

# Forest Forum

Washington County Small  
Woodlands Association

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## Forest Grove's Clear Creek Watershed Management Plan Makes it Happen

by John Dummer

A group of nine Washington County Small Woodlands Association members and affiliates toured the City of Forest Grove's Clear Creek Watershed on Saturday, August 25, led by forester Scott Ferguson of Trout Mountain Forestry. It was a magnificent day to spend time in the City's 4,200 acre restricted access watershed. The watershed is the source of over half of the drinking water for the City of Forest Grove. Five water diversion structures are used to divert water from creeks within the watershed into a pipeline that leads to the City's water treatment plant where the water is treated before entering the City's water distribution system. Not surprisingly, water quality is a primary goal of the City's management plan for their property.

A **management plan** developed by Trout Mountain provides a sound basis for managing the watershed to provide multiple benefits for the City: clean water, revenue to support City projects, wildlife habitat, and more. Stands within the watershed range up to 100 years old. The state managed the watershed for the City up until the 1970's at which time the City began to manage it themselves. The City worked to continually harvest but did not have a comprehensive management plan. Without a management plan questions arose regarding harvest practices which led to a period of approximately 15 years leading up to 2001 during which there was not much logging activity in the watershed. In 2001, the Trout Mountain-developed management plan was approved by the City and annual harvests resumed. The slow-down in activity served the watershed well as it occurred during a time when several invasive plant species were beginning to be propagated throughout the area, but with limited activity there was limited opportunity for invasives to be introduced to the watershed, and as a result there are few invasive plant species in the watershed today. The management plan has general acceptance and people have an understanding of how the watershed is being managed now.

The City is currently in the process of completing a **10-year update** to their management plan. The plan calls for harvest of 2 million board feet per year with the 11th harvest since the original management plan currently on-going. The revenue generated by these harvests amounts to approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year which is used to maintain water infrastructure for the City. By harvesting every year the City also acts to keep the professionals working in the forest employed. Trout Mountain Forestry is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified and therefore the timber harvested from the City's watershed is eligible for FSC certification. 15% of this year's harvest was used for poles. One feature of the management plan is a limit on the area that can be clear cut at any one time of 20 acres. The plan also sets aside 1/3 of the watershed for conservation where there are steep slopes and wildlife concerns. The remaining 2/3 of the watershed is harvested according to the management plan.

There is a 200' **buffer** on either side of all major streams within the watershed. Coho, steelhead, cutthroat trout and lamprey can be found in the streams in the watershed and there is a fish ladder to help guide fish past one of the water diversion structures. Large woody debris is being added to creeks to add habitat and complexity to the streams. Working with a fisheries biologist,

13 locations have been identified to place 75' long logs harvested from within the watershed. During the tour it was pointed out that there is less woody debris downstream of structures such as bridges because the debris cannot pass the structures. The watershed also provides habitat for a variety of birds and game.

A focus of our tour was two sites where **alder** had been planted. A stand of roughly 90 to 95 year old trees that was thinned about 5 years ago was the first stop on the tour. It was in an area that was suspected to have root rot. Scott has seen it spread in the shape of a star with fingers in several directions rather than a circular pattern which might typically be thought of as a root rot extent. There was also some bark beetle in the windthrow in the area. After thinning, red alder were planted in the root rot area at about 500 to 600 trees per acre. They selected alder because it is not susceptible to root rot. It was pointed out that while not as susceptible as Douglas Fir, cedar and hemlock are both susceptible to root rot to some extent. A second area where alder was planted in a suspected root rot area also provided a stop on the tour. This second plantation of alter was older, on the order of 5 years old. The alder is well established and taking off nicely and will be thinned at 10 to 12 years.

Questions were asked regarding how much **slash** is typically left when a harvest is completed. Scott pointed out that slash helps hold moisture close to the ground as it deteriorates and humus, the organic portion of what is in soil, is important for long term forest health and can be derived from the slash that is left behind. Slash also provides habitat for all sorts of bugs which in turn provide a food source for larger animals. Tight-grained old growth is better for the soil as a leave-behind, it is more complex and takes longer to break down providing benefits for a longer period. The second area visited was suspected to be Douglas Fir site class 2 or 3 with trees that extend to 160' tall at 90 years old.

There are 17 miles of **roads** in the watershed which offer one of the biggest challenges. Roads have the biggest impact on water quality due to the potential for sediment loading. Maintaining the roads can be challenging. Some roads were constructed mid-slope which is not an ideal location for roads as they can be unstable and in some cases failed and caused landslides and had to be repaired. Per the management plan, work in the watershed is limited to the summer months to avoid erosion and detrimental impacts to waterways. They work to re-vegetate areas that are harvested quickly keeping sediment from moving and no fertilizer is used and no spraying is done in the watershed.



Special thanks to Scott Ferguson for leading a very interesting tour - Scott noted that the watershed is a forester's dream because there are so many different stands and relatively few invasive species.

Tall Forester and Tall Trees!  
April Olbrich, Tualatin River Watershed Council Coordinator  
and Ron Garst, Council member, are in the picture.

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September	15		<b>Income Opportunities from Family Forests – A Learning Fair and BBQ (Oregon Woodland Co-op) –</b> See page 5 for details or <a href="http://www.orwoodlandco-op.com/fair">www.orwoodlandco-op.com/fair</a>
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October	2		<b>Mentored Management Planning Shortcourse –</b> See pg. 11. <b>Rural Living Field Day –</b> North Plains. Sponsored by Tualatin, W. Multnomah, and Columbia SWCDs. Details to follow. <b>WCSWA monthly meeting</b>
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November	17		<b>WCSWA annual banquet meeting –</b> Meriwether Golf Club. Speaker: Rep. Suzanne Bonamici.
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**Groups Assail Forest Policy**

*Mateusz Perkowski, Capital Press, Aug. 15*

Timber and Livestock groups have joined in a lawsuit against a national forest policy they say prioritizes “ecological sustainability” over other uses.

Thirteen groups - including the American Forest Resources Council and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association – claim the US Forest Service’s “planning rule” violates several laws that govern national forests.

The plaintiffs have asked a federal court in Washington, D.C. to overturn the planning rule and send it back to the agency for reconsideration.

The Forest Service has touted the new rule as being more flexible, streamlined and open to public input, with the potential to greatly reduce the time and money involved in revising national forest plans.

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Plaintiffs in the case claim that the agency has made environmental conservation the top priority in forest plans. This runs contrary to federal laws that emphasize multiple uses of national forest land.

Logging, grazing and other uses would only be allowed after ecological sustainability was achieved.

Plaintiffs are afraid the agency may set a high standard for such sustainability. “We don’t know what it’s going to be. It’s not a defined term.”

Tom Partain, president of AFRC, said the plaintiffs are concerned the new planning rule will increase species tracking requirements and open the door for more litigation over the science used in developing forest plans. “It’s a step in the wrong direction,” he said.



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The event will include information and hands-on demonstrations on firewood bundling, essential oil production, hardwood flooring, medicinal plants, wild foods, figured woods, and other products. Space is limited and on a first-come basis, so **please RSVP as soon as possible** at [www.orwoodlandco-op.com/fair/](http://www.orwoodlandco-op.com/fair/) or [etj.oregon@gmail.com](mailto:etj.oregon@gmail.com) or by calling 541-505-1870.

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**Wildfire Ravages Timberland**

*from an article by Tim Hearden, "Capital Press," August 31, 2012*

A fast-moving wildfire that threatened three northeast California towns burned about 17,600 acres of Sierra Pacific Industries timberland – the worst damage the company has ever seen from a fire.

Sierra Pacific employees helped Cal Fire providing masks and gate keys and helping to move trees out of the way. Sierra Pacific spokesman Mark Pawlicki said, "It could have been much worse. We heard from California Department of Forestry firefighters that because of the management of our lands, we had created fire breaks that helped slow the fire.



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Join the Tualatin River Watershed Council on Sept 29 (10 am – 1 pm) for a tour of Gales Creek large wood placement partnered projects located on Oregon Department of Forestry lands. The tour will provide a look at the response by the stream to the large wood structures placed in 2010 and 2011 and the diverse mosaic of fish habitats along the stream that have been and are being created.

The tour meeting location is at the Gales Creek Oregon Department of Forestry day use Gales Creek campground area. The campground turnoff is located near milepost 35 on the Wilson River Highway, Highway 6, approximately 20 miles west of Portland. Please consider carpooling since space at the site may be limited. The walking tour will be over uneven ground and near and in streams; appropriate footwear and a walking stick are suggested. Bring a lunch to enjoy in the day use area prior to departing from the area. Additional questions, contact April Olbrich, Tualatin River Watershed Council coordinator, 503-846-4810 or [trwc@easystreet.net](mailto:trwc@easystreet.net)



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## Small Forestland Owners Acknowledged

On the Forest Grove News Times Commentary page on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the guest commentary was by Cynthia Orlando, certified arborist with ODF. In her words:

"Every day some 70,000 Oregonians go to work so the rest of us have clean air and water, abundant wildlife and beautiful views. These are the hardworking teachers, doctors, farmers, bookkeepers, firefighters and others who own small woodlands – forests of 10 to 5,000 acres." She cites Tom and Pat Nygren and Dallas and Sharon Boge as examples in Washington County of the 2,600 owners of 116,000 acres of small woodlands.

Cynthia explains the Oregon Forest Practices Act and "best practices" which meet federal Clean Water Act standards and requirements of other laws and ODF's interest in keeping forests healthy and intact as they work with other agencies and the public to help private landowners comply with regulations, enhance natural resources and develop long-term management plans to meet their goals.

Thank you, Cynthia, for helping to spread the good word of small woodland owners.

# TREE TALK

by Bonnie Shumaker

For this month's "Tree Talk", the WCSWA Board would like to introduce itself to WCSWA.

## **Vic Herinckx – Vice President and interim President:**

After a half career in an office job, I was looking for an excuse to spend more time outdoors. I completed the Master Woodland Management course in 2007 and purchased 30 acres at 1600-1800 feet in the Cascade foothills near Silver Falls State Park. My management plan basics are mostly sawlog production oriented with some additional desires to keep my mom's firewood shed full and periodically get my family out of the Portland suburbs and involved on the tree farm.

## **Bob Shumaker – Secretary/Treasurer**

In 2000, I retired as an administrative manager from Willamette Industries. Bonnie and I had bought a run-down farm in 1977 and raised sheep. In anticipation of retirement, we started converting cropland to trees since trees did not get out of fences and didn't have to be fed twice a day. In 1997, we bought a 40 acre clear-cut next to us, and this got us seriously into tree farming. We aim to be good land stewards and grow timber for harvest by our children and grandchildren and have fun and meet new people doing it.

## **Tom Nygren – Board Member, Position #1**

Tom Nygren - After a 35 year professional forestry career, I retired with my wife, Pat, to a 78 acre tree farm on Chehalem Mountain. Helping small woodland owners became a rewarding way to supplement my own tree farm activity, and I've learned a lot in the process! Our tree farm is a work in progress, with the goal of having a diverse and productive forest that provides a variety of benefits for both our children's future and society's needs.

## **Sam Sadtler – Board Member, Position #2**

Sam Sadtler, an East Coast BSEE Transplant, is carefully minding his ATFS Certified Tree Farm in the hills West of Banks after careers in Southern California, Aerospace, Silicon Valley, and Silicon Forest. After retiring, he took OSU Master Gardener Training in Tillamook in 2000, followed by OSU Master Woodland Manager Training in 2003. He served as President of OMGA in 2006. Sam joined WCSWA in 2008 and joined the Board in 2009.

## **Bonnie Shumaker – Board Member, Position #3**

The country life had been a goal of Bob's and mine since we met in 1962. We achieved that end and after 25 years of raising sheep and teaching school, I retired one year after Bob did and together we started a second career as woodland managers. We converted pastures to trees, took the Master Woodland Manager class and began volunteering for WCSWA and other rewarding forest activities. Our tree farm is managed for timber production, wildlife, peace and tranquility.

## **Scott Hayes – Board Member, Position #4**

Always a dream to have our own home on a working forest, in 1996 Marge and I bought our 40 acre woodland. Our first Oregon Tree Farm plan addressed a young 13 acre clearcut, 15 acres of Christmas trees-gone-wild, and 12 acres of young trees. Our friends over the years multiplied after we joined the WCSWA. Volunteering as a board member is rewarding and fun.

## **Doug Eddy – Board Member, Position #5**

Patti and I purchased 10 acres, logged and replanted, on Chehalem Mountain in 2005 to build our dream home. We had no idea we had to care for the little seedlings, "Don't they just grow by themselves?" We attended Tree School, joined WCSWA to get help, and are managing primarily for recreation. WCSWA members have been very helpful, lots of fun, and I am paying it forward by serving on WCSWA's board.

## **Bill Triest – Board Member, Position #6**

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**Marian Jamieson** - I graduated from Glencoe High School (in Hillsboro) last spring with honors and a hard-earned 3.94 GPA. I'm going to Oregon State to major in civil engineering. I plan to take an extra year to get a professional degree in geotechnical engineering. I'm very excited for this big step and really appreciate all that's contributed to it. Continuing my education is a goal I've had ever since I can remember. I give thanks to all that have helped get me here. (Marian's WCSWA sponsor is her father, Mike).

**Drew Mittendorf** will be a sophomore at Willamette University, where he is working towards a degree in Politics. Drew has plans to go on to law school, and then hold a public office. He is very active on campus with the Admissions Committee, giving tours to prospective students and helping freshman and transfer students with the transition to college life. He also makes a significant investment in helping others and volunteering through the Beaverton Rotary and his church youth group. (Drew is sponsored by WCSWA member Doug Eddy).

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**Pesticides pose negligible harm to McKenzie** 8/15/2012

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The 10-year, \$1 million study examined contamination by herbicides, insecticides and fungicides - collectively called pesticides - in tributaries as well as the main stem of the McKenzie River, which flows into the Willamette River near Eugene.

According to Karl Morgenstern, the drinking water source protection coordinator for the Eugene Water & Electric Board, the study measured contaminant levels in parts per quadrillion, well below any threat to human health.

EWEB conducted the study with the U.S. Geological Survey, testing 28 sites during the first major storms following a dry summer and during spring squalls.

Morgenstern said the study confirmed his suspicion that urban areas and areas with higher-density homes are the primary threat when it comes to pesticides. The surprise in the study, he said, was how little pesticide was detected coming from forestlands, which make up 92 percent of the watershed.

See "Pesticides. page 11

"Pesticides", continued from page 10

Forest landowners use herbicides to control competing vegetation after a regeneration harvest to quickly establish tree seedlings. Herbicides used in forestry are applied under stringent labeling requirements and generally by licensed contractors who have been trained in the lawful use of herbicides. Rules for herbicide use are outlined in the Oregon Forest Practices Act and on product labels. The rules are administered by the Department of Forestry, the Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

OFRI eNews, 8/15/12

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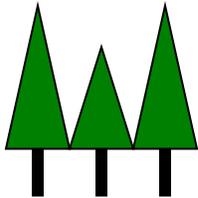
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**GUIDED NATURE TRAIL HIKE** for school age children with **Laura McMasters**.

**LITTLE TYKE HIKE!** A short trail tour for young hikers with **Theresa Crain**. *Parents are welcome to join us!*

**5 MILE HIKE** led by **Dave Hanson** for those wanting to hike Miller Woods extensive trails.

**DISCOVER:** Microscopes will be set up in the KT Corral with trained assistants to teach the wonders of science and help *young explorers examine their “findings!”*

**“NATURE’S CALL, The Story of Salmon”**

*A presentation by Dr. Lowell Spring*

“A look at the lives of our Northwest Species and the natural and man-made challenges they face on their epic journey between fresh water and the ocean.

Limited spaces so reservations are recommended!

Contact Julie at 503-472-6403

**Helpful Links:** (<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics>) to read Amy Grotta’s “Tree Topics” blog.