

# Forest Forum

Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association

September, 2007



Brown Tree Farm Tour

August 18<sup>th</sup> found a large number of WCSWA members clustered around Jim Brown, host of a tree farm tour. Jim described the history of his 77 acre tree farm, from his purchase in 1972 to the present. As Jim describes it, his tree farm is the result of “triage” – too much to do for the time available, so the top priority jobs get done and others fall off the table!

When Jim acquired the property, it hadn't been logged in 12 years. He found the roads  
See “Brown Tour”, page 2

## *Log Roll-Out at Stimsons: How do they scale and grade logs?*

*Join WCSWA members on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the Stimson lumber mill to learn how professional scalers scale and grade logs.*

Tom St. Laurent, manager of the Yamhill Scaling Bureau, will instruct those attending about how logs are scaled and graded, and the common mistakes small woodland owners make when bucking timber. Stimson will provide a set of demonstration logs to use in illustrating the teaching points.

The Yamhill Scaling Bureau provides professional scaling services to mills such as Stimson, thereby giving both seller and buyer an unbiased source of volume and grade for the sale of logs. Tom has been associated with the Bureau for many years, and is well-known to local woodland owners.

The Stimson mill is 2 miles west of Hwy 47 on Scoggins Valley Road. Immediately after passing the mill office there is a road to the left and a weight scale for log trucks. We can meet at the weight scale. There is a parking lot along side of the weight scale. From there we can car pool to the log yard. Since there will not be equipment working around us, personal protection equipment is not required.

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**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Mt Richmond Tree Farm, Yamhill County

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## Notes from the President

by Dallas Boge

Summer is starting to fade rather quickly now. So far, this has been cooler than last year. This has probably been responsible for the above average survival of our newly planted seedlings. We can't tell if this is due to using plugs extensively or not, since no side-by-side plots were done. Whatever the reason, the results are very satisfying.

The controversy behind the unfortunate attempt to replace OSWA member Chris Heffernan as a member of the State Board of Forestry may have finally been resolved. The governor has appointed Peter Hayes to one of the available positions. Peter should do a fine job with this appointment. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Chris for his service under some very trying circumstances. Thank you for your dedicated service!

By now most of us have cleaned up the consequences of the storm of last December. We thought we had also, until we were going thru some old Noble fir Christmas trees we were cutting up into firewood. Off in a section of young timber we saw what looked like brush that didn't belong. It turned out to be the top of another mature tree blown down in the windstorm. We have wanted to clear-cut this management unit for sometime, this may be the excuse for going forward with these plans. We'll probably wait until the winter rains make logging difficult, since this unit is on rock. Waiting until next year may make a lot of sense; capital gains tax rates are lower for the next three years. After the elections next year, that may change for the final two years.

I have been dealing with two estates this year. My cousin's daughter died last November quite suddenly. I was the only one available to deal with her estate, which was small. She had no will, so this fact drug out the disposition. About the time that finished, my mother-in-law passed away. Since I am her personal representative, as well as the successor trustee of her trust, this job fell to me again. My mother-in-law had her estate in much better shape, and the job has been much easier. The point of all of this is that you do your loved ones a big favor by making sure that your affairs are all in order. That's all for now.

*Dallas*

### **Brown Tour, *continued from page 1***

by following the scotch broom and blackberry with a Dodge Power Wagon. Over the years Jim and his family worked to reduce the unwanted vegetation, but with an eye to retaining natural diversity. He didn't use herbicide until 1997, and does today. However, he uses only the spot spray method, rather than a broadcast type spray. He began timber harvest with a commercial thinning in 1982. Jim relies on natural regeneration but plants as needed to get desired stocking. Maple is intermixed in the forest, providing "shade pruning" of the Douglas-fir. Where maple becomes too aggressive or prolific, it is removed. White oak trees were common on the property when Jim acquired it, and some were sold for wine barrels and oak lumber.

Jim's plan for the future is to continue periodic harvest, every three years or so, until the merchantable timber is gone and new stands are established. Jim uses patch cuts, 2-3 acres generally, but up to 10 acres if appropriate.

*Thanks for a good tour, Jim!*

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## Event Calendar

- 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”. 7:00 p.m., OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton
- November 6-7 “At the Crossroads: Sustaining Oregon’s Forests in a Rapidly Changing World,”** Corvallis, sponsored by the Institute for Natural Resources and supported by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and the Pacific Forest Trust. Call Lisa Gaines, Conference Co-chair, at 541-737-1976 or by e-mail at [lisa.gaines@oregonstate.edu](mailto:lisa.gaines@oregonstate.edu).
- 13 WCSWA Annual Meeting** - speaker, Martin Goebel, president of Sustainable Northwest. Jennings-McCall Center, Forest Grove. Details will be in the October issue of the Forum.
- 13 WCSWA Board of Directors meeting** – 7:00 a.m., Hitchin’ Post Restaurant, North Plains
- December No scheduled WCSWA meeting**
- 3-6 How To Dry Lumber For Quality and Profit Workshop** – Corvallis. Contact <http://woodscience.oregonstate.edu/continuinged.php>
- January 25 WCSWA Monthly Meeting – Invasive Plants** – Lacey Sullivan, Resource Technician at the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, will help us know how to identify and treat invasive plants on our woodlands. 7:00 p.m., at OSU Extension office, Capital Center, 185<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton.



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### *Swiss Needle Cast Resurgence*

Coastal forests are experiencing a resurgence in Swiss needle cast (SNC) disease, a fungus that kills the evergreen needles on Douglas-fir by interrupting the photosynthetic process. Aerial surveys conducted by the Oregon Department of Forestry show that the incidence of SNC has doubled since 2004. The disease plugs the stomata on the underside of needles, essentially “smothering” them. The fungus doesn’t kill the trees, but reduces the growth rate by 20 to 50 percent. Surveys from 2003 to 2005 showed a coast-wide decline in severity of infection, leading forest pathologists to credit efforts to diversify Douglas-fir stands with other species such as cedar and hemlock. Foresters also selected hardier Douglas-fir trees in hopes of finding genetic strains that were more tolerant of the fungus.

“The fact that we’re almost as high as we were in 2000 is fairly concerning to me because the last seven or eight years people have been doing a lot to manage the disease”, said Alan Kanaskie, Department of Forestry pathologist. Kanaskie said there is not a whole lot more foresters can do to contain the disease. A fungicide would solve the problem, but it would be expensive and risky to spray over hundreds of thousands of acres of infected coast forestland. The disease tends not to spread more than 18 miles inland because of weather conditions, Kanaskie said, so forests in the Willamette are protected. Surveys show Tillamook County has the most extensive damage; about 70% of stands in the Tillamook State Forest are Douglas-fir, and 40 percent of the entire Forest is affected by SNC.

Assistant Tillamook District Forrester Wayne Auble called his Forest the SNC “epicenter”. After the Tillamook burn, the Forest was replanted with Douglas-fir, creating a “monoculture” that is more vulnerable to the disease than forests with a variety of species. “We’re going under the assumption that the disease is going to be a continued presence so we have to figure out how to manage with it. There’s no magic bullet”

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# Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

Can you feel the change of seasons in the air? It seems as if nature summons teasers of the next season about a month before the calendar date. Most nights bring a little more crispness and even on very hot days, the sun sets earlier each day and brings nighttime relief. Changing seasons is one of the best attributes of living in the Pacific Northwest. It reminds us of our humble place in this "circle of life" upon earth, and that's a good thing.

Changing seasons also puts the practical planning mind to work. Last month's newsletter included a seedling order for this winter's planting. Wherever you order your seedlings, it is important to get your order in early to insure availability. Prior to placing your order, you must check last year's seedling survival. Summer was gentle on our trees with more cool days and even a couple of wet ones in July and August. Bob and I always replant the seedlings that died for one or sometimes two years afterward. I'm not sure that is essential, since thinning will have to be done at some point anyway, but young trees grow straighter and have less "wolfy" branches if they grow in close proximity with other young trees. WCSWA does have some "Vernonia Elite" seedlings from Lewis River Reforestation still available.

Thinking of planting brings to mind seedling ground preparation. If blackberries are a problem, early fall is the season to spray them to get the best results. Since they're getting ready to go dormant, the plant takes the spray down into its roots and you get a good kill. In the spring, all growth is going outward and upward and you may get a kill on the new growth, but not the roots. Invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry reminds me of the butterfly bush that was in the garden. I knew that it had recently been labeled as invasive, but no one was insisting that homeowners remove plantings as long as they kept them deadheaded so they don't go to seed. I knew I wasn't doing that good a job of deadheading, but had seen no spread of the bush, so I rationalized that maybe they're more of a problem somewhere else in Oregon. In walking our land last week, we spotted several butterfly bushes in two newly planted stands. So, the plant in the garden is no more and the ones in the woods have been sprayed. It is enough of a balancing act getting trees to grow happily with native plants without introducing invasives.

They say that with firewood you are "twice warmed"- once when you stack it and again when you burn it. If you heat with wood and you planned it right when summer heralded itself, you can gaze upon your firewood supply anticipating its second warming. If your plans haven't come to fruition, you have work to do before the rains. Thirty years ago when we moved to this farm, we spent the first winter scrounging enough firewood every weekend to warm us with its wet smoky heat through the next week. I'm sure that contributes to our delight of a two year supply of dry wood in the garage.

Harvesting the garden is another sign of summer's end. I don't do a lot of canning, but my love of berries necessitates jam and putting up applesauce to go with the pigs we raised is a must. The tomatoes that are finally ripening will fill the freezer with spaghetti and marinara sauce which puts my mouth to watering as I wish you all a productive fall.

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 meeting).

### ***World Forest Policies Affected By Wood Energy Policies, Market***

Forest owners are aware that their economic fortunes are tied to international market trends as well as national economic conditions. The latest United Nations Economic Commission (UNECE) and Food and Agriculture Organization report (FAO), *Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2006-2007*, states that rising demand for wood energy, in addition to the wood and paper industry’s increasing demand for wood, necessitates mobilizing more wood, which is reshaping the entire forest sector, with long-term opportunity consequences. Approximately one-half of the wood harvested in Europe is used for energy.

The report also notes that forest product markets in the UNECE region moved up slightly in 2006 to remain at a record level but are far from consistent within the region. Consumption in North America, the largest consuming sub-region dropped by 13% and another 18% is forecast – primarily due to a severe downturn in US housing construction. Reduced harvest, strengthening currency, and insect outbreaks have compounded the effect. In some localities, analysts have termed the situation catastrophic.

In contrast to North America, wood and paper markets in Europe have risen again for the fifth straight year. Economies have strengthened over the last year, and in mid-2007, market indicators suggest continuation as softwood consumption moved up by 3.4%



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### Planting "outside the box"

Most of us plant or replant in blocks of a single species (mostly Douglas-fir), and we don't like to have a lot of shrubs and other vegetation growing throughout our plantation. However, we also like birds, mammals, and a variety of other woodland creatures. But are we creating a situation where we discourage these creatures? A recent study by Joan Hagar, affiliate OSU College of Forestry faculty member, and wildlife biologist with the Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center of the U.S. Geological Survey shows that at least 78 vertebrate species require the food or habitat provided by non-coniferous vegetation.

Historically forests in the Pacific Northwest have contained significant amounts of alder, big leaf maple, white oak, vine maple – as well as undergrowth such as hazel, ferns, Oregon-grape, salal, and many other types of shrubs and herbs. These types of vegetation provide the food base and security habitat for many wildlife species.

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## Log Sort Yards - A Pipe Dream, or a Needed Reality?

Members of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA) recently visited the Thompson Log Sort Yard in Philomath. Scott Hansen, president of CCFFA, reported on the visit: "A log sort yard is a physical place where logs can be sorted, held in inventory, and ultimately sold to mills or other buyers. The Thompson Log Sort Yard is owned by the Thompson Timber Company. Starker Forests Inc. provides the majority of the wood at this site. They and other log providers pay a fee to use the facilities. Starker's Log Sort Yard marketing concept is to sort logs by size and quality, and then sell the logs to the highest bidder in the open log market. When log trucks enter the Log Sort Yard they are scaled by an independent third party either on the truck or logs can be rolled out on the ground. Each log is tagged and placed in decks (a pile of logs with similar size and quality characteristics). Once a Starker deck reaches significant size (approximately 200,000 board feet) Starker mails out a sales prospective to log buyers. Log buyers can inspect decks and submit bids. Finally, the highest bidder is awarded the deck, makes payment in advance, and arranges trucking."

Scott raises the question: "Should a log sort yard be in our future?" He states that the advantage to log sellers is a premium price for logs of specific quality and quantity, while disadvantages include potential delay in payment for logs, possible log deterioration if logs aren't sold promptly, possible lack of bidders, and the need for an administrative manager and system to manage the Yard. Buyers could more closely monitor log quality and have better control on log delivery, but might also have more competition (and higher prices) for logs. Scott asks CCFFA members if they would support a log sort yard by thinking more as "we" (as in a Co-op?), rather than "me" (everyone for themselves, and the lowest common denominator?).

The idea of a sort yard is not new to Washington County either. Interest in the sort yard concept within the Oregon Woodland Cooperative led to some investigation in the 1980's, but fizzled out due to a seeming lack of suitable sites and possible zoning conflicts. Perhaps the time to think again is here. *Are industrial sites available now (zoned for use, and on a rail line)? Are woodland owners more interested in working together now that the number of markets (read mills) has reduced? Does the increased diversity of product markets – for more species and quality types, as well as the increase in niche, certified product, and non-timber product markets – make a log sort yard (or even a forest product sort yard) feasible in Northwest Oregon today?*

The Oregon Woodland Cooperative still exists, and their recently completed business plan discusses the sort yard possibility. The Oregon State College of Forestry Forest Business Solutions Team, in a report prepared for the Co-op, identified the factors that must be considered: are the raw material resources available? What potential products should be considered? What is the nature of all the market possibilities? Are the material handling capability, suitable location, and management skills available? The report states that the two most common sort yard challenges are adequate planning prior to establishment, and poor yard management. Other challenges are a reliable source of raw material, log (product) diversity, diversified log (product) market, and transportation infrastructure.

Making a sort yard a realistic venture will require that the Co-op grow in members and financial wherewithal. Back to Scott's question – are we ready to think more as "we" than "me"? Will enough small woodland owners in northwest Oregon understand and accept the concept of a sort yard – and be willing to work together to develop the concept in order to gain added value for their forest products?

I'd like your thought on the proposition of establishing a sort yard in northwest Oregon. Let's establish a dialogue through the Forest Forum and find out if the interest and energy exists in our woodland community to take some bold steps for a better future!

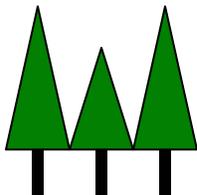
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