

# **Forest Forum**

## **Washington County Small Woodlands Association**

September 2014

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## **Lewis River Nursery Tour Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

***WCSWA members will tour the Lewis River Reforestation nursery in Woodland, Washington at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Members can either meet at the nursery, or meet the Shumakers at the Hitchen' Post restaurant in North Plains at 9:00 a.m. to either carpool or follow them to the nursery.***

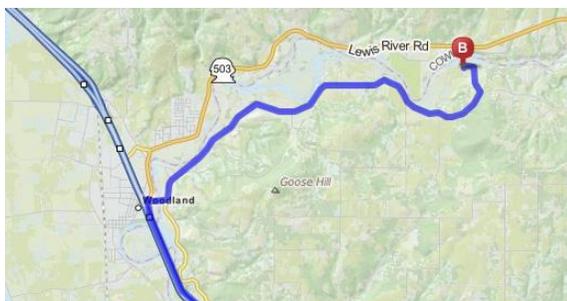
The nursery has been the provider of quality Douglas-fir and western red cedar seedlings to WCSWA members for many years. The Douglas-fir seedlings are grown for WCSWA using Vernonia High Gain DF seeds provided at favorable cost from the Oregon Department of Forestry's Vernonia Seed Orchard. These seedlings have superior growing characteristics and are intended to maximize the growing potential of your site. They are not genetically modified organisms, but are the result of breeding parent trees with superior growing characteristics from trees selected from our area.

Bruce Summers, resident manager for Lewis River Reforestation, will be the tour guide. He will lead the group through the nursery operations: planting, tending, extraction, and bundling and storage. The machinery and its operation for planting and extraction will be explained. Actual seedlings will be "pulled" to examine stem diameter and root mass. Normally WCSWA has contracted for 1-1 seedlings (one year in the seedling bed, and one year in the transplant bed). However, other options such as Plug – 1 and 2-1 are often used in nurseries. This will be a good opportunity to discuss the options with Bruce.

Following the tour, picnic tables will be available for lunch if you wish to stay – a good opportunity to share ideas and concerns with other WCSWA members who have participated in the seedling program over the years. (Be sure to bring a sack lunch!).

This seedling program is an important service to members and a fund raising source for WCSWA. WCSWA takes the risk of planting these trees two years before your needs are known; seedling needs may vary significantly from year to year depending on timber markets and harvests. WCSWA provides pick up and cold storage through member volunteers.

### ***Directions:***



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## Event Calendar

<b>September 20th</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>WCSWA Tour: Lewis River Reforestation, Woodland, WA</b>	<b>Tour of the facility that grows WCSWA seedlings, showing how and where they are grown.</b> Picnic area available after – bring your lunch if you wish.
<b>September 25-26</b>	TBA	<b>Port Blakely Mollalla Tree Farm</b>	<b>Pacific Logging Congress – Clackamas Co.</b> Volunteers needed. Contact Julie Woodward, <a href="mailto:Woodward@ofri.org">Woodward@ofri.org</a> or 503-807-1614.
<b>October 28</b>	7:00p.m.	<b>WCSWA Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Timber Harvest Equipment</b> – Steve Bowers, speaker. North Plains Fire Station.. North Plains Fire Station
<b>November 18</b>	8:00-4:00	<b>Linn County Fairgrounds - Albany</b>	<b>Wildlife in Managed Forests:</b> Songbirds and Early Seral Habitats
<b>November</b>	TBA	<b>World Forestry Center</b>	<b>Oregon Tree Farm Annual Luncheon and Meeting</b>
<b>December</b>		<b>No Meetings/Activities Scheduled</b>	

## ***The Woodland Beat***

For the past six months or maybe longer, we've watched as our neighbors down the road have constructed Pumpkin Ridge Zip Tours and on July 31 they opened for business. The other day on our way past we stopped and briefly chatted with the guides. It is advertised as a "family friendly zip tour featuring 8 zip lines that will take you through a beautiful forest, across majestic suspension bridges, and near breath-taking Brunswick Canyon. This tour is an amazing way to experience the natural landscape of Oregon while zipping from platform to platform through the forest canopy. You will soar past tall Douglas Firs, Western Red Cedars, and experience the forest from a viewpoint usually exclusive to birds. Tours last approximately 2-2.5 hours." We haven't given it a shot just yet but it sounds like yet another way to enjoy the outdoors in the area. Based on their website there is a senior discount for those over 65 and there is also a discount for the first 1,000 customers, so you might want to check this out soon, or much later depending on how close you are to 65. They said they'd be out in all weather – perhaps I'll check back in with them after the winter on that..... You can find out more by checking out their website [www.pumpkinridgeziptour.com](http://www.pumpkinridgeziptour.com).

We've been enjoying our own small woodland recently by clearing a property line and limbing some trees. They both make it easier to get around and see what the trees look like. The thinning has taken a bit of a hiatus; we'll get the chainsaw going again when the fire danger is in the rear view mirror for the year. The game camera has been fun to deploy and investigate the various game in our neck of the woods. We've been trying to capture a beaver but that hasn't quite worked out. He's been very active - we have been joking that we've got waterfront property now – but our camera hasn't taken a single picture of him yet. The little guy (or girl) has taken down a number of trees too, but mostly within the riparian setback that was overgrown to begin with. I'm thinking we can co-exist, otherwise I'll probably turn into the character Bill Murray played in *Caddyshack* going after the gophers, and I really don't want that to happen. Hard to believe the summer is starting to wind down. Hope you're enjoying what is left of it!

After taking August off from any formal program we are ready to hit the road for a tour in September and then our regular meeting in October. See details on both of those events elsewhere in this issue.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodlanding!

*John and Cathy Dummer*

### **CALLING ALL WCSWA WOODCRAFTERS**

Would you like to display your woodland-oriented crafts in a climate-controlled, free-of-charge venue to a very receptive group? The WCSWA Annual Meeting Decorations Committee is looking for woodcrafters willing to exhibit their handiwork as table decorations for the annual dinner to be held Saturday, November 22, at Meriwether Golf and Country Club. In case of overwhelming response, preference will be given to WCSWA/OSWA or OWC members.

If you would like to display your crafts in this way, please contact Ardis Schroeder, 503/628-2344, [theoneil@upwardaccess.com](mailto:theoneil@upwardaccess.com) by October 15 to reserve your table space.

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# Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

## Putting Things By

This is the time of year when, if you are not harvesting timber, there is not much to do in the woods. The yellow jackets are out just waiting for an unsuspecting foot to step on their nest on the forest floor, and it's not the right time to prune or plant. Maybe this is why many small woodlands owners with an overblown "Puritan work ethic" also plant a vegetable garden. Or is it because we just can't help planting things? Whatever the reason, I'm sure many of you can relate to this time of year as the time to "put things by" for winter. My grandmother and her sisters in Walla Walla, Washington used to pack up the kids and the canning supplies and head up to the cabin on Mill Creek where the air was cooler. They spent the day at the back porch wood-fired stove processing the fruits of their in-town gardens while my dad's memory was of playing in Mill Creek. I've seen the cabin and the creek; just an ankle deep creek this time of year and a happy place to be out from underfoot while the women worked.

This sunny summer in western Oregon has been tailor-made for growing vegetables. Except for my tomatoes which got a rough start for various reasons, all is growing well and with a nice Indian-summer, the tomatoes will contribute their bounty, too. I was telling my grand-daughter that this was my worst tomato season ever (I had to re-plant July 1<sup>st</sup>), and she responded "and that's a long, long time." I couldn't argue with that observation. I've tried an experiment this year with the Gravenstein apple trees. Last year was a bust, and this year at least a million fruit was pollinated and set. Rather than have a ridiculous crop of small apples resulting in another bust next year, I set about to thin the fruit when it was about thumbnail size. I eliminated at least 9/10ths of the fruit. Bob finally had to pull me away from our two trees as I would strive again and again to eliminate any clusters of apples I missed. We had a lovely crop of good-sized apples; the real test will be if we also get a decent crop next year. You-tube has a great video showing how and why this is done.

Besides apple pies and apple sauce, we've frozen broccoli and beans and there's more to come. If those tomatoes produce, the freezer will also supply spaghetti and marinara sauce, and I'll can salsa, tomato juice and chili sauce (ask me for Mrs. Spears' delicious chili sauce recipe if you wish). Mrs. Spears was the mother of my mother's best friend when she was growing up in Bellevue, Washington in the 1920's.



An actual woodland observation this past month is the accompanying picture. The appearance of this pulled apart stump had our young dog barking with her hackles raised when it showed up on our oldest woods (planted 1980) trail. We have attached our trail camera nearby to see if the culprit returns – we're suspecting a black bear as the stump was big and cleaned out of grubs and termites. The trail camera was purchased about a month ago and so far has yielded many deer by apple trees, a few coyotes, lots of grandkids on horses and Bob, the dogs and me walking the trails. It's been fun. Two separate WCSWA meetings where Fran Cafferata-Coe and Tom Dummer spoke were our impetus for acquiring a trail camera.



Do you like to see students learning in the woods? Would you like to spend a few hours helping students learn about forest management or watching an active logging operation? If your answer is, "YES", we need your help! The Pacific Logging Congress' In the Woods Show is coming this fall, to Port Blakely's Molalla Tree Farm (Clackamas County).

Over three thousand fourth- through 12th-graders are expected at the September 25-26 event. These students will see the most high-tech, environmentally advanced logging methods available. Various forestry organizations and associations are hosting education stations for students to learn about the science, practices and stewardship of forestry. We need volunteers to guide student groups along the trail.

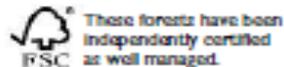
***The Pacific Logging Congress, which happens every four years, is working to sign on about 400 volunteers to lead students through tours. Anyone interested please contact the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Julie Woodward, Woodward@ofri.org or 503-807-1614. We***

"I encourage people to give a few hours of their time. It's important to our entire forest sector to help future citizens understand what happens in the woods." Duane Evans, Port Blakely Tree Farms and PLC President.



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## SEEDLING ORDERS

*by Paul Sansone and Bob Shumaker, Seedling Committee*

It is time to start thinking about your seedling requirements for 2014-15 winter planting. WCSWA offers a seedling program to its members. We will have available approx. 50,000 DF Vernonia High Gain 1 + 1's, and 5,000 Western Red Cedar 1 + 1 seedlings.

The Vernonia High Gain DF seed is from ODF's Vernonia Seed Orchard. The seedlings are grown for WCSWA at Lewis River Reforestation in Woodland, WA. These seedlings have superior growing characteristics and are intended to maximize the growing potential of your site.

This seedling program is an important service to members and a fund raising source for WCSWA. We take the risk of planting these trees two years before we know your needs and provide pick up and cold storage through volunteers in our organization.

A seedling reservation request form was included in the August newsletter. If you wish to order, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. Trees are reserved on a first-come/first-serve basis. If you've misplaced the order form, you may obtain a new one from Paul (503-359-3541) or Bob (503-324-7825)

## ***Landowner tax incentive programs – wildlife and riparian***

The April WCSWA meeting featured a program on wildlife on private lands by Fran Cafferata-Coe. During the discussion, it was mentioned that there are programs in Oregon that provide some tax incentives for landowners to improve or manage their property for wildlife and riparian values.

April Olbrich, Coordinator for the Tualatin River Watershed Council, has pursued this topic with a contact of hers in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Elizabeth Ruther, Habitat Conservation Biologist. The following information was provided by Elizabeth Ruther:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) administers two landowner tax incentive programs: the **Oregon Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program (WHCMP)** and the **Riparian Land Tax Incentive Program (RLTIP)**. Both programs provide tax relief to private landowners that would like the function of their property to be for wildlife habitat. Property enrolled in the WHCMP is eligible for a wildlife habitat special assessment with property assessed at the same rate as farm or forest special assessment. Property enrolled in the RLTIP is eligible for a property tax exemption for enrolled land. Land in the RLTIP must be bordering a stream or river with a defined channel and usually has a boundary limit of 100 feet from the top of either or both banks. Stream associated wetlands may also be included, which may result in more than a 100 foot buffer area.

### **To be eligible for the WHCMP, your property must:**

- 1) Be outside of incorporated city limits and zoned for agriculture or forest.
- 2) Be in a county that participates in the program. Columbia, Washington, Clackamas counties do participate; Yamhill County does not.

### **To be eligible for the RLTIP, your property must:**

- 1) Contain a stream (intermittent or perennial) or lie adjacent to a river.
- 2) Be outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (or your property been adopted within the boundary within the last 5 years).
- 3) Be zoned for agriculture or forest (or has been re-zoned from agriculture or forest within the last 5 years).

Three basic steps must occur to participate in the WHCMP and the RLTIP:

- 1) First, visit your county assessor and inform them of your interest – completing an eligibility form may be necessary.
- 2) Second, develop a habitat plan. Templates of the two plans are available. This step usually includes a site visit from ODFW staff. After the visit and ODFW staff determines your property is appropriate for inclusion in the program, you can create the plan by yourself, with help from your local Soil and Water Conservation District or your local Natural Resource Conservation Service office. If ODFW staff has the time, they will help create the plan. However, please keep in mind that the NWWD encompasses 6 counties and currently there is one tax incentive program staff person to cover the area.
- 3) Third, submit the draft plan to ODFW staff for review, editing, and approval. After a final plan is approved, send all appropriate paperwork - including a form required by the Department of Revenue - to the county and keep a copy of the plan for your records. The deadline to submit a WHCMP plan to the county is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The date for the RLTIP plan is **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Get started early; it takes more than a month to set up a site visit and create a plan.

ODFW encourages you to consider participation in the programs if your property qualifies and your county or city participates in the program. Please contact the department if you have any questions or would like to discuss the program further. Alternatively, if you have access to the internet, visit <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/whcmp/index.asp> and [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/tax\\_overview.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/tax_overview.asp) for more information.

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### Western Tent Caterpillar

by Chip Bubl, Columbia County OSU  
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Parts of Columbia County are inundated with one of the largest Western tent caterpillar populations in the last 20 years. The Rainier/Apiary/Alston Mayger areas are especially hard hit. These very hungry caterpillars have consumed almost all the leaves from many alder, willow, poplar, and apple family trees and are now looking for other less favorite food.

Soon the caterpillars will stop eating, spin a cocoon, and in about three weeks, emerge as the adult moths. These moths mate, lay eggs on twigs, and then die. It's a rather short adulthood but that's the way it is with the Western tent caterpillar. The eggs stay glued to twigs until next spring when they hatch and the caterpillars emerge, determined to feed.

For most trees that are defoliated by their feeding, there will be little permanent damage. There probably is a little tree growth reduction but that wouldn't be perceptible to most people. Trees that are already stressed and weak could die from the heavy feeding. But this is a natural part of the thinning/wedding out process. The caterpillar population explosion slows down of its own accord.

**Bottom line** is that generally, no intervention is necessary. There is another tent caterpillar, the fall webworm, which will show up in about six weeks.

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## The Adventures of Duggy Fir

by Thomas Perkins



Plenty of animals live in Duggy the Fir's green forest. Deer are just some of its inhabitants. They are quiet and shy, but commonly rub their horns on trees. "I don't think they're being rude," stated Duggy. Our brave little tree observed the deer. Duggy watched and thought to himself. "Their antlers fall off awhile after they rub their horns. Maybe that's why they do it."

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## “State of Fire” Report Gives Perspective To Growing Problem

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is urging stronger action to turn back dangerous fire trends. In a new report and video called “State of Fire,” the institute says that changing climate conditions, past forest management decisions and thousands more people choosing to live closer to the forest’s edge are intensifying and complicating fire risks and firefighting in Oregon.

As of July, wildfire on private and public forestland protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry had burned 36,888 acres – seven times the 10-year average. On the heels of 2013’s “epic” fire season, it’s more evidence supporting worrisome trends: higher number of acres burned, more severe fires, longer fire seasons and soaring costs.

““State of Fire” describes how fire's behavior historically differed in western and eastern parts of the state – and then compares that to current conditions. For example, fires in the drier forests east of the Cascades and in southwestern Oregon historically happened frequently, but were not severely destructive.

“‘State of Fire’ offers a fresh perspective on the worsening condition of fire-prone forests,” said OFRI Executive Director Paul Barnum. “It points out practical realities and urges stronger action.” Specifically, the report recommends action on two fronts:

- In the wet forests, because the threats to lives and property are so great, Oregon must ensure that firefighting capacity and technology is up to the task.
- In the dry forests, millions of acres need restoration. Local collaboration and active management can restore forest to a more resilient condition. But more funding is needed to do more, faster.

“In the dry forests, we’ve largely lost the good, low-intensity, frequent fire,” said Stephen Fitzgerald, an Oregon State University professor who consulted on the project.

“Unfortunately, one consequence of that is that we’re now at risk of more high-severity fire, which isn’t characteristic of those forests.”

“This is a timely report on an important topic that every Oregonian should seek to understand. We hope it will push the conversation along, because we need to reverse recent trends,” said Mike Cloughesy, OFRI’s director of forestry.

Both the publication and video are available at [OregonForests.org](http://OregonForests.org).



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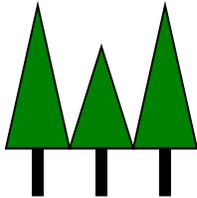
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### **Potpourri**

#### **NAFO report shows impact of private forest landowners**

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) released new data confirming the strong value forest owners provide to the U.S. economy. "The Economic Impact of Privately-Owned Forest in the United States" reveals forest owners support 2.4 million jobs, \$87 billion in payroll, \$223 billion in sales and 5.7 percent of all U.S. manufacturing. The report provides national, regional and state-specific data on jobs, payroll, sales, acreage ownership and contribution to overall manufacturing and gross domestic product.

#### **Put Paul Bunyan in your portfolio**

A tighter labor market may ramp up wages and lead to higher prices. Stocks can help you hedge, but for an unexpected support, try trees. Timber is a commodity, so it rises with inflation. Also, it's used to make houses, and housing prices rise when investors seek shelter in hard assets. Global investment firm GMO predicts that timber will be the best-performing asset class over the next seven years, with gains of 5.4% annually after inflation, vs. 2.1% for high-quality stocks and 0.5% for U.S. bonds.

***Money Magazine online, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

#### **Helpful Links:**

- <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/tree/topics> to read Amy Grotta's "Tree Topics" blog
- [www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com](http://www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com) to learn about the Oregon Woodland Cooperative
- <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountySmallWoodlandsAssociation>