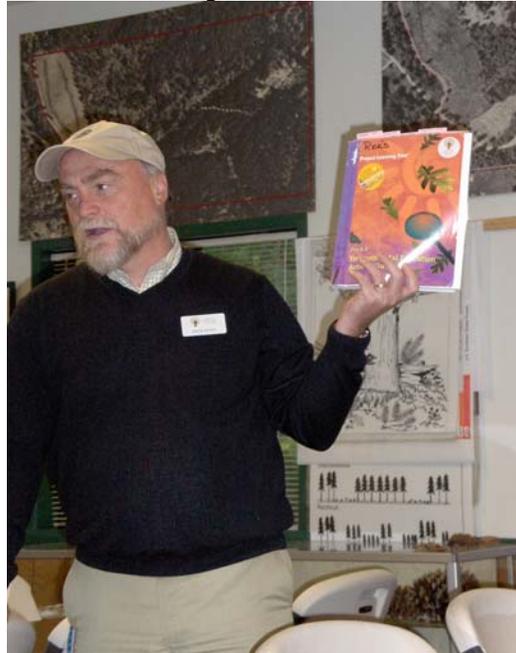
Van Loo Sawmill - June 19th

The WCSWA summer tour season will begin on Tuesday, June 19th, at the Van Loo Mill. Members can arrive from 5:30 PM, with the program to commence at 6 PM. Jim Van Loo and Ralph Raines, Jr, will be our hosts.

The Van Loo sawmill is a small mill, reminiscent of the type of sawmill which once flourished in the Pacific Northwest. The nature of markets for commodity lumber – and the capture of those markets by large industrial forestry organizations – has led to small, usually family owned sawmills (and more recently, portable mills) finding a different niche in the forest products industry.

From the junction of Highway 6 (Wilson River highway) and Highway 8 (Gales Creek highway) go about 3/4 mile west (toward Tillamook) until you come to the Shell service station on the left. At the west end of the blacktop, turn left onto the driveway and go past the house and shop until you reach the mill yard. There is parking available around the mill, which is visible from the highway.

Magness Tree Farm – An Outdoor Learning Laboratory



Rick Zenn (above) education director at the World Forestry Center, led WCSWA members on an educational tour through the Magness Tree Farm east of Newberg on May 22nd. The Tree Farm, which is an “outdoor education laboratory” for the World Forestry Center, hosted WCSWA at a potluck meeting.

Following the usual exceptional feast that typifies WCSWA potlucks, members followed Rick around some of the trails that wind through the Tree Farm. The trails are designed to highlight different forest conditions, and a range of forestry operations. Stops along the way provide the opportunity to discuss how people perceive what they see, and inform them about the science behind forestry activities.

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Notes from the President

by Dallas Boge

Last month, Sharon and I and eleven others from Washington and Columbia counties started our collective journeys to become Master Woodland Managers. By the time that you read this, two weekend sessions will be behind us and we will be on summer recess. If all goes well, we will finish by the end of the year.

Each of us in the class has varied amounts of exposure to woodland knowledge. Many times this leaves unknown and unexpected gaps in overall knowledge. What I hope to take away from class is a better overall comprehension of forestry in general and the ability to help other woodland owners better manage their properties. Each of us comes away from class with the obligation to volunteer 80 hours of time helping other woodland owners. This in itself becomes an adventure, like working at the booth at the Oregon State fair. You never know what someone will ask you, it becomes a challenging learning opportunity for each of us.

Several months ago I reported that we had received a long-term loan of a portable toilet. At the time, I could not reveal the identity of the one loaning it. Our non-profit status limits our political activity. At the time, Kevin Van Dyke was running for re-election as a board member of the Forest Grove Rural Fire Board. Even though he was running unopposed for a non-partisan position, there was no reason to take a chance to jeopardize our status. Thanks Kevin!

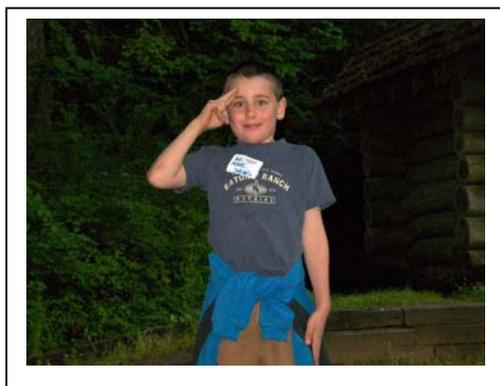
Last month the last of our blow down from the December storm left on a log truck. Now the cleanup starts. Windstorms never harvest where we would have planned, leaving a mess where it is not wanted. I know from talking to many of you that we are all in the same boat, some more than others. That's all for now.

Dallas



Is It A Bird? Is It a Plane? Is It.....?

Dallas Boge and other WCSWA members observing some interesting tree crowns on the tour of Magness Tree Farm



"I'll Salute That!"

Dirk and Liz Jacob's son enjoyed the Magness tour too!

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The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

A free service to our members: List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472. Got a tool or piece of equipment you don't need any more? Or maybe you are looking for tools, equipment, property, or materials? You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. Another way for tree farmers to help each other! (3 month limit)

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Event Calendar

- June** **19 Van Loo Sawmill tour** – 5:30 p.m., Banks area. See page 1.
22-23 Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association Summer Meeting and Tour
Embassy Suites, Portland Airport. Contact PNWCTA at 503.364.2942 for information
- July** **7 Oregon Tree Farm Annual Tour at Ken and Karin Faulks.**
28 WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year tour, at the Dirk and Liz Jacobs tree farm, in the Gales Creek area.
- August** **18 Tree Farm Tour, Jim Brown's tree farm** near the Washington-Yamhill County border
- September** **15 Log Scaling and Bucking – Common Mistakes** – Log roll-out at Stimson Mill, with instruction by Tom St. Laurent of Yamhill Scaling Bureau. 9:30 a.m.
- October** **23 WCSWA Monthly Meeting** – VARPLOT, timber cruising software – Steve Bowers, the "Tree Man".
- November** **13 WCSWA Annual Meeting** - speaker, Martin Goebel, president of Sustainable Northwest
- December** No scheduled meeting

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Top Ten Issues and Their Solutions *(from the April Family Forest Symposium)*

The following issues and their solutions were developed by small groups of those attending the Symposium:

Numbers 1 & 2: Family forestland owners are not being recognized and compensated for their contributions to the rest of Oregon's population. Solutions included financial and other incentives for conservation practices that exceed legal requirements and provide water, wildlife, scenic, or other public benefits.

Number 3: Intergenerational transfer. Solutions included tools to increase profitability, education, and technical assistance.

Number 4: Conflict of values: Solutions included public education and outreach, using tours, youth opportunities, and helping "new neighbors" understand rural realities and values.

Number 5: Global climate change: Solution is to embrace new tools for new times, including making connections with other society segments to create synergy and opportunities for markets and economic opportunities.

Number 6: Stewardship and sustainability messages not effective. Solution is to improve delivery through coalition building, focused messages, especially to intergenerational succession and value transference.

Number 7: Economic challenges of family forestland owners. Solution – local lumber for local projects.

Number 8: Engaging the wider community of family forestland owners. Solution is to reach out to and educate the uninvolved family forestland owners through their family forestland owner neighbors, develop partnerships with community leaders to enlist their help, and provide a broad-based education effort to increase knowledge about the value of managing forests.

Number 9: Viability of family forestlands. Solution – establish a green-credit forest fund to provide payments for conservation easements on family forestlands that provide public benefit. Funding would come from development charges or "green" payment from consumers.

Number 10: Viability of family forestlands, values conflict with urban neighbors, and unpaid services. Solution – create a multilevel set of performance standards to enhance current single level Forest Practices Act, based on on-the-ground performance.

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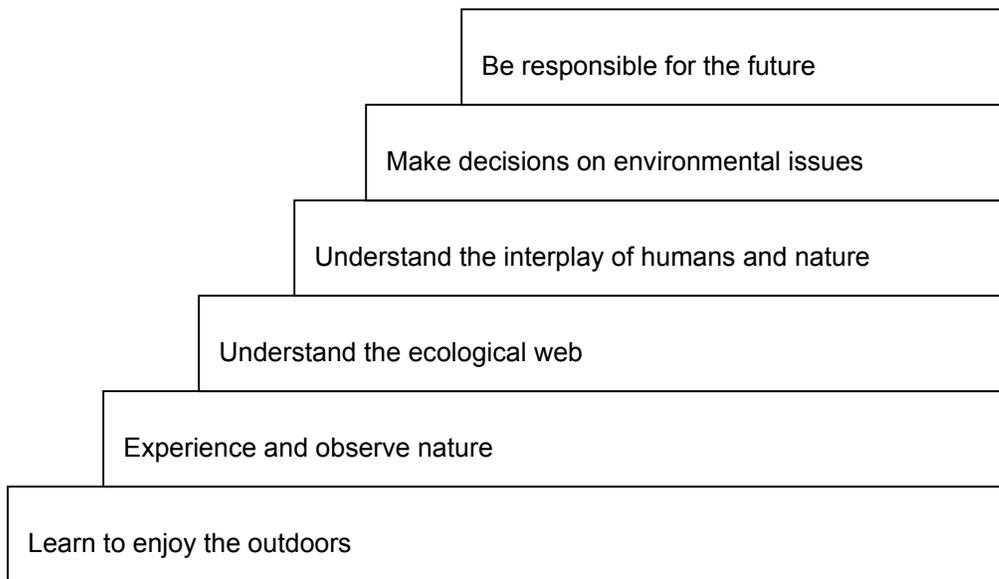
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Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

Bob and I just finished hosting a field trip for 75 second graders from Banks Elementary School. We did this with the help of five other WCSWA members and we had a grand time. We have done this before as a progressive field trip with Lyal and Sandy Purinton's tree farm. We revised it this year to include just our farm as two farms in one day proved a bit hectic.

What was timely about the need for revision was the talk that Rick Zenn gave at the May WCSWA meeting at Magness Tree Farm. I believe Rick said that the Magness Tree Farm hosts 17,000 visitors each year, many of them school groups. The challenge is teaching everything you want while having the tour be a pleasant memorable experience. Rick gave us each a handout that showed the steps to "Learning with the Forest". This was based on research in Norway. What it emphasizes is that before any learning can be done, the children have to learn to enjoy the outdoors and experience and observe nature. Only then can they begin to understand the rest. The "pedagogical stairs" are shown below. There is a website www.skogkurs.no/lms as well.



What it meant to us as we revised the booklet that the children use as they progress to seven stations around the farm is that first of all they shouldn't be rushed. Group leaders and chaperones were told that it's okay to go off the trail, pick leaves or cones and go at their own pace. We had strategically placed ribbons at which the hurry-up types waited while the others caught up. The wording in the booklet changed from facts to "what do you think" and "what do you feel." We were always happy to answer questions, but we didn't try to stuff in so much. FUN was the focus. Even in Banks, there were some kids who had never been in a forest. We hoped they learned to enjoy, experience and observe nature and will remember this enjoyment when the next forest learning takes place.



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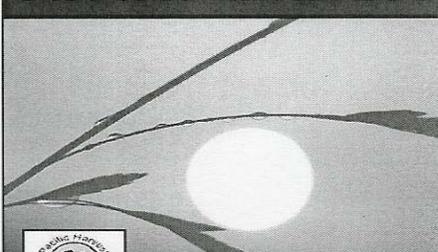
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Log Donations Needed for upper West Fork Dairy Creek restoration project

The Tualatin River Watershed Council is working with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and a private landowner on a restoration project on upper West Fork Dairy Creek. The project includes removing fill and two culverts for road crossings (made obsolete because of installation of two bridges) located in the new L.L. ‘Stub’ Stewart State Park and placing logs in over a mile of stream located both on park and private property. This work will be performed after permits are obtained, probably in September 2007. The new park is located near Highway 47 and is opening this summer.

We need to obtain a large number of logs (238) to place in the stream. We are looking for Douglas fir, grand fir, or hemlock logs of 60 cubic feet (bole only, 18” large end and 15” small end, 40 feet log). They do not need to be high quality; large limbs and curved boles don’t influence their usefulness in the stream. These logs will be placed to help create resting pools and in-stream habitat for native winter steelhead trout and cutthroat trout. Additional wood will be recruited into the stream as it ages.

You may have several downed logs on your property from storms over the past year. If you would like to make a donation of these logs (the Council is a non-profit organization with 501(c) 3 status), please contact us - April Olbrich, Council Coordinator, 503-846-4810, trwc@easystreet.com or Tom Nygren, WCSWA representative, 503-628-5472, tnygren@juno.com. The Council will work on ways to load and transport the logs to the restoration site.



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The U.S. Forest Service research report "Review of Log Sort Yards", by Rusty Dramm, et al provides a general overview of current log sort yard operations in the United States, including an extensive literature review and information collected during on-site visits to several operations throughout the nation. Log sort yards provide many services in marketing wood and fiber by concentrating, merchandising, processing, sorting, and adding value to logs. Such operations supply forest products firms with desired raw materials, which helps improve their bottom line by reducing the number of marginal logs processed. Ultimately, sorting logs leads to better use of the available timber resources. Successful log sort yards are self-sufficient and have well-established markets and a steady supply of wood. Log sort yard concepts and analyses described in this report have broad applications.

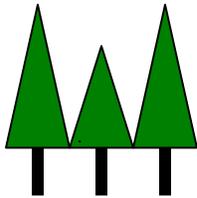
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Follow-up: WCSWA-THPRD Oak Restoration Partnership Julie Reilly, Natural Resource Specialist with THPRD, provides an update (April, 2007 Forest Forum). *“Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District was awarded a \$17,000 grant for oak restoration at the Nature Park! This will allow us to save some really big oak trees on the north side of the park and in another area on the south near to a perched wetland. Thank you so much for the support of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association during the grant application process. I’m working now to assess threats to the oak trees in the two restoration areas. One area is still closed to the public and to volunteers from winter storm damage, but the other site is extensive and open.”* The future role of WCSWA in the project will be determined by discussions with Julie and THPRD, but will likely include advice and counsel, as well as on the ground help by volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this project, please let Dallas Boge or any of the officers and directors know.

Tree Farmer of the Year Picnic

Join us ***Saturday, July 28*** for a tour of Liz & Dirk Jacobs’ tree farm off Hwy 6 near Gales Creek. See what the Jacobs have done to convert an overly dense stand of trees (up to 1200 trees per acre) to a healthier, less fire prone forest. Liz will discuss the economics of her bundled firewood business and will demonstrate processing from log to palletized bundles. There will also be speakers on several topics, static displays and walking tours. The Jacobs have a 17 acre tree farm, therefore small landowners or those new to WCSWA are especially encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. More details and directions to the farm will be in the July newsletter. ***Early RSVP’s are appreciated, so if you plan to attend, please call Liz at 503-359-1510.***