

Forest Forum

Washington County Small
Woodlands Association

April, 2013

You and Your Logger



John Dummer with Rex Storm of AOL

WCSWA members often need loggers to harvest their timber – but usually not very often! As a result, you may not be up on the things to consider in getting a logger to work on your job.

At the March 26th WCSWA meeting, Rex Storm, executive director of the Associated Oregon Loggers (and a forester and small woodland owner himself), presented guidelines for how to approach a timber operation using independent logging contractors. Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) is the trade association for independent logging contractors in Oregon. AOL is also the sponsor of the Professional Logger Program, a certification program that certifies logging and forest operator companies and contractors for their continuing education and adherence to professionalism.

Rex described the basic steps you need to go through:

- **Have a plan.** A management plan for your property will be a big help in deciding what you need and how to achieve it. It also

See “AOL” on page 4

Meet Our New ODF District Forester

District Forester Mike Cafferata, who recently assumed the Forest Grove ODF position, will visit WCSWA members at our **April 23rd monthly meeting**. Mike's program topic will be **“Your Forest Stewardship Forester and ODF, and Update on Forest Road Litigation”**. Mike will also share information about the relationship between ODF and landowners, and describe how to best work with your stewardship forester to meet your forest management needs. In addition, Mike attended the Supreme Court case on forest roads and will share stories from this visit, updates on the case, and implications for forest landowners.

The April 23rd meeting will be held at the North Plains Fire Station on Commercial Street in North Plains, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

WCSWA Scholarship Application Due May 15th

Funds generated by the March plant sale will be used to grant two \$1000 scholarships this year. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and college students through their senior year. There are no specific requirements as to the student's county of residence, field of study, college, university or trade school. Applicants must be recommended by a WCSWA member. Past winners of a WCSWA scholarship are not eligible. Full time

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A free service to our members: List tree farm items/land to buy, sell, or trade. Contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472. Got a tool or piece of equipment you don't need any more? Or maybe you are looking for tools, equipment, property, or materials? You can place a free advertisement in Forest Forum. Another way for tree farmers to help each other! (3 month limit)

Wanted: Need something?

For Sale: Got something someone else may need?

Event Calendar

April	23	8 a.m. 7 pm	“OSWA Day at the Capital”, Salem – see OSWA website “Your Forest Stewardship Forester and ODF, and Update on Forest Road Litigation” – Mike Cafferata, District Forester, ODF, Forest Grove – NFPS (North Plains Fire Station)
May	21	TBD	WCSWA Potluck at Magness Memorial Tree Farm. OSU Grad Student presentations (courtesy of Amy Grotta and David Shaw).
June	TBD	TBD	Stella-Jones Pole Yard
July	13		Sadtler Tree Farmer of the Year Tour
August			No Scheduled Event
September	28	10 am	Schroeder Seed Orchard Tour
October	22	7 pm	Fun in the Forest, at NPFS
November	TBD	TBD	Annual WCSWA Banquet, Meriwether National Golf Course
December			No scheduled event

The Woodland Beat

In the context of consulting work I've heard a saying that goes something like "Our biggest assets walk out the door each night at closing time and return in the morning". While that saying is geared toward acknowledging the value of employees to a company there is a parallel to the Washington County Small Woodlands Association and our members, which are our biggest asset. Putting a value on that isn't possible. It is our members who provide the ideas, energy, humor, effort, quirkiness, brains and brawn that keep us going!

This was on display in a big way at our annual native plant sale last month. The event took place on a sunny Saturday in March. That could not have possibly been planned, but I'm sure it was wished for. The organization of the event was what I would call "dialed in". It was fantastic. Many people who shopped at the sale commented on the large variety of plants that were available and the wealth of information that was also available to shoppers at the sale. It is our members that make all that happen. From securing the venue to renting the tent to potting plants and coordinating the nurseries and all the supplies that are needed, our members made it all happen, and as a result we'll be able to award scholarships to deserving students again this year. Nice work, everyone involved in that effort!

The annual seedling sale is another area where our members have recently displayed that they are our biggest asset. Securing seed, arranging to grow the seedlings at a nursery, coordinating delivery and a location to stage distribution and delivering the seedlings all are tasks that are time consuming and are necessary to make this work. Again, it was a well-organized effort on the part of our members that made it happen. The result was on the order of 50,000 seedlings made available to members for re-forestation efforts. Nice work, everyone involved in that effort!

Last summer we went on the tour of the Stimson Mill near Hagg Lake. It was fascinating to see what happens to the logs after they've been trucked off. The level of automation at the mill and the production rate was amazing. Establishing a plan for the monthly meetings and tours is another area where WCSWA distinguishes itself. By identifying programs that are of interest to our members the program committee continues to spark the interest of our members which increases our knowledge on specific program topics, helping us to better manage our woodlands and allowing members to interact and get to know one another at the events. Nice work, everyone involved in that effort!

Those are just a few of the examples we've encountered in the past several months. I'm just coming off of another successful season as a basketball coach for Special Olympics where they tell me "there is no off-season". Again this applies to WCSWA, as there really is no off-season. There is always something going on that you can be part of.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!

John and Cathy Dummer

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provides the base of information you need before you talk to a logging contractor. You also may want to consult with a professional forester – particularly if you have a large logging or other management action in mind. A consulting forester can help you decide how to get the highest value for your logs, or locate reliable harvesting, planting or other contractors.

- **Communication is important** – with your *neighbors* (do you agree on where the property lines are?), with your *contractor* (are you sure you are on the same page about what will be done, when it will be done, and where it will be done?), with *agencies* that regulate your actions (such as the Oregon Department of Forestry for the Forestry Practices Act) – you may also want to talk to your *accountant or CPA* for tax implications.
- **Verify:** ask for references, and check them out.
- **Monitor** the operation – catch any little problems before they become huge problems!

Finally – make sure that you understand and agree on the payment for the job. There are two common methods of payment:

1. A **percentage** of the stumpage value – You agree with the logger on what percentage of the stumpage value the logger will get for the job. Some loggers like this for small jobs. Landowners may not like it because it is not transparent regarding the value of the timber. For very high value timber, the landowner may be paying a pretty high price for the logging.
2. **Rate** per thousand board feet – You pay the logger a set fee based on the amount harvested and scaled at the mill, in per thousand board feet (mbf). Regardless of the timber value, the logger gets the agreed on rate.

In both cases, it should be clear to both parties what services, quality of work, or other criteria are included in the agreement, and the agreement should be documented and jointly signed. Mills will also provide a “split” for the log value, based on this written agreement – with one check going to the landowner, and the other to the logger.

Rex provided some excellent written handouts, and that information will be up soon on the AOL website, which is being updated and will be available by mid-April. (www.oregonloggers.org)



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WHEN: Wednesday, April 17,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m

WHERE: Lucky Lab Beer Hall
1945 NW Quimby
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COST: Free and open to the public! And members get a free beer!

GUEST SPEAKERS: **James Ray Arnold** of JRA Green Building
Larry Baker of Larry Baker Logging
Robert Wortman of Heartfelt Woodworks
Glenn Ahrens from OSU Forestry Extension
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**OSWA “Day at the Capital”
SWO’s to Meet Legislators**

8:00 a.m. on April 23rd Oregon Small Woodland Association members will meet with Oregon legislators to discuss their interests and concerns about the current legislative agenda. In turn, selected legislators will present information from current legislative activities that they believe will be of interest to small woodland owners.

In the afternoon, OSWA members are encouraged to meet with their own legislators, and make the kind of personal connection that is so important to have with the legislators who represent us.

Information about the meeting place, schedule, parking and other important aspects of the day are available from OSWA website (www.oswa.org) or directly from Jim James, Executive Director.



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Nelson Henderson

Master Woodland Manager Training Offered This Year

I am very excited to announce that there will be a **Master Woodland Manager** training this year in northwest Oregon/metro area, starting in May!

Master Woodland Manager (MWM) is OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension’s volunteer program. MWMs are small woodland owners that receive 60 hours of training on subject areas that help them improve the management of their own lands as well as help others in the small woodlands community. In return, The training involves seven full-day to 1.5-day modules spaced out about once a month. In addition, there will be assignments between classes. Most classes will have a large field component. Sessions will be held in different locations around Clackamas and Washington Counties. If you wish to consider the Master Woodland Manager training. The application and schedule are posted on the MWM website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm/>. Space is limited. **Please apply by April 15th.**

Amy Grotta

Extension Forester – Columbia, Washington & Yamhill Counties

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TREE TALK

by Bonnie Shumaker

Like Cathy and John in their Presidents' notes, I am going to expound on the successful plant sale. I received an email right after the sale from Mel and Wendy Mortensen with which I couldn't agree more. They wrote, "I predicted that the sale would be record breaking for a couple of reasons: (1) there was a bigger selection of larger plants than usual, and the large Incense Cedar and Sequoia, both Coast and Giant, were gorgeous; (2) there were plants showing in each container rather than just a pot with soil; (3) the signs were instructive and easy to read (don't think this was a change though); (4) the weather cooperated; (5) the display was more enticing because the plants were bigger; and (6) I believe there was more advertising." They finished their email with, "Congratulations. Sorry to say it wasn't any quieter to sleep." Mel and Wendy were our Friday night campers, an essential job that ensures that our plants are not disturbed overnight after the Friday set-up, but does not ensure that the campers' sleep is undisturbed. Our receipts from the day of sale were a record \$11,495. Our net profit which will go to scholarships is \$ \$5,031, another record.



Left, front to back: Sam Sadtler, Vic Herinckx. Pat Nvaren helping a customer

To all our volunteers – a huge THANK YOU! Your expertise and willingness to share your time and talent are extraordinary.

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Tom Dummer	Bob Shumaker	Jolene Adams	Mel Mortensen
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To increase our advertising, the plant sale committee emphasized this as a fund-raising event for scholarships. We have always stated this in our press release; but this year fund-raising was in the heading. As a result, more publications advertised our sale, and The Oregonian even wrote an article.

Mother Nature was kind to us this year with good weather on the day of the sale and warmer weather the week prior. Paul Stormo, a supplier, told me that the plants had been popping up daily making them look good.

Thanks again to all volunteers for your help. Our plant sale committee could use more members, and if you would like to join the committee, please contact me at 503-324-7825 or at bshumaker@coho.net.





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Supreme Court Rules To Uphold Current Road Policy

by Melissa Moeller,
American Tree Farm System

The Supreme Court ruled today to uphold the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) long-standing policy to treat forest roads as nonpoint source polluters that are not subject to permitting requirements of the Clean Water Act.

What does this mean? It means that family forest owners with runoff from forest roads are not required to do more than the current approach of using voluntary (or in some states mandatory) best management practices to protect water quality. In contrast to this best management practices (BMPs) approach, point source polluters are regulated by a Clean Water Act permit, where the polluter must get a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental agency.

While the Supreme Court's decision is a decided win for family forest owners, the issue is far from over. Late last year, EPA changed their policy on forest roads just prior to the Supreme Court's review of the case. EPA's newest policy moved forestry out of the industrial activity category in an effort to help forest owners avoid the permitting requirement. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court's ruling was limited to EPA's previous policy, and lawsuits have already been filed against the new policy.

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God looked down on the earth he had created and said, "I need an old school conservationist, someone who will care for the forests I've created, someone who understands that I planted these forests for man's pleasure and needs."

So, God made a logger.

God said, "I need somebody who will get up at three o'clock in the morning and drive a hundred miles into the woods, just to get to the trees I want him to cut, so that my forests will continue to grow and provide shelter for the billions of people who will populate my earth."

"I need a man with the strength of a mule who can pack a 60-pound chain saw and a gunny sack full of tools up and down steep hills all day long, rain or shine."

"I need a family man who always has time for his wife and children, even when he is dead tired, a man who teaches his children the importance of honesty and the value of hard work."

So, God made a logger.

Then God said, "I need a careful man willing to face danger, because working in the woods will be dangerous work. Some men will die there, crushed beneath falling trees or tons of machinery, or killed by a falling limb they never heard."

"I need an artist who can maneuver a 60-ton machine through a stand of fine timber without tearing the bark off the trees, then reach out and pluck the three trees that need to be cut without harming the rest of the stand."

"I need someone who is devoted to his community, who can go home after a long day in the woods, eat supper and go out to a town hall meeting that won't end until past midnight."

So, God made a logger.

Then God said, "I need a man with simple faith, someone who doesn't get discouraged when his prospects look dim, a man who faces every day with a smile on his face, even when he doesn't know what the day will bring or where he will find his next job."

"I need an innovator, a problem solver with practical skills that only years of woods experience can teach, a man who isn't afraid to try something new, even if the textbooks say it can't be done."

"I need a guy with horse sense who can keep a small business together, meet a payroll every Friday and explain to his banker why he needs to borrow three million dollars to buy new equipment to replace the stuff he bought five years ago that's already worn out."

So, God made a logger.

God said, "I need someone with the constitution of an ox, someone who isn't afraid to get his hands dirty, someone who sees opportunity in life's disappointments and is willing to just keep working when nothing else seems to work."

"I need a mechanical wizard who can fix almost anything, anytime, anywhere with a nine-sixteenths socket wrench, a screwdriver and a roll of duct tape, someone who won't quit on me on the nights when he has to work in his shop until 2 a.m. fixing what he couldn't fix in the woods 18 hours earlier."

"I need a man who takes pride in his work, someone who will go the last mile to be sure that the streams just down the hill are protected, who fells his timber carefully, cleans up after himself and never forgets that the soil beneath his feet is where the next forest will grow."

So, God made a logger.

God said, "I need somebody with a generous heart willing to give up his weekends when he'd rather be home napping on the couch, a man willing to help out at the county fair, referee a high school basketball game, or take his son or daughter's youth

group on a camping trip in the same woods that break his back five days a week."

So, God made a logger.

"I need a man with the patience of Job, who can overlook the insults hurled at him by people who have no appreciation for the wonderful work he does, someone who will explain for the umpteenth time that forests aren't fragile, that the last forest will be replaced by the next forest and that trees turned into lumber are the best building material I ever made."

"I need a man who won't turn his back on the less fortunate, someone who will throw all of his pocket change in a Salvation Army Christmas pot, or write a check to a local soup kitchen or sponsor a 4-H group, an FFA club or the Little League baseball team that hasn't won a game in 10 years."

So, God made a logger.

"I need someone who loves the woods as much as I love them, a big man who admires wilderness areas, trout streams, elk herds, birds and wildflowers as much as he respects the forests that put food on his table and a roof over his head."

Then God said, "And last and most important of all, I need a father who won't discourage his sons and daughters from following in his footsteps, because I will always need good loggers."

So, God made another logger.

Source: Jim Petersen, The Evergreen Foundation. A note from Jim Petersen on 7 February 2013. "I wrote this last night, having been inspired by Chrysler Corporation's Super Bowl advertisement featuring Paul Harvey's famous "And God Made a Farmer" monologue. Its author is unknown".

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Finding and Selecting a Logger

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Timber Harvesting Options for Woodland Owners, EC 1356

Contracts for Woodland Owners and Christmas Tree Growers, EC 1192

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Scholarships, from page 1 enrollment is required for release of funds to the educational institution.

The scholarship application form requires personal and educational information plus two letters of recommendation. The applicant must submit a 500 word essay explaining his or her distinguishing qualities, educational and life goals, and experiences with their family's forest activities or those of their WCSWA sponsor.

Applications must be received by May 18th, 2013. For application materials, call or e-mail Ron Larson at rlarson@reed.edu, 503-775-3223.

Scholarship recipients will be introduced at the Annual November Banquet, or at the Tree Farmer of the Year summer picnic and tour.



Sharon Boge helps customer, 2013 Plant Sale

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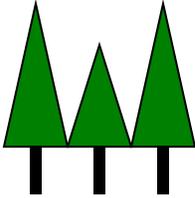
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New Members Welcome to **Richard Libby** of Cornelius, **Glenn Begis** of Gaston, and **Alan Hallberg** of North Plains! We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. (You're always invited to the WCSWA meetings!). 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 listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Virtual Cruiser Vest This online learning module developed by WSU Extension will teach you the basic principles of taking an inventory of your forest. It includes ten lessons with video clips, diagrams, and exercises to help you get started. Through the course of these lessons, you will learn how to identify individual stands on your property, the basics of plot sampling, how to establish an inventory plot, and how to measure individual trees. You will then learn how to work with your inventory data in a computer program called the Landscape Management System (LMS). Check it out at

<http://forestandrange.org/Virtual%20Cruiser%20Vest/>.

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Helpful Links:

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics> to read Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog.

www.orwoodlandco-op.com to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative