



IN COLLABORATION WITH OREGON TREE FARM SYSTEM



2016 Annual Meeting

Hosted by
Baker County Chapter

June 9-11, 2016

OSU Extension Office
Baker City, Oregon

*Sustaining
Family Forests*

—
*Celebrating
75 Years*



Welcome!

You are invited to Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)'s 56th Annual Meeting, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 9th, 10th, and 11th in Baker City. This year's meeting is hosted by OSWA's Baker County Chapter. It will include celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the American Tree Farm System, an informative program on topics of interest to family forest owners, two woods tours, including the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Woods Tour, OSWA Annual Membership Meeting, Awards Banquet, and Silent Auction. The indoor events will be held at the OSU Extension Facility, 2600 East Street, Baker City.

Thursday, June 9th – The three day event will begin with an afternoon woods tour of Eileen and Brent Gyllenberg's property near Baker City that experienced the Windy Ridge - Cornet Fire in 2015. The tour will focus on preparing for fire, fire protection, and after the fire. The Gyllenberg's were able to save their house, but lost a nearby shop. OSWA's Board Meeting will be Thursday evening. All members are welcome to attend. There will be a Board dinner option for those who wish to join the Board for dinner.

Friday, June 10th – Keynote Speaker Tom Martin, President of American Forest Foundation will speak on the past, present, and future of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS). The program to follow will include experts on the Resilience of Northeast Oregon, Fire, and the many challenges facing family forest owners with a focus on Eastern Oregon. The luncheon speaker will be Dick Courter who will discuss the history of ATFS in Oregon. The evening Awards Banquet will recognize Chapter Outstanding Volunteers, OSWA's 2016 Riggins' Slinger Award, nominees for 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, and recipients of 25 and 50 Year ATFS signs. 2015 County Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year will be recognized as well as Oregon Department of Forestry's Operators of the Year. The Friday evening program will begin with a Silent Auction Social.

Saturday, June 11th – A morning Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year woods tour will visit the Defrees Ranch just outside of Baker City. It will focus on Property History; Balancing Ranching with Forestry, Afforestation, Thinning, Uneven Aged Management, Ecology, Economics, Wildlife Management, Aspen Restoration, and Equipment Demonstrations.

There will be many activities for family forest owners throughout the three days of events. We hope everyone will join us in Baker City for a great opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy a great program.

Scott Hayes
President
OSWA

Eileen Gyllenberg
President
Baker County Chapter

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Dealing with Fire

Oregon Small Woodlands Association Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tour

You are invited to:

Gyllenberg's Beaver Mountain Bison Ranch



Eileen Gyllenberg

Thursday – June 9th
11:30 am to 4:00 pm

*Admission and Bison
BBQ Burger Lunch are FREE*

Registration Required

*To Register mail in the registration form or
email oswaevents@gmail.com by June 2, 2016.*

The Beaver Mountain Bison Ranch experienced a major fire event in 2015. The Windy Ridge – Cornet Fire destroyed trees on the ranch and burnt the shop next to the house but fortunately, the house was saved. Hear firsthand, the experiences before and after the fire and what is next.

- *Fire History in Area*
- *Forest Management Pre-fire*
- *Windy Ridge – Cornet Fire, August 14, 2015*
- *After the Fire – Management and Restoration*



Transportation Provided:

Vans leave Best Western Sunridge Inn in Baker City at 11:30 am.

Tour Sponsors:

Oregon Tree Farm System, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, OSWA Baker County Chapter, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon Department of Forestry, Beaver Mountain Bison Ranch, and Oregon's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Implementation Committee

**Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s 2016 Annual Meeting
OSU Extension Facility – Baker City, OR**

Thursday, June 9 – Saturday, June 11

Hosted by OSWA’s Baker County Chapter



Friday, June 10

Theme: “Sustaining Family Forests – Celebrating 75 Years”

OSU Extension Facility, 2600 East Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814

- 7:00 am – Early Check – in**
- 7:30 am – Check-in, Coffee, Tea and Water**
- 8:30 am – Welcome – Meeting Begins**
Mike Cloughesy – Master of Ceremonies
- 8:45 am – Keynote Speaker**
Tom Martin – President American Forest Foundation
– ATFS – Where we have been, where we are going, what have we learned along the way.
- 9:15 am – Session One – Forest Resilience in Northeast Oregon**
Bill Gamble – District Ranger USFS
– East Face Elkhorn Project
Jamie Knight – Oregon Department of Forestry Stewardship Forester
– My Blue Mountain Project
Roje Gootee – Family Forest Owner, Member Committee for Family Forestlands
– Ritter Project in Grant County
- 10:15 am – Break & Silent Auction Begins**
- 10:45 am – Session Two – Challenges in Our Future I**
Tammy Cushing –
Starker Assistant Professor in Family and Private Forestry & Extension Specialist, OSU
– Making tree farm economics work?
Steve Edwards – Family Forest Owner, President Baker County Cooperative
– Role of Cooperatives
Tom Fry – American Forest Foundation (AFF) Western Regional Representative
– AFF Fire and Water Report
- 11:45 am – OSWA Annual Membership Meeting**
- 12:00 am – Lunch**
- 12:30 pm – Luncheon Speaker – Dick Courter, Recognition Chairman Oregon Tree Farm System**
– 75th Anniversary of American Tree Farm System
- 1:00 pm – Break**
- 1:15 pm – Session Three – Fire**
Doug Grafe – Oregon Department of Forestry Chief of Fire Protection Division
– 2015 and 2016 Outlook
Kristin Babbs – President, Keep Oregon Green (KOG)
– 75 Years of KOG - Defensible Space
Logan McCrae, Oregon Department of Forestry Stewardship Forester
– After the Fire

- 2:45 pm – Break**
- 3:00 pm – Session 4 – Challenges in Our Future II**
John Shelk – President, Ochoco Lumber Company
– Juniper
Chuck Sarrett – Forestry Consultant
– Markets for family forest owners
Lynn Shumway – Family Forest Owner and Cattle Rancher
– Cattle and Forestry Enterprises
- 4:15 pm – Wrap Up, Announcements and Adjourn**
- 5:00 pm – Silent Auction Social - Appetizers and No Host Bar**
- 6:00 pm – Awards Banquet**
- 6:30 pm – Awards**
– Chapter Volunteers of the Year
– Riggins’ Slinger Award
– Announce Nominations for 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year
– Present 25 and 50 Year Tree Farm Signs
- 7:15 pm – Break – Silent Auction Ends**
- 7:30 pm – 2015 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year - Video**
Oregon Department of Forestry Operators of the Year – Video
- 8:00 pm – Pick up Silent Auction Items**

Lodging Option in Baker City with Discount Rates for OSWA

If you make reservations at Best Western Sunridge Inn, tell them you are with Oregon Small Woodland Association.

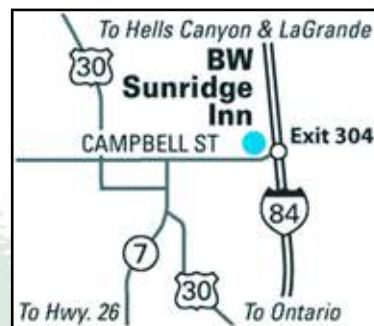


Best Western Sunridge Inn

1 Sunridge Ln.
 Baker City, OR 97814

Reservations 541-523-6444 or 1-800-233-2368

OSWA has set aside a block of rooms at the Sunridge Best Western for a rate of a King \$75/\$80, two Queens \$85/\$90 with 8% tax. Rooms include a hot breakfast. Please contact the reservation desk at the Sunridge Best Western and mention OSWA to reserve your room.



Location

The Best Western Sunridge Inn is located off of Interstate 84 at Baker City Exit 304.

2015 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Woods Tour

You are invited to:

Lyle and Dean Defrees' Defrees Ranch, LLC

11950 Huckleberry Loop, Baker City, Oregon



Dean and Lyle Defrees

Saturday – June 11th
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Registration Required
Admission and Lunch are FREE

To Register mail in the registration form or email oswaevents@gmail.com by June 2, 2016.

For 107 years the Defrees family has managed their ranch for both forestry and ranching focusing on wood, water, recreation, wildlife and all attributes of a working ranch in Northeast Oregon.

- *Livestock and Forest Enterprise*
- *Quaking Aspen Propagation*
- *Water Development for Wildlife, Livestock, and Firefighting*
- *1986 Wildfire Area – 30 Years Later*
- *Tree Shear Harvesting*
- *Reforestation of Rangeland*
- *Tree Thinning*
- *Sawmilling*

Coffee and Donuts at 8:00 am – Tour Concludes with a Beef BBQ Lunch



Transportation:

Bus transportation provided to tour or parking is available at the Defrees Ranch. Tour Bus leaves Best Western Sunridge Inn in Baker City at 7:00 am. To drive to tour, travel 24 miles South of Baker City on Hwy 7, turn left on Huckleberry Loop between mile post 27 and 28. Follow OSWA Wood Tour Signs.

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REGISTRATION FORM



Oregon Small Woodlands Association 2016 Annual Meeting
Oregon Tree Farm System Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year Tour
Thursday, June 9 – Saturday June 11 – Baker City, OR
 Hosted by OSWA's Baker County Chapter and OTFS

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Dealing with Fire Woods Tours 11:30 am – 4:00 pm \$ 0 x _____ = _____

OSWA Board Dinner 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm \$30 x _____ = _____

- ___ Roast Turkey
- ___ Roast Ham
- ___ Please indicate if Vegetarian diet is required

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

OSWA Annual Meeting and Program \$85 x _____ = _____

Includes program, snacks and lunch
 8:30 am to 4:15 pm

Silent Auction Social and Awards Banquet \$35 x _____ = _____

- (casual dress)
- 5:00 pm to 8:15 pm
- ___ Honey Dijon Chicken
- ___ Broiled Salmon Fillet
- ___ Please indicate if Vegetarian diet is required

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year Tour \$ 0 x _____ = _____

- Defrees Ranch, LLC
- ___ I would like to ride a bus to the tour from Best Western Sunridge Inn.
- ___ I plan to take my own vehicle to the tour site.

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS _____

Attendees Name (s):

1) _____ 3) _____

2) _____ 4) _____

Contact Information:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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SILENT AUCTION

Donations Sought for 2016 Silent Auction

Dear Chapter representative and members:

I know you are aware of how successful the OSWA silent auctions have been in the past for raising funds to pay for a number of activities. In addition, they are just plain fun!

This year, the silent auction will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016, during OSWA's Annual Meeting at the OSU Extension Office in Baker City, Oregon.

There are several things necessary for a successful auction 1) willing bidders with deep pockets, 2) a good variety of items to bid on, and 3) a dedicated group of volunteers to help with organizing the auction. OSWA has been blessed with members and supporters who have donated much over the years and we are relying on all of you to come through again this year! In past years, we asked that each exhibitor and chapter donate two items. In 2015 we raised more than \$4000 for OSWA's legislative program.

I am hoping that the chapters and exhibitors will once again pitch in, with the same enthusiasm as in the past, and contribute to this enjoyable fund-raising event. We already have donation commitments from some individuals and chapters. I would appreciate hearing from you by the last week in May, although I know that many actual deliveries won't happen until just before the event.

If you wish to donate an item to the silent



auction or would like more information about the silent auction, please contact Ilene Waldorf at (503) 829-3181 or iwal@molalla.net

The actual items can be delivered either directly to me on Friday morning, June 10th, before the meeting begins, or to the OSWA office the week before the annual meeting. OSWA's address is: 187 High Street NE, Suite 208, Salem, OR 97301.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person but would like to contribute, please check with your local chapter or the state office to see if one of your neighbors is registered. We'll do our best to make sure your donation is available for bidding.

Sincerely,

Ilene Waldorf

Ilene Waldorf

Silent Auction Coordinator, 2016

Thank you for Supporting the Oregon Small Woodlands Association