

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

February, 2015

Sign Up!

“Sign up” was the take-away message from WCSWA’s January 27th meeting. Representatives from public organizations and agencies presented programs available to small woodland owners. When USDA funds become available or when disaster assistance is needed, the whole process is



Gail Stinnett

expedited if your tree farm is already signed up. Both the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) are located at 1080 SW Baseline, STE B-3, Hillsboro, OR. Phone: (503) 648-3174.

Natural Disaster -Gail Stinnett is the County Ex. Dir. for the USDA-FSA. Her agency implements the USDA Farm Bill programs available to forestland owners dealing with natural disasters. Natural disasters tend to be widespread, so if you are impacted, so are many others. If you are already signed up with FSA, response time can be quicker.



Santiago Misquez

Forest Health -Santiago Misquez is the District Conservationist for USDA-NRCS. The NRCS also administers Farm Bill Programs, but here the emphasis is on forest health. A wide variety of programs are available. Santiago also filled in for Jennifer Nelson of Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District who was ill. He explained that NRCS works closely with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts which work on a watershed approach and are non-regulatory, but work on fixing water, wildlife and issues with invasives.

April Olbrich

Riparian - April Olbrich is the Tualatin River Watershed Coordinator. The TRWC works with many agencies making connections to technical assistance and resources. Look for more detail on the success of TRWC on page 7.



ODF – Hagg Lake Fire and More

Join WCSWA Feb. 24, 7:00pm, North Plains Fire Station

The Scoggins Creek Fire burned 211 acres above Hagg Lake on the evening of September 19th, 2014. That was the day of the Hillsboro Air Show, and the news helicopter diverted from the Air Show to film initial attack on the Scoggins Creek Fire. Join us February 24 for our meeting at the North Plains Fire Station where guest speakers will share the video footage of the fire and discuss how to lessen the risk on your property. Our speakers will be Mike Cafferata, Oregon Department of Forestry District Forester, Nate Agalzoff, ODF Stewardship Forester and Kevin Nelson, ODF Stewardship Forester. In addition we will have a status update on how the electronic notification system is working (and provide ODF with some feedback). We can also have ODF discuss any other forestry questions you may have. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative and engaging conversation with our local Oregon Department of Forestry professionals.

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2) Computer savvy WCSWA member to monitor and suggest changes/updates to our website www.wcswa.com Contact either newsletter editor (see Forest Forum newsletter box above).
3) Alternate representative from WCSWA to Tualatin River Watershed Council – see article on page 7.

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Free: Back issues of Forest Forum – several years. If interested, contact Don Olson at 503-357-2942

Event Calendar

February	24	WCSWA Monthly Meeting, North Plains Fire Station, 7:00 p.m.	Mike Cafferata will speak on Scoggins Valley Road fire; Nate Agalzoff and Kevin Nelson will discuss ODF forest stewardship/FPA
March	14	WCSWA Native Plant Sale, Bales Thriftway, Aloha, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	WCSWA's 15 th Annual Native Plant Sale – all profits go to scholarships for OSU Forestry students
Marcg	21	TREE SCHOOL – Clackamas Community College	Go to http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/tree-school to sign up
March	24	WCSWA Monthly Meeting, North Plains Fire Station, 7:00pm	Paul Hadaller from Pac Fibre to talk about the pulp market. Eric Recht from Pacific Lumber and Shipping to talk about the export market.
April	4	Soil School: PCC Rock Creek, 17705 NW Springville Road, Portland 8am-2pm	Important information for anyone who wants to improve their soil. Cost: \$30 per person or \$50 for two people – includes lunch and snack.

The Woodland Beat

Many of you are aware that Metro purchased 1,200 acres at Chehalem Ridge back in 2010. They've hosted a couple of tours for us on that property so we could have a look at their thinning operations and to get an overall sense for the property and their management plan for it. Metro also owns Killin Wetlands near Banks and has property at Wapato Lake near Gaston and other locations throughout Washington County. These areas are considered part of Metro's Natural Areas program.

Even the name "Metro" seems to imply that they'd stick with activities in more urban areas. They run the zoo, cemeteries, and parks in the metro area and take care of solid waste and do regional planning work managing development in Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. So why are they becoming our neighbors in rural Washington County?

The Natural Areas program is working to acquire property in focused areas that are believed to have high value for conservation. They are looking to protect places like Killin Wetlands because it is unique in terms of its function and habitat value. The Metro Council got this all started in the early 1990's by placing a measure on the ballot to protect green spaces. The initial attempt failed, but the Metro Council repackaged the proposal and got 63% of the vote on their second try and put in motion Metro's acquisition of natural areas within the tri-county area. So in essence we own these properties and they are meant to be places where natural resources are conserved and where people can recreate.

You can check in and see where the priority areas are located for property acquisition and what the goals are in terms of number of acres and how much has been acquired. The projected and actual numbers of acres acquired are noted in reports on their website (www.oregonmetro.gov). Future acquisitions will depend on funding and that will depend on approval of future ballot measures presented by the Metro Council.

The tour we had a couple of years ago at the Chehalem Ridge property was very interesting. They were in the midst of a thinning operation at the time and showed us what it looked like before and after thinning and exactly what 150 trees per acre looks like. Metro is now a small woodland owner in Washington County. They are facing and will continue to face some of the same challenges we face in terms of forest management. They will have the added pressure of public scrutiny of all of their forest management decisions by their constituents. Invasives, diseases, wildfire, and potential forest road permitting are issues that all small woodland owners in Washington County will face. It would be great to have Metro working with us to help further understanding of forestry issues in the area.

They are one of us and we are them. Until next time – Happy Small Woodland!

John and Cathy Dummer

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Tree Talk

by Bonnie Shumaker

The middle of January felt like a time to do something different, so Bob and I took the opportunity to sign up for the Forest Leadership Academy on January 16 and 17 at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. We had done this once before and found it well-planned and informative and this year was no exception. It is also a chance to enjoy visiting with fellow woodlanders.

There were eight WCSWA members attending, most of them board members. Our carpool of four people arrived early enough to have time to tour the Oregon Garden. I had not been there in several years and although things are a bit subdued in winter, it is so well laid out that even with nothing blooming, it was peaceful and aesthetically pleasing. The Re-Discovery Forest (an overgrown Christmas tree plantation turned into a forest learning center) is looking a bit more like a real forest, with different management plans and signage in place for educating visitors. Many school groups visit here and a new education building supports that endeavor.

So, what did we learn at the Academy? Much of the focus was on engaging volunteers and growing membership. A real take-home message was “once is not enough.” A speaker representing the American Forest Foundation (AFF) explained the “4 Touches” approach they are implementing to grow their membership. It is planned out over a 4 year period.

Touch 1- An introductory post card introducing AFF and the program

Touch 2- A brochure with “Offers”

Touch 3- Follow up with “We haven’t heard from you” by correspondence or direct contact

Touch 4- Examine the responses and establish patterns that may help address the recruiting issue.

The WCSWA board has been working on booklets designed for potential and new members. Now we realize this is probably the first or second step in recruitment. Cathy, John and I also attended a marketing workshop that gave us ideas for both the booklet and the WCSWA website.

Why does membership growth matter? OSWA/ WCSWA are the only organized voices of small woodland owners in Oregon. A large and engaged membership makes our voice heard and respected more in political and non-political arenas. Small woodland owners are a unique, diverse group that together own about one-half of the private forests in Oregon. Our concerns matter.

Current members of WCSWA and OSWA can become more involved by volunteering for projects and committees. With the Oregon Legislature in full swing, you can sign up to receive emails from OSWA’s Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and/or participate in GAC conference calls (see www.oswa.org). There will be a WCSWA board position open next fall, the program committee and plant sale committee would welcome new members, we need an alternate representative to the Tualatin River Watershed Council, and we need someone to monitor and help update our website www.wcswa.com . See leadership page for contact info.

Bob attended an interesting workshop led by Dr. Bob Zybach on Forest History, particularly the history resulting from historic fires of western Oregon from 1765 until present. Fires were mostly people caused (Native American and settler fires) early on. There were hardly any major fires in western Oregon between 1951 and 1987, a period of active management and the “Keep Oregon Green” movement. Almost all major fires since 1986 have occurred on federal lands and were ignited by lightning or arsonists. These fires were predicted 20 years ago due to major changes in federal land and fire management policies. Dr. Zybach recommended further reading: 1) Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies; 2) 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus; 3) 1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created; 4) American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation.



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Oregon Zoo's elephants help pioneer a new timber technology

Jan 13, 2015, Cathy Cheney | Portland Business Journal

A 2,000-square-foot visitor center in the Oregon Zoo's new elephant habitat became the first building in Oregon to use a promising new wood technology Tuesday.

Lease Crutcher Lewis, the general contractor on the zoo's \$57 million Elephant Lands habitat project, lifted a series of cross-laminated timber panels, or CLTs, onto the building to form a roof for the small building.

And it won't be the last. CLTs, pioneered in Europe and Canada, are gaining traction in the U.S. as a timber-based alternative to steel-framed construction. A Southern Oregon timber mill (DR Lumber Company of Riddle) is even positioning itself to be the first in the U.S. to produce the panels, using Oregon-grown timber.



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Tualatin River Watershed Council (TRWC) is a broad-based non-profit organization chartered by Washington County in 1996, and brings all the interests in the basin together to promote and improve watershed health.

TRWC works through cooperation, collaboration and communication. In our watershed the land uses are: 50% forested lands, 30% agriculture and 20% urban; most of our lands are in private ownership. Forested land use makes up a significant part of our watershed so how forest and woodland owners manage their lands and practice stewardship is immensely important.

WCSWA is a TRWC member and is a valued voice on the council to provide "woodland landowner view" as well as working with others to keep our watershed healthy and productive. One of the ways that WCSWA members can help is by letting others know about the resources listed below that provide mutual benefits.

Several of these resources include funding from the OWEB small grant program that includes various restoration activities. Funding will become available for 2015-17 after July 2015 for the two year grant (up to \$10,000) that requires a 25% match. Another resource includes obtaining native shrubs and trees at a low cost for uplands/woodland enhancement projects. If you have ideas or questions, feel free to contact April Olbrich, TRWC, 503-846-4810, trwc@trwc.org

Opportunity Calls!

The current WCSWA representatives on TRWC are Tom Nygren (primary) and Neil and Ardis Schroeder (alternates). Neil and Ardis are stepping down (we thank you for your service!), and WCSWA is looking for a new alternate WCSWA representative.

This is your opportunity to help keep our watershed healthy and productive, while providing a valuable service to WCSWA! The primary and alternate representatives on the Council are equally involved. The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Clean Water Services building just south of Hillsboro. Council members also work with other members to provide leadership and "hands-on" help on restoration projects, education activities, and interacting with other governmental and non-profit organizations involved in the watershed.

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One-Time Education Donations

This past month, the WCSWA Board agreed to donate \$5,000 each to the Tillamook Forest Center and World Forestry Center to be used for educational purposes. The donation was much appreciated and after consulting with the two agencies, the monies will be used as follows:
Tillamook Forest Center: 1) purchase of raincoats to loan out to visitors. OSWA and TFC logos will be on the coats. 2) Translate scavenger hunt clues into Spanish for chaperones that need it.
World Forestry Center: 1) scholarship for a Washington County teacher to attend the International Educator’s Summer Institute. 2) Update signage at Magness Tree Farm.

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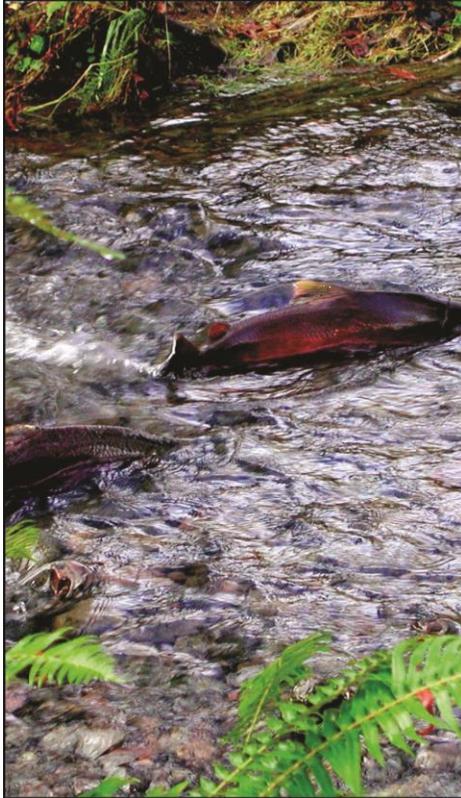
Update on the Tree Seedling Sales for 2015:

by Paul Sansone

On the 26th of January a hardy group of volunteers drove in a caravan of trucks and trailers to pick up over 50,000 tree seedlings for sales to members. We were blessed with near perfect weather for transferring the bagged tree seedlings from the nursery in Lewis River, Washington to coolers provided by members in North Plains and Gales Creek. A foggy 42 degrees with no sun made keeping the seedlings dry and cool very easy. Special thanks go out to the following volunteers who made this trip happen: Bob and Bonnie Shumaker, Dick Enger, Mike Jamieson, Wally Dodge, Mac Ahrendt, Miles Martin, Sam Sadtler, Susan Vosburg, and Paul Sansone. It takes a lot of hands to quickly load and move over 500 bags of seedlings!

The last two seasons have been hard on our seedling tree crops. In 2013 an early hard frost caused the loss of 3-5% of our seedlings, and the same thing happened the fall of 2014 for another loss of 3-5% of our seedlings. As the owner of Lewis River once told Bob Shumaker, "We aren't making hammers here!" Seedling production is dependent upon growing conditions, and the last couple of seasons have been difficult at the end of the season when the seedlings are most susceptible to damage. When these types of losses are experienced, not all orders for trees can be filled. Orders for trees are filled with priority given to when the order is received and paid for. Those received last are most susceptible to not being filled. So the best way to be assured that you get the trees you need for replanting is to place your order with payment early.

Expect to see the order forms in your July newsletter.



A fish story Oregon can be proud of

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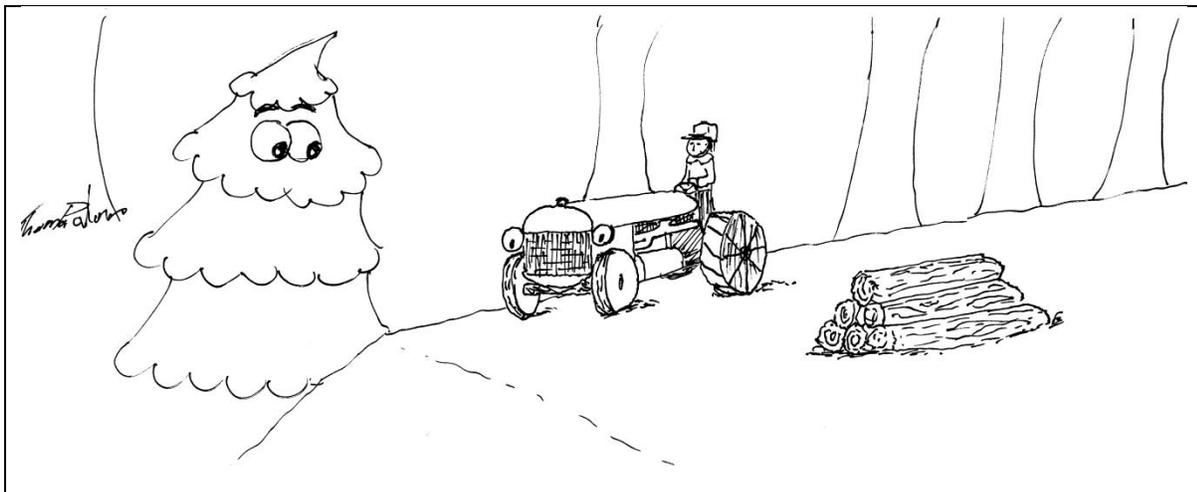
- A 16-page publication, featuring an introduction by Governor John Kitzhaber
- An eight-minute video, with scientist George Ice and others



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The Adventures of Duggy Fir

by Thomas Perkins



When people work in the forest, they bring lots of machinery with them. Chainsaws, bulldozers, and tractors are commonly used. One human drives a small tractor once in a while in Duggy's woods. The small tractor's name is Francis. Francis talked to the trees and told them how he could drag logs and clear debris. Duggy liked Francis and decided to learn more about tractors.

Sustainable Northwest Receives \$64,990 USDA grant For First-ever Western Juniper Certification

Posted by Renee Magyar on October 21, 2014

Portland, Oregon – Sustainable Northwest today announced it was awarded \$64,990 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development Business Enterprise fund to determine the structural characteristics and properties of Western Juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*). These funds were secured as a result of a 1:1 match from the State of Oregon provided by the Oregon Dept. of Transportation and Business Oregon. The project will conclude with a report on the wood’s engineering design values, which will inform engineers, architects, and other agencies that purchase wood for a variety of applications.

Sustainable Northwest President, John J. Audley, says he’s pleased to receive the grant, as certification will spur demand for the wood, which has created environmental problems in Central and Eastern Oregon. “The unchecked spread of Western Juniper is threatening wildlife habitat, and ranching and farming business viability east of the Cascades. This tree’s only natural enemy is wildfire and it must be selectively removed to improve grazing, increase groundwater supplies, and restore habitat for sensitive species like sage grouse.”

This project is a component of the Western Juniper Alliance (WJA). WJA is a collaborative effort managed by Sustainable Northwest in partnership with state and federal government agencies, businesses, and other organizations, to restore ecosystems in eastern Oregon, and create jobs in Oregon’s rural communities by harvesting unwanted Western Juniper. Lack of certification has been a roadblock to increasing market demand for Western Juniper, which has slowed down efforts to create more rural jobs.

Testing will take approximately one year, the testing will result in a “stamp of approval” that juniper has been verified by industry professionals for safety and standard usage. Western Juniper has never before been tested through this official grading and certification process.

To learn more about Western Juniper, watch this short video http://youtu.be/niUUc3Z_Wnw###



10 predictions for wood consuming industries in 2015

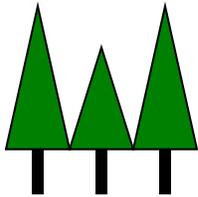
By PETE STEWART - [FOREST2MARKET](#)

1. The sleeping giant will awaken to biomass demand.
2. Pine fiber supply will be tight and get tighter.
3. Conflict between new entrants and old will come to a head.
4. The pellet industry will grow because demand is tied to regulation, not economics.
5. The strong US dollar will inhibit exports.
6. Weakening world economies will mean increased imports of wood and paper products to the US.
7. No rebound in solid wood, on top of increasing imports, will degrade the economics for lumber mills.
8. China still drives the train, but the train will have fewer cars.
9. The Brazilian economy will weaken further in 2015.
10. Wood-based biofuels and biochemicals markets will begin to find their feet in 2015.

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When: Saturday, April 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Registration 8:00-8:30 a.m.)

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From OSU College of Forestry: Thank you for donating scholarship funds to the College of Forestry. (WCSWA donates the profit from the native plant sale and one-half the profit of the seedling sale).

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