

Forest Forum

Washington County Small Woodlands Association

July, 2015

WCSWA to Host Howdy Neighbor (and TFOY) Tour

Please join us on **August 15, 2015** for a Howdy Neighbor (and Tree Farmer of the Year) tour at The Ridge Tree Farm hosted by John and Cathy Dummer. It'll be a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, see how others are approaching the challenges (and celebrating the opportunities) of small woodland management, enjoy lunch together and....have some fun. The tour will run from 8:30a.m. until lunch, which will be catered by Clae's Catering.

Concurrent discussions will start at 9 a.m. and include the following presentations, which might vary slightly from the topics noted at the discretion of the presenters:

- **Amy Grotta** - our OSU Extension Forester, forest inventory and management planning
- **David Shaw** - OSU Extension Forest Health Specialist, identification of diseases that are unfortunately present at "The Ridge"
- **Fran Cafferata Coe** - Certified Wildlife Biologist, beavers, songbirds and riparian habitat (Go Beavs!.....or maybe not)
- **Mike Cloughes** - Director of Forestry, Oregon Forest Resources Institute and a Stimson Lumber Forester, options and markets
- **John & Cathy Dummer** - rookie tree farm owners, tree farm history and management to date

Pending availability, a visit will be made by an Oregon Department of Forestry fire truck and staff – let's hope they've got nothing else to do that day but join us! You might also see if you can identify the different tree species represented in a quilt which will be on display that Cathy and her mother have been working on. Live music will be provided by John's dad's band, The Maverick's, who blend country and folk standards in their own unique style. And, the fir cone driving range will be open. Test your ability to drive a fir cone with a golf club – you won't want to miss the opportunity to see if you can drive a fir cone further than Mike Cloughesy - participation is at your own risk....in all of this.

Directions: Location is Pumpkin Ridge Road north of North Plains. Head north on Glencoe Road from Highway 26, veer left onto Pumpkin Ridge Road. Stay on Pumpkin Ridge Road to the end of the pavement. The Ridge is 3 miles past the end of the pavement, gate is on the west side of the road. Parking will be along the west side of Pumpkin Ridge Road facing south so you'll have to go past and turn around. We'll have folks out directing traffic.

Bring appropriate walking shoes as there will be some trail walking to get around to each of the discussions. Also bring a good sense of humor....we are rookies at this after all! Look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP: If you plan on attending registration is required: To register email oswaevents@gmail.com or call (503) 588-1813. Please register by August 7th

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The Tree Farm Tradin' Post

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- Wanted:**
- 1) Forest caretaker and home for rent at Gales Creek timber property. Call 503-357-4258.
 - 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) Alternative representative from WCSWA to Tualatin River Watershed Council – contact Tom Nygren, 503-628-5472 for more information

Event Calendar

July	25	Columbia County SWA /OSU Extension Summer Woodland Tour	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Just-A-Mere Farm (Skeans family). BBQ picnic lunch provided. Required RSVP to Vicki Krenz at the OSU Extension at 503-397-3462 (vicki.krenz@oregonstate.edu) by July 17th
August	15	TFOY Annual Tour and Picnic at the Dummers	John and Cathy Dummer invite you to their tree farm on Pumpkin Ridge Road north of North Plains
September	19	TSWCD Annual BBQ	Lyle Speisschart Farm – details in August FF
	22	Dinner with Swedish Tour Group – Grand Lodge	McMenamins, Forest Grove. See reservation form, page 7
	TBA	Active Thinning Tour	Details in August FF

The Woodland Beat

Last month we attended the Oregon Forest Fair, which was part of the Oregon Small Woodlands annual meeting and was held in Salem at Chemeketa Community College. We met up with a number of WCSWA members there – good to see some friendly faces and it was also great to see folks from all over the state that share a passion for small woodlands. There were four panel discussions and over 60 exhibitors. A great chance to learn a little more about what is going on in industry with natural resource agencies and with other groups in related areas. I heard a few things that were familiar, like cross-laminated timber, and essential oils.

One booth I spent some time at was the biochar booth. They had some samples and we discussed using biochar as a filter media for water treatment, which I'd heard of, and we also discussed using it as a soil amendment which I wasn't as familiar with. The process of making biochar is a little like making charcoal, which I witnessed while I lived in Africa. The idea is to burn wood with minimal oxygen. What is left has a tremendous amount of surface area and provides a great filter media and soil matrix amendment. They showed me the powdery ash from a typical burn, which has historically been my goal when burning slash and then explained some techniques that can be used to ensure that biochar is left, which might be a good thing to have in the forest. One technique is to light the fire higher in the pile and let it burn down rather than starting it on the bottom. Sometimes weather conditions might not allow that, but I'm curious to give this a try and keep my eyes open to see if it really does make any difference rather than just creating a patch of scorched earth which is what I normally end up with.

I was also able to attend a couple of the panel discussions. One was on property purchase and sale. The panelists included a forester, a couple of realtors, a real estate attorney and a certified public accountant. An interesting comment made was that 70% of current timber property owners are first generation owners and that about 25% are second generation owners so there aren't a whole lot that go back very far. I would have guessed that more owners would have inherited their land. Another point that was mentioned was that when one generation passes away basis is adjusted to the day that occurs for a piece of property.

Some other items discussed were that the supply of pieces of property to purchase is low and there are lots of buyers. With regards to buying a piece of property the panelists suggested making the process as easy as you can for the seller. Ways to do that would be to have financing ready to go, do due diligence quickly and be responsive. Verifying any cruise provided by the seller with a buyer's cruise was suggested as was looking at activities on adjacent properties and being sure you are willing to accept that as a neighbor. Another item that I hadn't necessarily thought of before was to find problems that you might be able to deal with that would be seen as too cumbersome for other buyers. These might include no legal access, planting, need for roads, etc.

When selling the panelists recommended having records organized and all info associated with the property available. They also recommended knowing what you have to sell and what you want to get for it. A suggestion was made to harvest if an area is ready for harvest but is in an area difficult to access. If it is easy to access leave it as there likely is aesthetic value to it as well as the commercial value of the timber.

Special thanks for Vic and Doug for manning the WCSWA booth during part of the forest fair. It was a good event.

Please take a look at the announcement for the Howdy Neighbor Tour we will be hosting at our place on August 15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time – Happy Small Woodland!

John and Cathy Dummer

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Tree Talk is suspended for a month as Bob and Bonnie take a trip to Alaska!

Seedling Orders for 2016 – and Post-Mortem on 2015 Seedlings

WCSWA is now accepting orders for reforestation seedlings of Douglas-fir for planting in 2016. A form is provided with this issue of the newsletter. Given the high failure rate of replanting completed in 2015, we expect to have more demand for the limited amounts of seedlings we have ordered for 2016. To assure you get the seedlings you need, please place your order as early as possible since orders are filled in the order that they are received (with deposit or pre-payment).

2015 has not been a good year for reforestation seedlings, with survival rates appearing to be lower than in years past. The problem seems to be universal in the Northern Willamette Valley irrespective as to where the seedlings were sourced from. We are hearing about problems all over. Our Western Red Cedar trees are showing very poor results so far.

The combination of the rapid onset of especially cold fall weather on the seedlings in the nursery, and record sunny and warm weather after planting in winter; seems to have had a very negative impact on survival rates. Some members are reporting the complete loss of Western Red Cedar seedlings planted this winter. The seedlings were heavily culled at the nursery, but not all damage is visible so there are limits of what can be done to assure success during difficult years.

Western Red Cedar can sprout back from the loss of top growth on seedlings. With pruning, Douglas-fir will also quickly establish a new leader from below a damaged top. Western Red Cedar can be difficult to determine vitality and viability because of the natural red/browning of the foliage in the winter. In a year with more average weather, the onset of warmer weather triggers the red tinged foliage to rapidly green-up. To determine viability, feel the main stem; gently bend it with your fingers. Feel for suppleness, if it snaps, it's dead. Run your fingers down the brown "needle" fans, if it all crumbles away, again it is dead. Look at the undersides of the leaf/"needle" fans, if you see some dark green it is still alive. Some sign of re-sprouting from viable roots should be showing by the beginning of summer, but sometimes it can take even longer to sprout new growth from the base.

We planted 75 surplus cedars back to our nursery beds this winter. They had perfect growing conditions with drip irrigation and still experienced a 99% loss. We are assuming this means that lack of water and warm weather after planting were not the only issues impacting survival. The sudden very cold weather in November of 2014 may have weakened the seedlings enough to make them non-viable after planting. In addition, the OSU extension has reported wide-spread drought stress throughout the Willamette Valley. (See enclosed ODF publication [DEAD BRANCHES, DEAD TOPS & DEAD TREES: THE INTERACTION OF WATER STRESS, INSECTS & DISEASE](#), Forest Health & Monitoring Unit, Oregon Department of Forestry).

Lewis River Reforestation is in agreement with our assessment of the seedlings and the probable cause of their demise. The good news is that Lewis River Reforestation will provide us with replacement Western Red Cedar with our order in 2016. The bad news is that because this problem is very widespread, WCSWA will not be able to offer Western Red Cedar for orders placed for 2016. Members who purchased Western Red Cedar for planting in 2015 and experienced similar failure rates need to email Paul Sansone (psansone2@gmail.com) and request replacement seedlings. WCSWA will replace the Western Red Cedar seedlings in 2016 at no cost.

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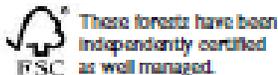


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Figured Woods: Open House July 11th

We'd love to have you come visit our small family farm where we've created an alternative to the usual uses for wood. We reclaim/upcycle figured hardwoods (saved from the chipper!) and create wood blocks for turners and other crafts people. Saturday, July 11th, 9-5.

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Our friend Terry Garros will do a wood turning demonstration on the lathe. We'll have refreshments and a Plum Hill Winery tasting. Meet "Lucille", the fifteen hundred pound poodle burl totem pole, and see the largest selection of figured wood west of the Rockies. Family friendly! Directions:

<http://www.nwfiguredwoods.com/contact-us.php>

SWET – No, Not What You're Doing This Summer:

The Oregon Department of Forestry is forming a new team to boost the value of forest waste products in a move meant to improve forest health and lessen the severity of forest fires. The state received \$250,000 from the [U.S. Forest Service](#) to create a Statewide Wood Energy Team or SWET. The relatively new concept unites forest experts from the public and private sector to pursue projects that boost the commercial value of the scrub trees and bushes clogging the state's forests. The 14-person SWET team will build on existing state-level programs that are helping rural communities turn Oregon forest waste into biochar, fire wood and a fuel source for municipal heating systems.



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WCSWA and Oregon Woodland Cooperative invite you to attend a special dinner to meet fellow small woodland owners from Sweden who will be on a forestry tour visiting the West Coast this September. Dinner will be catered by McMenamins and held in the Children's Cottage at Grand Lodge in Forest Grove. The multi-course menu will include a cheese course followed by a barbeque buffet with a choice of meats, salads, sides and desserts. The cost is \$40 per person. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Space is limited so registration is first come, first served. If you have questions, contact Karen Graham, graham@duckswild.com, 503-647-0310, or Miles Merwin, ridgebacktrees@gmail.com, 971-285-6960.

Please complete the form below and mail to Bob Shumaker, WCSWA Treasurer, 52490 NW Cedar Canyon Rd., Banks, OR 97106. Please make your check payable to WCSWA. Advance payment required. **Reservations will be accepted until Sept. 18.** The event will start at approx. 6:30 pm, but we will contact you when the time is known

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Riparian Rule-Making: A Decision Based on Science, or Assumption?

Oregon has prided itself on its Forest Practice Act and implementing regulations. After all, Oregon was the first state in the nation to have such an act in 1971, and the implementing regulations have been amended more than 30 times over the years. The law gave the State Board of Forestry responsibility for adopting and amending rules based on “available scientific information.” Fast forward to the present: the Board of Forestry is now considering another amendment to the rules, based on concern about their effectiveness in protecting water temperatures for small and medium fish-bearing streams in forestland. There have been a number of recent studies that have provided scientific information for making a decision, including the paired watershed studies on Hinkle Creek, the Trask watershed, and re-visiting the Alsea paired watershed studies of over 50 years ago. A recent temperature-focused study of small streams, titled “Ripstream” was the catalyst for initiating the current rule change consideration.

At the root of the Board’s consideration appears to be the nexus between Endangered Species Act requirements and the Protecting Cold Water Standard promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2003 and adopted by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The Ripstream information seems to be the “trump card,” as it is directly related to temperature – though it is narrowly designed to focus solely on temperature effects directly below harvest units, and does not look at ameliorating factors of distance from harvest units, fish population effects (both negative and positive), riparian habitat change, and others that interact in a complex ecosystem.

OSWA has been actively involved in overseeing and providing comment on the Board of Forestry consideration of the proposed rule change. John Westall, an OSWA member with a scientific background, has been working with others in the OSWA leadership to provide credible and science-based review of the Board’s considerations. He gave the testimony below to the Board on July 25, 2014. It is still valid.

“Members of the Board of Forestry:

My name is John Westall. As a retired environmental chemist, watershed council volunteer, OSWA member, and small-woodland owner, I was interested in understanding more about the goals and scientific basis behind the Protecting Cold Water (PCW) rule. When I started out I didn't have any particular agenda other than my own education; I thought I'd just be reading a lot and organizing my thoughts on paper. But what I found was so surprising and puzzling that I took the time to write it out more formally in an attempt to get some answers. Here are a few of the issues I address in the write-up.

In 2003 EPA published its Guidance to the States and Tribes on Water Quality Standards for Temperature. For the numeric criteria, the Guidance cites and discusses the scientific evidence at great length. In contrast, for the PCW rule, the Guidance cites and discusses no scientific evidence, but just refers to the antidegradation policy and lists several "potential benefits." Several questions arose as I wondered about that.

The first question is about goals. One goal could be, pull out all the stops, spare no effort, and allow no significant human impact on temperature in an attempt to provide the "best-possible" thermal habitat for salmonids, which is operationally defined by the rule as "no human impact." The logic here seems simple enough not to require a scientific review. Another goal could be, do what is necessary to protect the salmonids, but don't go overboard with measures that have not been shown to be necessary or effective. That would require a scientific review.

Then I wondered about the scope of the rule, which is(:) limited controlling heat added due to human activities. If added heat were the only aspect of the habitat that had been altered in the last 200 years, then one might reasonably conclude, without a detailed scientific review, that controlling added heat would significantly protect the habitat and the salmonids. But virtually all aspects of the habitat have been altered, including many that may be at least as important

as controlling added heat in maintaining a healthful thermal habitat – think for example of channel structure, stream bed load, floodplain connectivity and alluvial aquifer recharge, etc. etc. So the question arises, is the intended "best-possible" habitat so narrow in scope that it's not best-possible at all? That would require a scientific review.

In the face of all this uncertainty one could:

- throw up one's hands, say it's too complicated to do anything rationally, so it's better to do nothing;
- accept a simple PCW rule axiomatically, with no discussion of evidence, necessity and sufficiency, and develop corresponding BMPs;
- Acknowledge the complexity of the habitat, determine what is necessary to protect the salmonids and develop BMPs to attain what is shown to be necessary.

I think the latter approach makes the most sense."

John's testimony was based on a rigorous study of the science, or lack thereof, in the factors being considered by the Board. His sources and conclusions are documented in two papers, "Goals and Scientific Basis for "Protecting Cold Water" Rule", July 22, 2014; and a summary of key points from this paper. Both of these papers can be accessed on the OSWA website at <http://oswa.org/water-quality-issues.html>.

The Board of Forestry is scheduled to review final information and make a decision on a new rule at their July 23rd meeting in Salem. In addition to the information available through the OSWA website, there is additional information – including an ODF report on rule options available, along with the probability of meeting the PCW standard. The Board of Forestry website (<http://www.oregon.gov/odf/BOARD/>) contains the information prepared for Board of Forestry consideration, including the options available (September 3, 2014 meeting) and analyses of the options (June 3rd meeting). Navigate on the website to the Board meeting date to find the information.

WCSWA NEWS: How Many Members Are In WCSWA? Volunteer of the Year

Memberships By Chapter

Chapter	Actual 10/31/2012 Assigned Members	Actual 10/31/13 Assigned Members	Actual 10/31/14 Assigned Members	Paid Members 6/15/15
At Large	41	39	41	46
Baker	30	34	33	31
Benton	102	109	112	114
Clackamas	197	197	207	182
Clatsop/Tillamook	24	22	19	16
Columbia	151	163	160	147
Coos/Curry	60	68	66	59
Douglas	142	146	148	131
Grant	9	8	8	8
Jackson/Josephine	71	77	80	84
Lane	149	157	163	153
Lincoln	32	35	51	48
Linn	80	81	92	87
Marion/Polk	77	82	81	83
Washington	143	148	156	144
Yamhill	83	86	91	85
Total	1391	1452	1,508	1418

WCSWA News

Karen Graham was announced as the WCSWA Outstanding Volunteer of the Year at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

WCSWA will have a display to provide information and attract new members at the **Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Annual BBQ** on September 19th.

WCSWA is still looking for someone to represent us as the **alternate Tualatin River Watershed Council member** – contact John Dummer or Tom Nygren for more information.

Annual Banquet (November 21st) Speaker will be Roger Van Dyke of Stimson. Topic: "Stimson Past, Present, and Future".

October Monthly Meeting topic: "**Small Woodland Best Management Practices**," panel presentation and Q and A's.

Glyphosate – Should You Be Worried About Using It?

The following information was put together by the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is an extension agency of the World Health Organization. In March 2015, the IARC classified glyphosate as “probably” carcinogenic based on “limited evidence.”

IARC stated that there is “... limited evidence of carcinogenicity in humans for non-Hodgkin lymphoma.” The IARC decision based its decision on a brief, limited review of a portion of the available studies, and did not take into account the full body of scientific evidence. The IARC classification contradicts previous assessments by other national and international regulatory agencies and has generated significant media attention.

The IARC classification applies only to occupational use by industrial applicators (e.g. farm workers), not the general public, and considers “hazard” instead of “risk.” Hazard is the potential of a substance to cause harm under any circumstances, whereas risk is the probability that a substance will cause harm under real-world exposure scenarios.

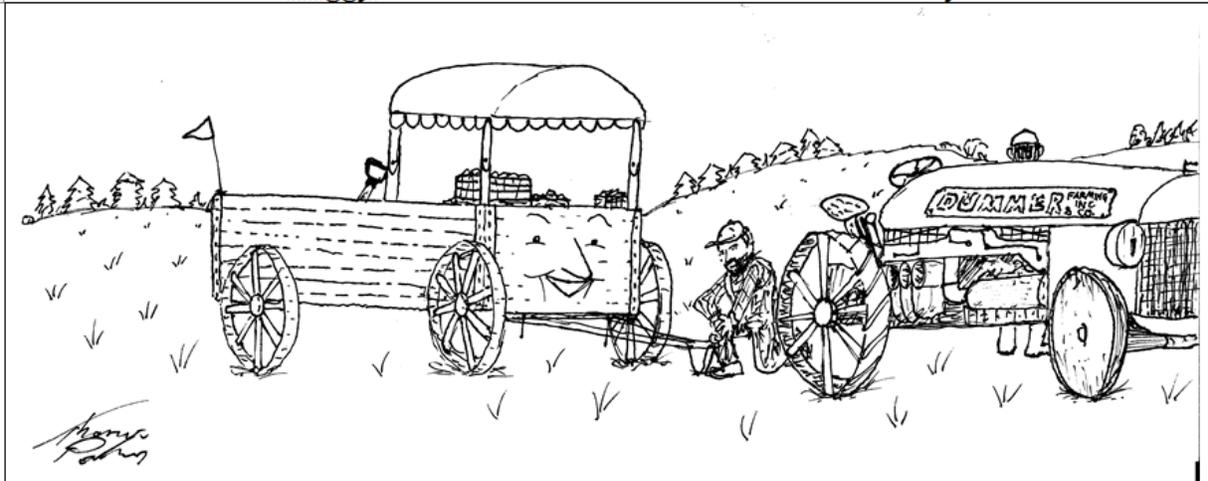
Glyphosate is one of the most studied synthetic compounds with a database of thousands of studies. The vast majority of them demonstrate that it is safe under typical application scenarios. For example, in a 2005 National Institute of Health study of more than 50,000 pesticide applicators, researchers concluded that, “Glyphosate exposure was not associated with cancer incidence overall or with most of the cancer subtypes we studied.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the federal agency that regulates pesticides, has conducted several exhaustive, multi-year reviews of glyphosate safety since the herbicide was first labeled for use decades ago. The EPA currently classifies glyphosate as non-carcinogenic for humans. The results of a new EPA review are due in 2015.

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), acting on behalf of the European Union, concluded a multi-year review of glyphosate in 2014 and determined that, “Glyphosate does not show carcinogenic or mutagenic properties, has no toxic effect on fertility, reproduction or embryonal/fetal development in laboratory animals, and is not considered to pose any risk to human health.”

+ The Adventures of Duggy Fir

by Thomas Perkins

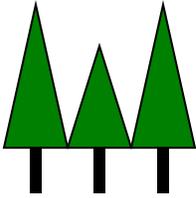


Bernice the trailer is a little known friend in Duggy's green forest. She is always pulled by Francis the Tractor. Fruit is sold from her in the early summer and she carries supplies for the people who work in the forest. Sometimes the workmen say “There’s Sonny and Toddy again,” when Francis and Bernice drive by. Bernice is fragile, being built in 1932, but is always happy to help anyone.

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Potpourri

New WOWNet webpage: For now it is very skin and bones. Over the next few months, utilizing information gathered from the focus groups, additional material will be added.

<http://wownet.forestry.oregonstate.edu>

If you are interested in attending the annual WOWNet **retreat** please fill out the following doodle poll with potential dates that would fit into your schedule.

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Helpful Links:

- <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>

Scandinavian Tour: Visit this link on the OWC website to find complete information about the 2016 tour. www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com/scandinavia-forestry-tour. If you have questions, contact Karen Graham, kgraham@duckswild.com, 503-647-0310, or Miles Merwin, ridgebacktrees@gmail.com, 971-285-6960.

BLM Draft Management Plan for Western Oregon Available for Comment

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), a federal land management agency that manages some federal land in the Tualatin River basin, has developed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a draft management plan for western Oregon. The EIS portrays a full spectrum of different management alternatives and analyzes the environmental effects of the alternatives. The EIS is available on the following website:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>

Public comments will be received through July 23, 2015.