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SEEDLING NURSERY TOUR – by *Bob Shumaker*

It is time to start thinking about your seedling needs for this winter's planting season. Washington County Small Woodlands has contracted with Lewis River Reforestation in Woodland, WA. for 40,000 Doug fir 1 + 1 Vernonia Elite seedlings to be available for this next planting season. They will also have Western Red Cedar for us as needed. The seedling order form will be published in next month's newsletter so you can reserve your seedlings..

On **July 17th**, we have arranged with Lewis River Reforestation to tour their operation and look at the status of the seedlings we have available.

Please contact Bob Shumaker (503)324-7825 if you are interested in this tour. We will car pool from the West Coast Bank parking lot in North Plains at 9:00AM on July 17, 2007 and be at Lewis River by around 10:00AM and be back at North Plains about 1:00PM..

Tree Farmer of the Year Tour: July 28th, Jacobs Tree Farm

Don't miss the tree farm tour for the 2006 Tree Farmers of the Year, Dirk and Liz Jacobs, on July 28th at their tree farm on Shearer Hill Road. If you are a new WCSWA/OSWA member, you will especially enjoy this tour! The tree farm is a small property, but intensively managed for a variety of purposes important to the Jacobs, including income producing activities such as timber for lumber and firewood, and recreation for family, friends, and charitable organizations.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will be followed by a variety of interesting and informative activities. An RSVP is needed for lunch planning, so please call Liz at 503-359-1510 if you are planning to attend. See directions to the tree farm at the end of this article.

Some of the activities planned for the day are a short, self-guided walking tour on which people can help us identify several tree and plant species, a firewood enterprise demonstration and discussion of the economics involved (including the processing, bundling, and marketing), and a variety of recreation opportunities such as hiking and running trails, golf driving range, and a "zip line". Discussions about a variety of other topics will be available, including property law issues (with Bob Browning, attorney from Forest Grove), and truffles (with an expert on truffles, Oregon truffles and inoculated European truffles). In addition to the discussion of small-scale firewood processing and economics, there may also be a Blockbuster firewood processor demonstration. Dirk will also demonstrate his "Ripsaw" small sawmill – an economical means of processing small logs.

The property tour itself will feature the variety reflective of the Jacobs' management objectives:

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Notes from the President

by Dallas Boge

In my column in June, 2006, I remarked about the condition of certain trees in the Columbia River gorge. We soon learned that the cause of the severe browning was the cold, dry wind in February of that same year. We again have come thru the gorge, the trees look good. Much of the damage is obscured by a solid carpet of green needles.

Looking deeper at the situation, some problems appear. Those trees damaged a year ago are not as thrifty as their neighbors. They will probably always be weaker than the rest. If we look at the spacing (particularly on the river side, but it applies to the land side also) and use the available tables for spacing that are based on dbh, we see that the trees are now or nearly in the morbidity range. The results of weak and dying trees can be seen graphically in Cascade Locks. There are vast areas of standing burned dead trees. How scenic!

The full name of this area is the Columbia River Gorge Scenic area. If I wanted to drive thru a tunnel of green trees, I would go into the adjacent Tillamook forest. It would be nice to see the river. Why not thin and prune up the trees at least on the river side so we could SEE the river.

The June 20 *Oregonian* capsulated an article from the current issue of *Nature* magazine. The revelation revealed was that the nitrogen pollution from automobiles and industry and other sources is accelerating the growth rate of our forests. The article indicated that about 4 to 13 pounds of nitrogen are deposited in the forests each year. It further indicates that each pound of nitrogen causes the trees to absorb 400 additional pounds of carbon. This seems to me to be a huge opportunity for us. The panic de jour is too much carbon (dioxide) in the atmosphere, causing global warming to accelerate. Why can't we sell carbon offsets by buying and applying nitrogen to our trees?

Every year Washington County provides staffing for the state booth at the state fair. Our day at the fair is August 28. If you would like to help, call me. In return for a few hours, you will get a parking pass at the VIP parking and a free pass in.

That's all for now.

Dallas

Tragic Logging Accident – A Lesson To Learn From

Emil Pelster was 53 years old and a small woodland owner near Vernonia. He had done a lot of logging on our acreage in the past 15 years or so. This last spring he had been cutting alder trees because the price was very good. He was working on an alder tree that had 2 large trunks. It was growing on a slope, and he had cut the first trunk on the downhill side. It fell down the hill and was out of the way. Next he cut the trunk on the uphill side of the tree. Evidently, the tree, which was about 75 feet tall and about 18 inches in diameter, fell up the hill. About 20 feet up from the cut on the trunk, the tree struck a hillock. The tree see-sawed, with the butt end going up, twisting, and then coming down on top of Emil, who was several feet off to the side of where he had cut the tree. We believe that Emil was killed instantly. I don't really know enough about logging to know how it could have been avoided, other than not letting the tree fall uphill toward a hillock.

It has been a terrible tragedy for our family. We have always known that logging is very dangerous. I hope that all the loggers and logging employers can find safer ways of running their operations to avoid accidents like Emil's as much as possible. I don't want other logging families to have to suffer a loss like ours. ***Carol Pelster, Emil's widow***
Our deep sympathies to Carol, and thanks for providing this information to help others be safer in the woods!

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Event Calendar

- July** **17** Tour of Lewis River Reforestation, Woodland, WA. See page 1 for details.
 28 WCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year tour, at the Dirk and Liz Jacobs tree farm, in the Gales Creek area. See page 1 for details.
- 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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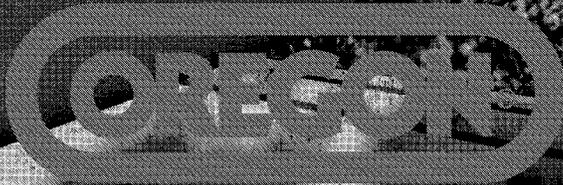


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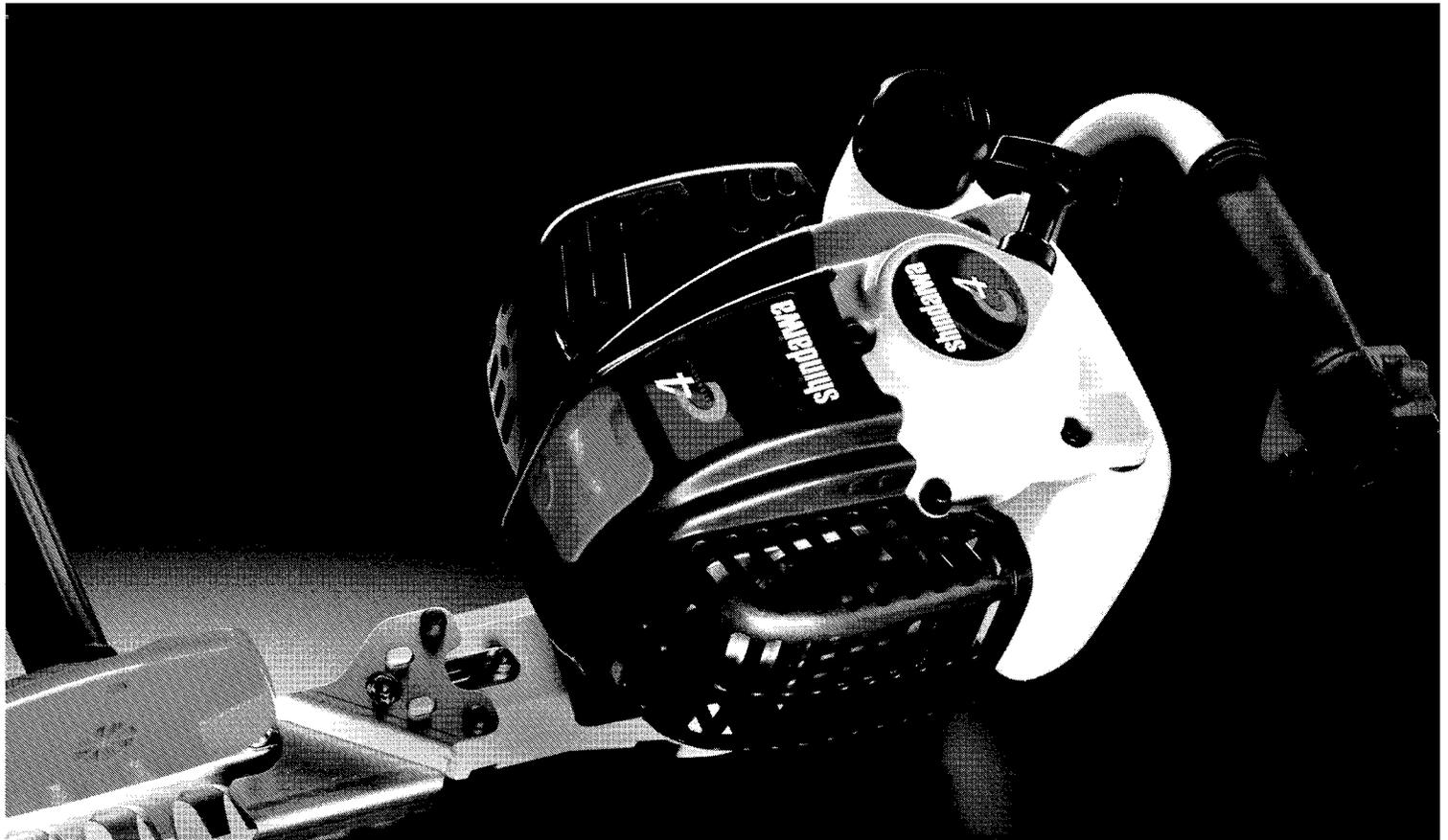
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Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

I know you are all familiar with Paul Bunyon, his mighty ox, Babe and the huge trees they harvested. Now picture the exact opposite and you'll have a picture of my proud accomplishment this last week. Last fall I reported that Bob and I won Stimson Lumber Company's tall leader contest and the prize was a chain saw which we ordered in my size. It feels good for my frame and strength, but I've had a hard time starting it and have been somewhat discouraged and a bit anxious about using it. I did take the "Chain Saws for Women Only" course at Tree School this spring and even received a certificate, but hadn't done more than prune a few limbs from our fruit trees (after Bob had started the saw for me).

The project that prompted me to take up the chain saw again was my vegetable garden. The pole beans were up and it always pleases me to have the bean poles in place before the plant's tendrils are reaching for something on which to climb. The poles I used last year had rotted out. In the past, I've taken a certain satisfaction by going in the woods to find branches on the ground that would serve as poles, but since they are branches, they always have a certain swoop to them that pose a challenge to forming the bean "teepees" I like. This year in our cedar grove, Bob and I spied a few very suppressed trees (in fact they were dead) that had grown straight and were small enough to be of manageable size for the beans. I took my trusty saw, donned my chaps, hard hat and gloves, and with Bob's supervision attempted to start the saw. After a few pulls and a review of the choke lesson, I started the saw by myself!! Wielding my trusty saw, I cut down six nice three inch diameter cedar trees, cut them to length and bucked the limbs. While none of this required any notching or special falling techniques, I still felt very proud. It was no problem when the trees hung up on other trees because I could pick up the butt and walk it to the ground. That's probably where I got the Paul Bunyon analogy. He might have used that same technique.

The other thing I did with my chain saw that day was cut some downed fir into two foot lengths to use in my "Madrone Cane" project. On a field trip last summer on non-timber forest products, one of the presenters, Patrick Mooney, was walking with a cane. It was a handsome specimen, and Patrick explained that it was from a Madrone tree on which he had placed a log when it was young. As trees will do, it turned itself back upright in time, but the part that remained under the log formed the handle of the cane and when the diameter grew to the appropriate size, the "cane" was harvested. I've been intrigued by the idea ever since, but my attempts last fall proved that the Madrone would crack before it would bend. I decided to wait until spring when the stem would be more supple. Attempts this spring with regular firewood lengths proved to me I needed more weight, so I cut the two footers. I now have sixteen future canes growing upside down. With any luck, the time of their harvest will come before or coincide with Bob's and my need for a cane, and we'll have some ready made.

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Family Forestry Crisis

There is a crisis brewing in America's vast forest lands, but it has little to do with the health of the woods: the acreage is essentially the same as it was a century ago, and there is over 30 percent more wood volume per acre than in 1952. At stake are large tracts of private forest that are at risk of falling into mismanagement, subdivision or being sold for development. "It's a ticking time bomb" said Brett J. Butler, a research forester with the United States Forest Service Family Forest Research Center. Nearly 60 percent of the nation's forests are privately owned, the majority by families and individuals and most of these owners are 55 or older. A huge swath of forest land is about to change hands as aging landowners pass the land to heirs or buyers. "Without a doubt, it is the largest intergenerational transfer of forest land in our nation's history," said Al Sample, president of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, a nonprofit environmental policy research organization, "and we are not ready for it." Already, he said, forest land is rapidly disappearing. "We're losing four acres a minute; were not talking about the Amazon here."

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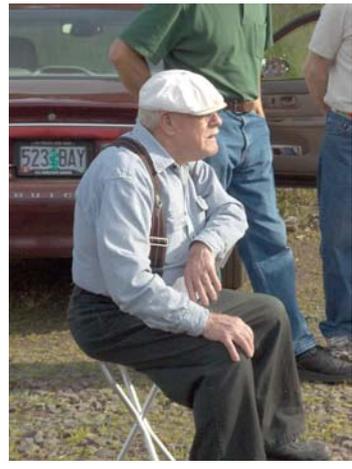
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Van Loo Tour Pictures



Chick Jensen provides the “voice
of experience” from the audience



Jim Van Loo and his wife Nancy
explain their mill operation – with
Ralph Raines providing cues!



Neil and Ardis Schroeder discuss FSC
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13 types of conifers, truffle-inoculated oak trees, pine to Western Red cedar conversion, and work to improve the stands and minimize fire vulnerability. There will also be a look at maple trees and discussion on what the Jacobs have learned from their reading about maple tapping.

The Jacobs live on the 14 acre tree farm, and began seriously managing it in 1998. The tree farm is multi-aged, with two age classes (35 and 12 years old). The 35 year old stand was a former Christmas tree plantation that is converting to timber. The Jacobs focus on tree health, aesthetics, and wildlife habitat. If there is a theme for the event, it comes down to the Jacobs' emphasis on small woodland forestry with minimal investment - using timber stand improvement and work on the farm as a way to maintain physical fitness, without reliance on large equipment.

Dirk came from Germany via Connecticut, and Liz is from Hood River. Liz has timber roots near here: her grandfather ran the Eastside Logging Company camp in Keasey (outside Vernonia) back in the 20's. If there are any old timers with information about this camp or some of the other camps around Keasey, Liz says she would "sure love to talk with them about it". Liz will have lots of old photos from the camp on display at the tour.

The primary income for the farm has been a bundled firewood business. Liz places plastic stretch wrap around .75 cubic foot bundles of seasoned wood, and labels and palletizes them for delivery to local grocery stores for retail sale. She uses a "Twister" brand firewood bundling machine. Liz's family background in the retail grocery store business was important in leading her to the retail firewood market.

Directions to Jacobs' Tree Farm:

Address: 12350 NW Shearer Hill Road, phone 503-359-1510.

From Highway 6 (Wilson River Highway), turn south (left if coming from Banks) onto Timmerman Road near mile marker #44 on Hwy 6 (about 6 miles from Banks). Once on Timmerman travel about 1/2 mile to the first road on the left, which is Shearer Hill Road. Turn left onto Shearer and travel approx 1/2 mile. The driveway is a sharp cut-back to the left.

From Gales Creek for people from Forest Grove or points south. From community of Gales Creek go north about 1/2 mile to Clapshaw Hill Road, right turn onto Clapshaw. Drive to top of hill, about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Shearer Hill Road and proceed about 1 1/2 miles. The driveway is to the right shortly after Shearer turns to gravel.

MIXED-MULTIPLE TREE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

The above topic was the subject of a recent workshop in Corvallis, OR. The following information is taken from the June 22, 2007 issue of the Capital Press in an article by Mateusz Perkowski. His email address is mperkowski@capitalpress.com

Planting a diverse forest offers many challenges. There is the logistical challenge of getting the right trees and getting them to grow in the right places as well as the uncertainty of the market when the trees mature. But Robin Tucker, basin manager for Georgia Pacific pointed out that taking such a risk may pay off. "In 1977, we could not have thought red alder would be the highest-price species in Oregon in 2007". At the time they were considered junk as saplings.

Interest in diversifying species has intensified ever since Douglas fir began experiencing serious disease problems in the mid 1990's explained Brad Winthrow-Robinson, Oregon State University extension forester for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. "Swiss needle cast has put a magnifying glass on it. People were thinking about (planting mixed species), but it made it more mainstream." Aside from trying to avoid diseases that attack Doug firs - Swiss needle cast and root rot - finding species more adaptable to certain soils is beneficial. An example is Ponderosa pine which is well suited to moist clay soils that plague many tree farmers. Right now the market is limited, but if enough people gave the species a chance, it would likely find a market.

If the future market risk is worth it, the first step is getting stands established. Fred Pfund, inventory forester with Starker Forests explained finding quality seeds can be difficult. Plugs generally show good results, but animals can quickly derail any success. Deer, porcupines, wood rats, voles and other woodland animals seem to be drawn to certain species more than Doug fir. Growth rates present another challenge. If different species are interspersed too densely, one may dominate the other, Pfund said.

In Starker Forests' experience, Western red cedar couldn't compete in close proximity with Doug fir, and Starker's current strategy is to plant different tree species in blocks or patches. Different types of soil also regulate which species should be planted. Rick Fletcher, extension forester for Benton and Linn counties explained that in areas where the forester is unsure about soil quality and moisture build-up, mixing Doug fir and Ponderosa pine can be an easy way out of the dilemma. "Nature tends to sort these things out over time."

Tally Patton, a forester for Weyerhaeuser, explained that getting workers to plant one kind of tree properly is hard enough, let alone discern between soil type and various growth rates among species. "Every time you plant a different tree, your logistics are multiplied."

Although not mentioned in the article, it would seem that some of the difficulties larger forest owners might find insurmountable, small woodland owners who have more intimate knowledge of their woodland and do much of the work themselves would find the same difficulties easier to manage.

Van Loo Sawmill tour

The June WCSWA tour on June 19th featured the Jim Van Loo sawmill west of Banks on Highway 6. 34 people attended the tour, including a number of non-WCSWA people who are interested in the potential for a small mill in western Washington County that could offer chain-of-custody Forest Stewardship Council certification. Ralph Raines, WCSWA program committee, arranged the tour with Jim Van Loo. Ralph has known Jim for many years.

The Van Loo mill was established in 1976, on their 60+ acre site. Jim Van Loo and his wife operate the mill without help. They have found over the years that they can operate the mill at a production level meeting their time and schedule, and avoid many labor and management problems. They have made many custom improvements to the mill – some to adjust to their two person operation, and some to take advantage of market niches. They run their operations sequentially, from log preparation, cutting, planning, chipping, to stacking. The result is that they do not “back up” material at any stage, and they find it keeps them more interested and less bored with routine. They can mill about three truckloads a week.

The mill is a circular saw, which Jim believes gives the most accurate and dependable results, and requires less maintenance. He believes the additional loss to saw kerf over a bandsaw mill is worthwhile. They have a chipper and screen for wood waste, so nothing goes to waste. They primarily cut Douglas-fir, hemlock, and hardwoods. They tried cutting cedar in the past, but found that problems with wormy wood and debarking led them to avoid cedar cutting now. Products they produce include, besides dimension lumber, timbers for guardrails, railroad ties and rail car planks, export material, and specialty items.

Longview Fibre has been a reliable provider to the Van Loos over the years, though they do buy some wood from local operators also. In the past, they used the brokerage services of Hampton Lumber Company, but more recently have relied on a former Hampton employee to handle their business.

Some WCSWA members expressed interest in the potential for creating a chain-of-custody operation at the mill. Barry Sims (Trout Mountain Forestry), who is an FSC certified consulting forester, expressed an interest in working with small private landowners who are FSC certified to help them find a market for their wood. Jim Van Loo said that he had not seriously considered the possibility of using his mill in that manner yet. Art Dummer questioned the trend to shorter and shorter rotations in industrial operations; the longer rotations used in FSC operations seemed more consistent with small landowner objectives. Peter Hayes, whose forestland is FSC certified, stated that marketing can be done in a way to “cut out the middleman”, resulting in more dollars to landowners and processors, such as the Van Loos. The potential for higher value received through FSC, such as recently occurred through a contract with the Hambleton Lumber mill, is also a plus factor.

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Oregon's timber industry copes with fluctuations

Using all parts of logs is one way the industry survives

JODI KERR, Salem Statesman Journal, May 30

Despite the adjustments the timber industry has had to make in the past few years, Oregon still is the largest lumber producer in the country. The near elimination of trees being allowed to be harvested on federal lands has forced the industry to grow, shrink and reconsider how to build its future.

Technology, better planning and creating innovative markets has played a key role in the survival of some smaller mills and the continued success of bigger ones such as Weyerhaeuser. According to Richard W. Haynes, an economist with the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station in Portland, the region has recovered from what happened in the 1990s.

So what did happen in the 1990s? A big shift happened and the mills lost the ability to harvest trees from federal land. The Clinton plan promised access to federal timber lands, but that never happened and the timber industry was forced to move on.

The industry had to shift its resources to private lands. Butch Bernhardt, the director of information services for the Western Wood Products Association, said that the lumber industry is going in a downward cycle because of slipping new home sales.

"We have seen significant changes in the last 20 years due to legislative decisions and harvest changes," Bernhardt said. "We have seen a loss of 475 sawmills in the western region. The West's share of the market is declining, yet in some markets growth has continued."

The traditional way of logging and lumber milling has changed. Fewer saw mills means successful plants are working at top production, because there is less lumber in the market – yet a down cycle in the housing industry means more lumber in the market for all producers.

"Housing and repair remodeling represents 75 percent of lumber consumed each year," Bernhardt said. "We have enjoyed strong housing markets since 2000. Now, in midst of adjustments in the market, the housing market has slowed down."

The industry is used to bumps in the market, but adjusting to a new supply chain has been tough on western mills.

"While we may have lost two-thirds of our mills in this region, the production volumes are not down," Bernhardt said. "Bigger mills have become more competitive through economies of scale. They are bigger, faster and produce a lot more lumber."

Smaller companies who have done well the last few years have found niche markets and used innovation to stay in the market.

"Small mills can still survive with responding to a niche market by setting a path of their own with whatever product mix works for them," Bernhardt said.

Jock Dalton, of Dalton Timber Inc., has found a little bit of diversification and innovation. Dalton owns about 500 acres of land that has big timber, hay fields and a rock quarry.

"We diversified early. I call it prudent planning," Dalton said. Dalton keeps an eye on the timber

market, but for now he is focusing on the rock industry.

"I keep an eye on the export market, and I know what inventory I have. A large part of surviving is knowing where the markets are and what products that you have that will fit in the market."

Smaller mills are specializing in high-end products. Freres Lumber in Lyons is a perfect example of innovation in the industry. In 1980, Freres had about 100 employees. Today it employs 425. Later this year it will go to about 460.

"We are in the middle of the largest construction project we have ever had," said Rob Freres, vice president of Freres Lumber. Freres is constructing a 10-megawatt power plant fueled by wood waste from the plant. The plant will generate enough power to electrically serve about 5,400 homes annually. The renewable energy, known as woody biomass, will come from wood waste generated from the plant.

"Our company is in our 85th year, and our philosophy has been to take advantage of innovation, even in a down market," Freres said. Putting money into its plants during a down market has been a key to their success.

As far as logs go, Freres is used to competing for logs; they have to do it every day. "Due to the lack of harvesting on public lands, our company has been purchasing a veneer supply for the plywood mill from Canadian companies," Freres said.

Canada has been a steady supply for the Freres plant for some time. Freres said so many plywood mills closed due to the reduction in the timber supply and from environmental lawsuits, this is one way they could survive. "We would prefer to buy from our neighbors, but we are dealing with a government friendlier than our own."

According to Freres, harvest levels have been steady for several years at about 4 billion to 4.4 billion board feet statewide, half of what it used to be. Although levels have remained steady, Freres says 90 percent of it is gleaned from private lands.

Forest management still fuels the fire for the need to harvest or let the forest be. "We are doing a good job of managing our lands," Bernhardt said. "Right now more timber is being grown than harvested."

Freres says he is cautiously optimistic that land management plans will be updated and harvest levels and timber sales will modestly increase.

"We still have a considerable resource of timber. What we don't have is a commitment and a desire to fully utilize those resources to deliver all the values that we want from our forest," Bernhardt said.

So if mills are shutting down, and federal land is out of the picture, where are the logs for lumber and wood products coming from? Private land and import/export business is what has sustained the Oregon timber market. Shawn Church, editor of Random Lengths newsletter, an industry group, said no one really knows where the industry is going. "We have gone from the 80s where timber predominantly came from public lands, and now we're almost an exclusive private land-based industry."

Like everything else, the lumber production business has been able to compete in the global marketplace.

“Oregon State is the top forestry school in the United States,” said Ray Wilkenson, the Oregon Forest Industry Council, legislative director. “One of the best things they do is research. With their help we can stay competitive with technology and productivity.”

Because old growth trees are no longer in the marketplace smaller log technology rules the day.

“Now we are growing second and third growth trees and focusing on engineered-wood products. That means taking smaller pieces of wood and gluing them together,” Wilkenson said. Sawing technology and other mechanical advancements have meant that mills can extract more lumber per 1,000 board feet. “Basically all the fiber that comes off a log is being put to work,” he said.

ATFS, FSC Certification Standards Under Review

ATFS

The American Tree Farm System (ATFS), one of the world’s oldest initiatives for certifying sustainable forestry, is undergoing its assessment for Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) endorsement. ATFS is the national umbrella organization for the Oregon Tree Farm System – the largest certification system on small private forestlands in Oregon. PEFC is the largest forest certification umbrella organization in the world, and its’ endorsement provides access to many international markets. The assessment is being conducted by ITS Global, and independent assessor which will evaluate ATFS against PEFC benchmark requirements.

Part of the assessment is a 60 day public consultation period for all interested stakeholders and the general public. Comments must be received **by August 9th**, and sent directly to ITS Global. The comments will become an important part of the assessor’s report, which will serve as the basis for or against the endorsement of the standard. ATFS documentation can be viewed at www.pefc.org, and follow linkages to Members and Schemes, United States, American Tree Farm System.

FSC

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is revamping its standards, and looking for input. Starting June 26 in Concord, NH the organization will hold discussions across the U.S. on the revision of FSC standards for forest management and current issues. (Note: the review includes standards for the Pacific Northwest) The meetings are geared towards FSC members, forest management and chain of custody certificate holders, and those looking to learn more and contribute to advancing the FSC system, current policies and the future of FSC and forest certification.

The FSC will use the meetings to share information and gather feedback on FSC standards, implementing controlled wood standards, current status of FSC in North America, and the FSC International Strategic Plan. Information on the standards and process can be found at www.fscusa.org

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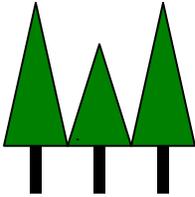
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Welcome to New Member!

Ray Abriel of Aloha 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).

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, And Nobody This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Possible Log Shortage Looming?

The outlook for wood markets continues to point to a tightening in global timber supply (especially softwoods) and higher log/wood product prices as a likely outcome of a number of independent global events: Russian log export taxes and high levels of import by Finland, Japan, and China; along with reduced log harvest projections in Canada. Six of the ten largest timber-producing countries (representing over 40% of the global softwood harvest) are facing reductions over the next 5 years. By 2012, this could yield a 5% reduction in global wood supply versus demand that is projected to grow by more than 10% - a 15% swing! (from Wood Markets Monthly International Report, May, 2007)