

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
Woodlands Association

March, 2013



Paul Anderson, Oregon Beekeepers Association

Bees and the Forest

At WCSWA's February meeting, we got all the buzz on honey beekeeping from Paul Anderson who has been a beekeeper for ten years and is currently President of the Oregon Beekeepers Association. OBA is an agricultural organization dedicated to uniting beekeepers of Oregon to improve beekeeping. They work closely with OSU Extension, OSU Entomology Lab, and have a Master Beekeepers Program.

There are 250,000 hives in Oregon with as many as 50,000 bees per hive. Bees can forage up to three miles from their hive. The honey produced from the hives can be as much as 100 pounds per year with the average at 40 pounds. The pollination supplied by bees brings \$15 billion in added crop value. Paul stated that "About one mouthful in three in the diet directly or indirectly benefits from honey bee pollination."

Lately, the honey bee has suffered from CCD, or Colony Collapse Disorder. There is no known solid cause for CCD at this time, and it is more a problem outside the Northwest. In the Northwest, only 10-20% of hives are affected, but this is still twice as much as in the past.

See "Beekeeping, page 10

What Your Logger Can Do For You

WCSWA Meeting on March 26th

Rex Storm, Forest Policy Manager for Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. (AOL) will be the featured speaker for the March WCSWA monthly meeting, 7PM at the North Plains Fire Station on Commercial Street.

As Forest Policy Manager for AOL, Rex represents 1,000 forest contracting businesses concerning statewide forest regulatory affairs, industry relations, lobbying, contracting, timber supply, and professional certification.

Associated Oregon Loggers is a trade association, founded in 1969. In addition to providing services to loggers, AOL also makes information available to the public about the industry and forestry in general. Reliable, accurate information is the key to making the right decisions today, whether in your business or sorting out what's really going on in the forest.

Prior to joining AOL in 1995, Rex worked for 18 years with American Pulpwood Association, US Forest Service, and Louisiana-Pacific. He holds an MBA degree from Univ. of Oregon, a BS in forestry from Colorado State Univ., graduate certificates in forest engineering, silviculture, resource leadership, and is a Certified Forester.

He is an Oregon Small Woodlands Association member, with a 93-acre tree farm in Columbia County. Rex and wife Kathy live near Forest Grove and in their spare time enjoy camping, family, and managing their tree farm.

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Event Calendar

March	9	Northwest Native Plant and Tree Sale , Saturday, March 9 th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Bales Thriftway in Aloha.
	26	WCSWA Meeting , 7 p.m. – North Plains Fire Station “What Your Logger Can Do For You” – Rex Storm, Forest Policy Manager , Associated Oregon Loggers
April	23	WCSWA Meeting , 7 p.m. – North Plains Fire Station “Your Forest Stewardship Forester and ODF, an Update on Forest Road Litigation,” Mike Cafferata, District Forester, ODF, Forest Grove - NFPS
May	21	WCSWA Annual Potluck – Magness Memorial Tree Farm. OSU Grad Student presentations.
July	13	TFOY Picnic at Sam and Cee Sadtler’s – Save the date

The Woodlands Beat

by John and Cathy Dummer

Trails can be a valuable part of forestland as most of you are undoubtedly aware. In addition to allowing access to more of your property, they are a nice way to get exercise and can also be a nice way to get to know your spouse a little better...as you will find out – read on. A while back we started building a trail. Our property has a creek and we thought it would be fun to build a trail to the creek and also provide easier access to more of our property. Due to slash that was left from the last logging operation and the steep topography, covering any ground took significant bush whacking and a lot of time. Here is a brief outline of how this all went down:

Building a trail the John and Cathy way (not endorsed or recommended necessarily by John or Cathy, but effective in that it resulted in a trail to the creek – let's keep the end in mind):

1. Develop the objectives and proposed uses for the trail (sounds a bit like something that should be in our management plan. Amy Grotta, the instructor of our course on how to write a management plan, would be so proud). In our case they were: a) access to creek, b) better access to interior of property, and c) future conversion to road for logging (maximum grade 22% per course attended at Tree School a few years ago).
2. Completely disagree about location of trail.
3. Resolve disagreement and laugh that either of us thought it really was that big of a deal...or at least act that way for the purposes of appeasing the other.
4. Traipse over property to determine best location. After hours of walking, settle only on the best location for a creek crossing.
5. Use high tech drafting software to completely over-plan the routing of a simple trail. Develop several iterations of a 3D CAD model with profiles to show grade. Would you expect any less from two engineers?
6. Cut down and limb an Alder about 20ft tall. Tie an orange flag at just the right height on the Alder such that at a rope's length sighting back on the orange flag a 22% or less slope can be maintained. Professor Shultz's surveying class pays dividends yet again!
7. Repeat steps 2 and 3 above occasionally.
8. Start at the creek and work up the hill, staking the trail at each rope length. For stakes we used salvaged lath from our last home demolition project. Our house was built in 1940, about the time a harvest took place on our property, and we pondered as we worked if any of that harvest was made into lath, made it into our house (in Portland) and was being returned from whence it came. (Queue up theme song for the day - "The Circle of Life" from *The Lion King*). Everyone hears music while they are working on their property - right?
9. Use Global Positioning System (GPS) to locate trail for later mapping. You can never have too much data, unless of course you never use it, but we are both engineers so collect data we shall.
10. Build trail using new fancy trail-building hoe. Enjoy the hard work and sense of accomplishment OR be grateful that someone (else) likes to work hard.
11. Attempt to get young relatives to help, using bribery if necessary.
12. Be careful about allowing other woodland owners to help: they may be unable to pull out the volunteer seedlings and you'll end up with trees in the middle of the trail. We have over 15,000 trees on our property and my Dad couldn't bear to take one out for this trail, so we have a tree or two in the middle of the trail. We can live with that – thanks for the help Dad!

See "Woodlands Beat", page 7

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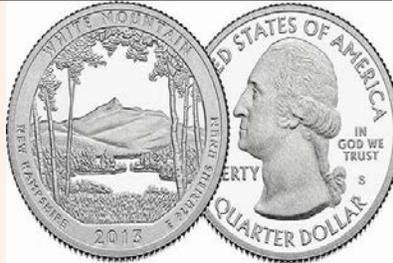


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Posted by [Tiffany Holloway, Office of Communication, U.S. Forest Service](#), on January 28, 2013 at 3:39 PM



The U.S. Mint released a quarter honoring the White Mountain National Forest that covers approximately 750,852 acres in the northeastern U.S.

White Mountain National Forest joins two other Forest Service sites – Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon and El Yunque National Forest in Puerto Rico – already honored under the program. Three other Forest Service-managed lands will be depicted on further releases in a multi-year program to honor 56 forests, national parks, and other sites in each state, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories. Future quarters will include Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, Shawnee National Forest in Illinois and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho.



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To Rock or Not – A Study by Steve Bowers

*Excerpts from an article published in the
Western Journal of Applied Forestry, 2010*

Few private woodland owners have aggregate roads capable of withstanding the rigors of a harvesting operation that includes travel by 80,000 lb GVW (gross vehicle weight) log trucks. Traditionally, these logging operations are conducted on seasonal roads during the warm/dry summer months in the western U.S.

This study encompasses 16 years (1995 – 2010) and evaluates the financial viability of investing in aggregate roads to conduct a timber harvest during the wet season - January through May.

Two cost scenarios are used in the study. The first includes minor preparation of a pre-existing road with a 12-foot running surface and 12 inches of non-compacted aggregate. The second scenario includes aggregate costs only with 12 inches of non-compacted aggregate on a 10-foot running surface.

Douglas-fir log values are obtained over a 16-year period. Results indicate a harvest during the wet season realizes values 2.3% greater than those harvesting timber during the dry season. A timber harvest of 1.625 MMBF is necessary to recover the costs incurred in scenario one, and 1.199 MMBF is necessary to recover the costs incurred in scenario two. While many woodland owners have insufficient timber volumes to pay for these roads, the environmental, recreational and other non-harvest considerations of quality, aggregate surfaced roads is an important factor in the decision to invest in these roads.

The use of aggregate roads by log trucks during wet periods is a major source of fine-grained sediment to streams and stream turbidity (Dent, et.al. 2003). Because of this fact, the Oregon Forest Practice Rules designates a section specifically to Wet Weather Road Use.

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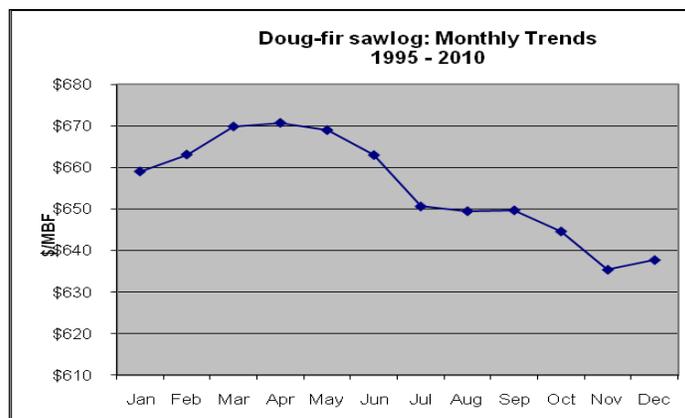
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Over the 16-year study period, average log values for the months of January through May was \$624/MBF compared to \$610/MBF for the June through October time frame, a difference of \$14/MBF or 2.3%. The cost of upgrading 0.5 miles of pre-existing road to a 12-foot running surface and 12 inches of durable aggregate was \$875 per station, resulting in a total cost of \$22,750. The cost of 26 stations to include a 10-foot running surface and 12 inches of durable aggregate was \$ 646 per station with a total cost of \$16,796.

Conclusion

Many small woodland owners do not possess the timber inventories to financially justify aggregate surfaced roads solely for the intent of timber harvesting operations; however, a well-constructed, quality aggregate surface road enables woodland owners' year-round access to their properties for harvesting activities, reforestation projects, timber stand improvement activities, fire protection and suppression and recreational opportunities.





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1. After trail is largely complete, attend WCSWA trail-building class and learn how to do it from the experts. Seriously it was fantastic to gain some confidence by watching the pros struggle with the same things we do and fill us in on a few of the tricks of the trade. Rumor has it the program committee might be doing this class again in the future.
2. Enjoy the accomplishment of having worked together on a project that really goes somewhere. That is seriously funny and you should be laughing at this point.

In addition to meeting our objectives, we've found other benefits to the trail. First we found that it nicely bounds a root rot area, making it easy for us to watch the development of the open area and the growth of bushes and shrubs that thrive with more sun. More recently we observed some serious beaver activity in the creek that would have been very difficult to get to...for us, the beaver seems right at home. We've recently laid out another trail to gain easier access to more of our property and have refined our technique a little. Hope you enjoyed peering through a window into how our small woodland is managed. We'll keep you up to date on how we deal with the beaver in the future.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!



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TREE TALK

by Bonnie Shumaker

ser·en·dip·i·ty -an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident.

Bob and I have been working in the far corner of our forest doing brush clearing, conifer release and limbing up branches as we go. It is not an unpleasant chore, although it can be a bit tedious at times, so discovering something unusual is definitely a serendipitous moment.

We had just finished our day's work, which at our age with this kind of work amounts to two hours, and were meeting back at our RTV. Bob told me he had discovered a new shrub that he didn't recognize and led me to it. He felt, and I agreed that perhaps it was Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus* var.). To test out our hypothesis, we plucked a branch and took it back to the house. Using our array of native plant books, we quickly determined that we were wrong. While the bark resembled a variety of Mahogany, the leaves did not. Further investigation led us to believe that this was Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* var.) a shrub that is kin to the groundcover Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*). We will have to be sure to check out this discovery in the spring and summer by checking for pinkish-white urn-shaped flowers and blackish-red fruits. Manzanita is Spanish for "little apples" alluding to these fruits. Our serendipity for the day obviously led to a botany lesson, which was fun in itself.



Manzanita?

Bob also observed a doe observing him as he walked through the woods carrying his chain saw. He is the hunter; I am not, but Bob tells me to look for something out of place. The deer was standing still and his hunter's eye caught it. I tried observing while walking to my work area, but found that the non-trail I was using made it more likely for me to trip than catch the eye of a deer. We have both observed a pair of mallard ducks on our pond on several occasions. Fortunately, our dogs are not that interested; nor are the ducks interested in the dogs. Wouldn't it be exciting if they would nest at the pond and we could have a splendid moment of serendipity a few weeks from now watching baby ducks?

I received a call from a reporter for the Oregonian last week wanting to interview me about our Native Plant and Tree Sale. She asked me how I got involved in the sale, and I told her I had always loved plants, especially woodland plants. When she asked me how I developed that love, I immediately responded, "From my mother. She was always taking us for walks in the woods and knew the names of all the native plants." It made me realize the impact each of us may have on those around us. Her love was catching; may it be so with all of us.



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This year we are pleased to return to television markets where we have been absent for several years: Eugene, Medford and Klamath Falls. During the recession, OFRI pared its television purchases to the Portland metro area. Over the past few budget cycles, we've worked to increase the educational advertising budget. This year's media buy is 45 percent more than last year's. Next year, we intend to again purchase the Bend TV market.

Our educational TV ads are similar to those used during 2012. This year, with advice and guidance from the Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association, we shot several new sequences that helped us re-edit the ads used last year so that they work better in markets with drier forest types. Watch this year's revamped ads at YouTube.

Television is an important part of our educational advertising program, but not all of it. We are sponsors of Oregon Public Broadcasting radio. Also during March, we will launch our targeted internet advertising. Finally, we maintain two informational billboards along the Sunset Highway, one of Oregon's most-traveled routes to the coast.

From Dave Kvamme, OFRI

Niche Market Success

Northwest Figured Woods was started by Susan Curington and Les Dougherty in 2008 when they salvaged maple after a clearcut and began turning it into beautiful wooden creations. In addition to their own creations, they supply burls, slabs and blanks of various woods to woodworkers all over the U.S. Check out www.nwfiguredwoods.com to learn more.

The upside to their success is that they are now hiring Travis Zumwalt to help in the business. Travis is a woodworking artist currently living in California with his wife and two children. He needs to relocate to Oregon, preferably within 20 minutes of NW Figured Woods near Hagg Lake and is looking for a rental/caretaker position. He also has skills as a carpenter. If you have a place for Travis, contact him at 808-264-6968 or NW Woods at 1-800-556-3106.

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Hosting honey bees in a forest gives the bees nutritional variety, healthier food sources, less exposure to pathogens, less contamination from other bees and less stress since they are moved only once or twice per year.

The benefits to the forester include security (by having a beekeeper visit the forest to report suspicious activity), replanting support (by having the bees help keep the undergrowth healthy giving the elk and deer something to eat besides your seedlings), having the beekeeper share the honey at harvest, and the honeybees and native bees co-exist together giving a boost to pollination. Some of the bees' favorite native plants are cascara, dewberry, fireweed, snowberry, Oregon grape and salal. Plants that are not favorites of woodland owners, but which honeybees love are Himalayan blackberries, thistles and Scotch broom.

The ideal site for a honeybee hive is at the edge of a meadow, a thinned area or a clear-cut. The site should face east or south. Since honeybees don't fly when the temperature is below 55 degrees, the morning sun is needed to warm things up. There should also be road access for tending to the bees which include regular visits once or twice per week in the summer and once per month in the winter. Honey is usually collected in late July or early August.

There are two models for commercial beekeeping. In one, an orchardist hires a beekeeper to bring his hives; in the other a woodland owner offers space for the hives and the beekeeper shares the honey. Other products besides honey are bee pollen and beeswax. A person could set up his or her own hive for about \$150.

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WCSWA's seedling sale was started in 1999 by Wendell Walker as a means to deliver a valuable service to members and generate income for WCSWA to carry out and expand its programs. Over the years, over 795,000 seedlings have been sold!

Thanks go out to the following who ventured out to Woodland, WA. to pick up the seedlings: Mel Mortensen, Richard and Anne Hanschu, Mike Jamison and Dick Enger. Thanks also to Dick Enger for submitting the following photos.



Richard, Anne, Mike, Mel and Bob

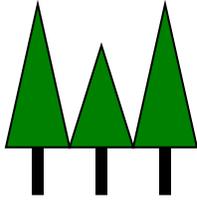


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Women Owning Woodlands Network: The Art and Science of Forest Thinning

April 13, 2013, 9:00 am - 12:00pm, brown bag lunch following.

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