

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
Woodlands Association

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SPECIAL EDITION

In this September issue, Washington County Small Woodlands Association (WCSWA) is reaching out to the woodland owners of Washington County to let them know about our organization and invite them to join. Some of the benefits of joining WCSWA (an active county chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)) are listed below.

- Publications: Northwest Woodlands, OSWA Update, WCSWA monthly newsletter
- Networking and Representation: OSWA works with woodland owners and other groups, state agencies and legislators
- Local Chapter Membership
- Field Tours
- Insurance Benefits
- Education and Woodland Market Tools

As further invitation, we have included an application form on the next to the last page. You can find more information on OSWA's website www.oswa.org or WCSWA's website www.wcswa.org.

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Planning for the future of the family property *Ties to the Land*

Workshops to be offered this fall/winter
by Amy Grotta, OSU Forestry Extension Agent

Passing the family property on to the next generation can be a real challenge. Success in navigating that challenge is critical not just to your family, but to your property, your community, and the landscape of Oregon. **Succession planning** is an important tool to help families plan to successfully transfer not just their woodland, but also the passion and skills for taking care of that land to the next generation. *Ties to the Land* is a national program developed in Oregon to help families begin their succession planning, and this very important conversation about the future of their property. OSU Extension Service and OSWA are coordinating on a statewide *Ties to the Land* educational "blitz" this fall, and WCSWA members and others are encouraged to take part.

Our local workshops will be at the Washington County Extension Office **on Tuesday evening, October 26, 2010 and January 25th, 2011** (it is a two-part class), as part of WCSWA's regular chapter meetings for those months. To accommodate the workshops, these meetings will begin a little earlier than usual – at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend you must RSVP to the Columbia County Extension office, (503) 397-3462 or amy.grotta@oregonstate.edu, to ensure that there are materials for you. The \$25 course fee is waived for WCSWA members. Non-members, or members who wish to order more than one set of course materials, need to pay the \$25 fee (payment at the door is fine, but advance RSVP is still necessary).

The Ties to the Land workshops held in Washington County this fall and winter are part of a coordinated and synchronized statewide effort to present the workshop in communities all around the state. The idea of presenting synchronous workshops in many locations at about the same time is to help entire families participate in the workshop, even when family members are living in different communities around Oregon.

See "Ties to the Land", page 4

Notes from the President

In *Northwest Woodlands* magazine, the "Down on the Farm" column suggests projects to work on for each month. One year a suggestion for August was to "change the oil in something". It's sort of humorous, but really good advice. Hot, dry weather poses a risk of fire when using powered equipment. It's too early to spray. And then there's the joy of hornets. Insects move much faster when it's hot. (Yellow jackets are my very favorite.) Early mornings can be used for work in the woods, but the rest of the day – no. The trouble with servicing equipment, repairing a building, planning, etc. is that it doesn't seem like you're tree farming, even though you are. But it's great to have everything ready to use when the weather is right. A berry farmer I know once said, "I spend half my time farmin' and half my time fixin'. Be sure you have plenty of hand cleaner!"

Another worthwhile activity for August is to have the family visit your forest. Our Portland son, daughter-in-law, and their two daughters stayed at the farm two nights at the start of the month. They enjoyed the Mulholland's Tree Farmer of the Year tour, and we had plenty of things to do for the rest of the visit. I had brushed out a few rough trails to hike and located some birds' nests, different tree species, nurse logs, springboard notches, etc. There was also a "That's poison oak, and so is that, and so is that." lesson, so the girls would recognize its appearance in different environments. With all of the roads mowed and still green, I was able to safely drive them in the pickup (club cab, buckled in) for the "Disneyland ride", as they called it, so they got a pretty good look at the whole place. They have visited in past years, so they could see how much the reprod had grown in our patch cuts. One thing that didn't work well was a hike we took on an unkempt road with a lot of seedy weeds. Not so bad if you are an adult, but a six-year-old ends up with seeds stuck on from head to foot – not the kind of experience which fosters a positive attitude about the woods.

Remember the "*Ties to the Land*" course, which will be the content of our October and January meetings. To allow adequate time for "*Ties to the Land*", the October and January meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. The \$25 cost of course materials will be covered by Washington County Small Woodlands Assn. for its members – one set of materials per family. The Extension Service will advertise and present the course. Any non-member may *attend* at no cost, but must pay the \$25 fee if they want the course materials.

WCSWA will have a display at the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District BBQ and tour on September 25th. The purpose will be to let folks know that WCSWA exists (Not everyone knows that.) and what it is all about. Stuart Mulholland has agreed to head up the group, and he could use a couple of assistants. I know some of our members plan to attend, so why not take a little time to share your expertise with others who attend? Many woodland owners are unaware of the good work we do and the benefits of membership for woodland owners. See the notice on page 8.

We had an August tour in the works for this summer, but it didn't work out and we had no back-up - maybe next year. The Program Committee always welcomes your suggestions for interesting, relevant tours and speakers for our meetings. Contact Beth Adams 503-628-0722 or any officer or board member listed on page 3..

I will close these notes with a memory from another August tour not long ago. WCSWA went to visit an old, fully-operating steam-powered sawmill near Belfountain on a weekday. We brought our lunches and ate at a small park near the mill. I ate a yellow-jacket along with my PBJ. Dallas Boge was the first to notice, and he told me. Unfortunately, the yellow jacket was the second to notice, and it told me in its own special way. Of course, that bite of PBJ was ejected along with the yellow jacket. I headed immediately to the Prius for my trusty, ever-present bottle of Adolph's Tenderizer. A sting on one's tongue isn't terribly painful, especially if you get the Adolph's on it right away. The good news is that a sting on the tongue clears up way faster than a sting on the skin. The tour was really interesting, by the way.

Happy oiling, greasing, sharpening, painting, hammering, sawing,..... See you on September 25th!

Jim Brown

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Event Calendar

September	15-18	Pacific Logging Congress – Clatskanie. See article page 10
	25	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Annual BBQ See article page 8
October	9	Tualatin River Watershed Council Tour. See article on page 12
	26	WCSWA Monthly Meeting – <i>Ties to the Land, Part One</i> 6:00pm, OSU Capital Center, Walker Road and 185 th , Beaverton
November	16	WCSWA Annual Banquet - Speaker: Bob Browning, Attorney and popular speaker at Tree School on forest issues
December		No Meeting Scheduled
January, 2011	25	<i>Ties to the Land, Part Two</i> , 6:00pm, OSU Extension, Capital Center, Walker Road and 185th, Beaverton

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Ties to the Land, continued from page 1

Other nearby workshops will be in Portland, Oregon City, Rainier, McMinnville, and Salem. To find a complete list of workshops scheduled in Oregon this fall, go to <http://www.tiestotheland.org>, or call Mary at 541-737-6014. Workshops will also be presented next year in Washington, Idaho and California, if you have family members living in those states.

Plan to participate this fall, encourage members of your family to take part where they live, and begin the conversation with your family about the future of your cherished woodland property **this year**.

Logging Road Runoff Decision Could Have Big Implications In Northwest

David Nogueras, August 17, 2010 Bend, OR

Rainwater channeled by logging roads into rivers and streams is pollution and can be regulated under the Clean Water Act. That was the decision today from the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a case involving the Tillamook State Forest.

The Northwest Environmental Defense Center brought the case against the Oregon State Forester and the Oregon Board of Forestry as well as a number of timber companies.

The plaintiffs argued in court that storm runoff from forest roads carries gravel and sediment through a series of ditches and culverts into nearby rivers. Since the runoff was diverted by the roads, they argued it was what's called "a point-source discharge," which requires a special permit under the Clean Water Act.

Tom Partin, president of the American Forest Resource Council says the decision will be appealed. To read the entire article, go to news/opb.org



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Tualatin River Watershed Council Updates

Submitted by April Olbrich

This past year, the Tualatin River Watershed Council has continued its partnerships with landowners, agencies and organizations, and community volunteers. These partnerships focus on three areas: 1) Identifying watershed issues and forums for discussions; 2) Providing education and outreach activities to students, schools and our communities on such diverse topics as testing water quality, performing spawning salmon surveys and identifying new invasive plant species; and 3) Partnering with landowners on invasive weed and planting projects as well as in-stream (large wood placement) projects. The Council also acts as a clearing house for information and coordinating opportunities in the basin.

The Council continued its Gales Creek focus working with landowners on two large wood placement projects, providing native shrubs and trees for planting projects, and continuing monitoring and maintenance work on a 20 acre Gales Creek Washington County owned property to remove invasive plant species and maintain native shrubs and previously planted. It also partnered with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in training landowners and community volunteers to perform salmon spawning surveys.

The Council receives the majority of its operating and projecting funds from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) through competitive grant application processes. An initiative, Ballot Measure 76, will be placed on the November 2010 ballot which extends OWEB funding (7.5% of Oregon Lottery Funds) beyond a 2014 sunset date.

The Council holds its monthly council meeting, (the first Wednesday of each month from 7 – 9 pm, in Hillsboro) and open to all to attend and participate, in which stakeholder groups provide input to agencies on significant projects in the basin as well as exchange information. Tom Nygren and Ardis and Neil Schroeder represent Washington County Small Woodlands Association on the Council.

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6% is state, county and municipally owned

80% of the state's timber harvest comes from private ownership

Source: *Forest Fact Book*, OFRI 2007 and *Oregon's Family Forestlands*, OFRI, 2008

TREE TALK

by Bonnie Shumaker

This time of year, the familiar orange fire danger notices go up and woodland owners become extra cautious. Unless you're doing a harvest with fire rules in place, the prudent woodland owner keeps the chain saw idle. This is the time of year to find more relaxed things to do in the woods. The other day, Bob and I were both in the mood to do more than look into the dark five acre stand of trees that were planted too close together fourteen years ago, so we went into the stand with tree paint in hand and accessed each tree as to its future. Our goal is to keep the dominant trees, remove suppressed trees and leave as many of the rest as possible for the first "early commercial thinning". By looking up at each one, we marked all the double tops and trees with large sucker branches. Now we just need to wait until the fall rains come so we can remove them – firewood, anyone?

On our daily walk through the woods, we have noticed a couple of puzzling marks on trees that elicit the response "what can this be?" I've included pictures so you, dear reader can hazard a guess. For background, in picture A, these are suppressed cedars (in fact I think they are dead). The bark appears to have been stripped about six feet up on one and about ten feet up on the other. There are no claw marks that we can see. In picture B, the tree is a thirty year old Doug

fir with a chunk splintered out at the bottom. There is no animal scat around either tree and no scratch marks on the trees; however we do have the usual animals you would expect on a Washington County tree farm. Email your thoughts to bshumaker@oho.net.



Two Trees - A



Tree B

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) BBQ and Tour

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, The TSWCD annual BBQ and tour of conservation projects is scheduled for September 25th. The tour will be at the Blooming Nursery just south of Cornelius. The nursery has worked on many projects with TSWCD and is developing a large solar collection facility on large supports above the nursery. The tour begins at 10:30am followed by the BBQ lunch and displays.

WCSWA will have a display table with information at the BBQ and tour. Stuart Mullholland has volunteered to be at the table to help non-members learn about WCSWA.

Please RSVP to Judy Marsh at TSWCD at 503-648-3174x117 or judy.or.nacdnet.net

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Let's Hope We Don't See More Reports Like This

By: Diane Dietz -- [The Register Guard](#)

To an industry toughened by three decades of hard knocks, this is still a body blow.

The Oregon timber harvest in 2009 was the lowest since the middle of the Great Depression at 2.75 billion board feet, according to a new report by state forest economist Gary Lettman.

This article first appeared in *Tree Farmer* March/April 2008

Ties to The Land: Is your Tree Farm an Asset or an Heirloom?

By Clint Bentz

Are your kids interested in keeping your Tree Farm? Do they share your love for your property? Do they all get along and communicate well with each other? Are they interested in continuing your legacy?

These questions are not new, but they take a special urgency as we look at the coming generational transfer of ownership. These questions are not about laws and regulations, but about relationships, passion and vision. The Congress could eliminate the estate tax tomorrow, but they could not pass a law that answers any of these questions for your family.

One of the most difficult things to talk about as a family is values. What is important to us as a family? What is important to us as individuals? While some families view their Tree Farm property strictly as a financial investment, most families view their properties as something more than simply another investment in their portfolio.

It is this "something more" that makes Tree Farms so unique, and makes planning for them so difficult. I have called this our "Ties to the Land." There is something that happens as you work with a piece of ground over time. You get emotionally attached to it. You invest part of your hopes and dreams for the future in it. It becomes more than just numbers on paper.

I have worked with hundreds of families struggling with these same questions over the last fifteen years. What I have come to realize is that the non-monetary values associated with these properties are very real, and if they are not discussed and recognized by the family, the family will not be successful keeping the property in the family.

To help this process, I have developed a simple tool called the Heirloom Scale. On a scale of one to ten (with one being "simply a financial asset", and ten being "priceless family heirloom"), where would you rate your property? If you have more than one parcel, would the answer be different for one or more of the parcels? I have found this tool to be very helpful in starting a discussion in the family about how different family members view the properties.

There is no right or wrong answer here, but if we don't know where the family is on this scale, conflict will come when trying to decide what to do with the property or how to manage it. This article first appeared in *Tree Farmer* March/April 2008 2

My father purchased our property in the early 1960's. I am the oldest of five children and we all grew up on this property. At 18, each of us moved away from home, went away to college, and began our lives. At one point all five of us were scattered all over the planet, each living over 3,000 miles from home. Naturally, mom and dad started wondering what they were going to do with the property, since none of us seemed interested in it, none of us had the experience or training to manage it, and none of us were living close enough by to take care of it.

I used this Heirloom Scale with my own family. My dad was a ten on this scale. He wanted to see this property stay in our family as a treasured heirloom forever. My mom was around a five. She wanted the property to continue in the family, but was concerned about the kid's interest and ability to work together to manage the property. I was an eight. I strongly wanted to see the property continue in the family, but was concerned about cash flow to pay the bills of operating the property, and concerned about how the family would work together to manage it over time. My brothers and sisters ranged from three to seven on the scale – interested, but not sure what the impact would be in their own lives.

We used this information as a baseline to start talking as a family about why we continue to own this property, what we see it becoming over time, and what we are going to do with the property as a family. Over the years, we have all become tens on this scale as we have worked together to create a lasting legacy for our family.

I encourage you to do the same thing with your family. Find out if the property means more than just money to anyone. Talk about these non-monetary values, and what they mean to each of you. You will be taking your first steps to strengthen your family's "Ties to the Land."

Clint Bentz is a CPA living in Oregon with his wife and six children. His practice is centered on helping family forest landowners deal with intergenerational succession issues. He is the principal author of "Ties to the Land: Your Family Forest Heritage." Clint's family was recognized as the 2002 National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. Clint is the chairman of the National Operating Committee of the American Tree Farm System, and is a trustee of the American Forest Foundation. He welcomes your comments and questions at cbentz@bcsllc.com or (503) 769-2186.



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Pacific Logging Congress

6th In the Woods Show ~ “This is My Office” by Craig Olson, 2010 PLC President

For most people, the forest is just a place to recreate and enjoy the beautiful scenery. They appreciate the experience but do not understand or are unaware of the management practices that foresters use to maintain this vast landscape.

The challenges that face this industry are not only addressed by landowners and managers, but also through the manufacturers that provide us with the tools needed as well. Industry has responded to these challenges by providing state of the art equipment required to be competitive in today’s world market.

During our four day event, you will see this equipment in operation and have the opportunity to visit with the manufacturers. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and educational experience for the thousands of children, teachers, potential equipment buyers and land managers in attendance. With the new arena style format, visitors will be able to view multiple manufacturers from a single viewpoint.

I invite you to step into “my office” September 15-18th, 2010, on the Longview Timber Corporation’s Nehalem Tree Farm in Clatskanie, Oregon. Find out what it takes to become a member of our team and join the forest industry. See you there!

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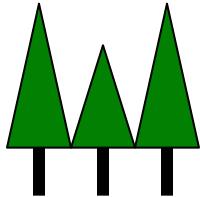
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Welcome to New Members!

Mike, Eileen and Richard Wallace have joined OSWA and WCSWA. Their tree farm is near Scholls where they are busy converting Christmas trees into forest.

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 Editors.

October 2010 Watershed Projects Tour

Join the Tualatin River Watershed Council and the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council on a joint watershed council project tour on October 9, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm. Carpooling will be identified at several locations. Bring a lunch ---light refreshments will be provided at one of the tour stops. More details will be posted on the Councils' websites. To register for the tour, please call or email April (trwc@easystreet.net, 503-846-4810) or the Upper Nehalem office (info@nehalem.org), 503-429-0869.

The tour will include the West Fork Dairy Creek Restoration Project (Tualatin River Watershed), the Justice Project and the Hyla Woods Stream Project (Upper Nehalem Watershed). For more information, contact April Olbrich, 503-846-4810 or trwc@easystreet.net

Member Roster

WCSWA members should have received the 2010 Member Roster in last month's Forest Forum. If you did not receive a roster, contact Bonnie Shumaker (bshumaker@coho.net). If you want to report a correction, please contact Tom Nygren tnygren@juno.com.