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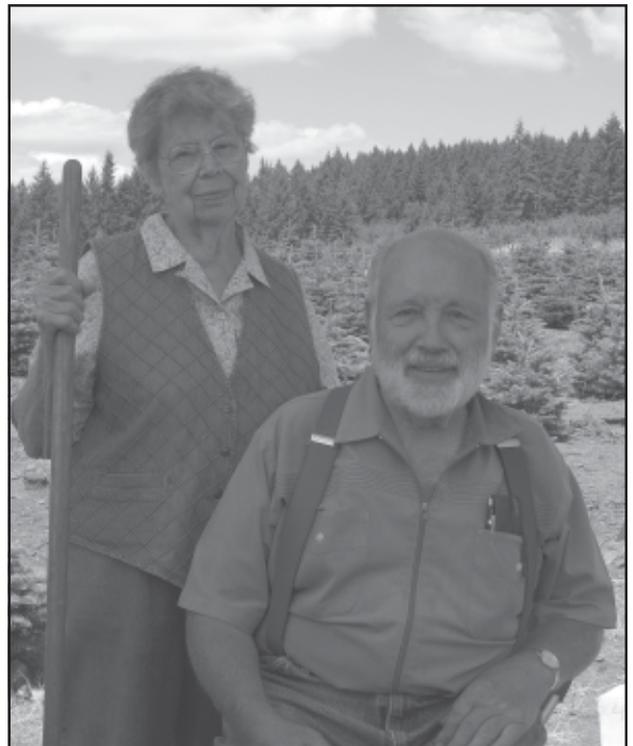
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## Oregon's Bob & Margaret Kintigh Named National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year

Bob & Margaret Kintigh of Lane County, Oregon, are the 2006 National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. The Kintigh's received their award during the National Tree Farmer Convention held in Mobile, Alabama. Bob & Margaret and their children, owners of Mountain Home Ranch, were selected from a long list of certified tree farmers throughout the nation.

Having been actively involved in promoting tree farming and the benefits of sustainable forestry in their community for years, the Kintigh tree farming history is saturated with activities, organizations, and projects dedicated to advancing the good name of tree farming.

Their tree farm consists of two tracts containing 249 acres of forestland plus considerable Christmas tree acreage. The Mountain Home Ranch tract has been under intensive management since 1957. In addition to different timber management activities, they also have a containerized seedling nursery that produces approximately two million seedlings annually, and a Christmas tree business. A tree grown by Kintigh was chosen for display in the White House in 1992. Their long-standing management goals are to maximize wood fiber production without damaging soils, wildlife habitat or water resources. It is truly a "working farm" and has been the major family income source for 45 years.



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## The OSWA Vision

To strive to be an influential and proactive organization which is united in its efforts to represent the diverse objectives of family forestland owners who practice and promote good forest stewardship.

## Our Mission Statement

Oregon Small Woodlands Association shall be an effective force in addressing statewide forestry issues that are critical to family forestland owners by:

- Communicating with woodland owners and the public in a timely and concise manner.
- Working with natural resource agencies, organizations, and other forestland owners.
- Advocating the interests of family forestland owners
- Promoting forestland stewardship.
- Sponsoring programs, activities and publications, which inform members and the public about forestland stewardship.



## President's Message...

### Be of Good Cheer

by Mike Barnes

Well, we survived the election and a few rain and wind storms, and now we must pick up the remaining pieces and proceed on. This will prove to be an interesting year for woodland owners.

It seems the "people" have spoken and they want change from the local to the national level. Bring it on! We stand ready to face any and all challenges and opportunities that come our way. It may take the combined strength of all of us to face some of those challenges, so be ready when the time comes for the call-to-action.

I must say we have enjoyed some good market conditions over the past couple of years; however, current market conditions appear to be less than appealing. It will be interesting to see how our large brothers and, in particular, the new ownership groups, such as the TIMO's (Timberland Investment Management Organizations) and REIT's (Real Estate Investment Trusts), weather those challenges. Perhaps, the troubles of one group can be an opportunity for another? Stand ready to buy if the price is right.

I would like to encourage everyone to be of "good cheer" as we approach another Christmas season. The more we smile and attempt to lift the burden of those who may be a little depressed, the better our lives will be. As woodland owners, we have a great deal to be thankful for. I appreciate the continued support I receive from the number of woodland owners I meet weekly. Together, we remain an effective group and, individually, we can make a difference. Remember...be of good cheer. Until next time...



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Kintighs

Kintigh recently retired after serving three terms in the Oregon State Senate. During his last session, he was unanimously elected president pro tempore. As the only forester to have served in the Senate, Kintigh focused attention on forestry issues, landowner rights and sound forest and agricultural management practices. He also sponsored the Adopt-a-Highway program in Oregon, worked on salmon restoration issues as a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Salmon and Stream Enhancement, and served four years on the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force.

In addition to his legislative service, Kintigh has served as president of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, national councilman of the Society of American Foresters and president of the Eugene chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. He has also received many awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oregon Society of American Foresters and a special award from the Oregon Board of Forestry for contributions to stewardship forestry through his chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. In 1997, he was recognized by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Leaders of Oregon for his "distinguished service and leadership." He also has been honored as Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year and is a fellow in the Society of American Foresters.



## Director's Message...

by Mike Gaudern

Dear OSWA Member:

OSWA is preparing for a very busy 2007. Our new membership benefits and programs will focus on subjects you have indicated are important to you as woodland owners. We hope you will take a moment to renew your membership (**it can now be done on-line at [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org)**). Your continued support will help you and your fellow woodland owners now and in the future.

### Why is your support important?

**NEW TOOLS IN 2007** – Our survey results have prompted OSWA and partners to develop field tours for late 2007. These aim to highlight new and improved management practices centering on themes dealing with riparian areas, reforestation and wildlife. We look forward to your participation in these valuable events. Take advantage of your membership and enjoy a good day in the woods. It will also be a great place to introduce your fellow woodland neighbors to our association.

We are also looking to host a workshop that explains the world of conservation easements. As our survey suggests, people want to know about the wide variety of tools available to them to assist with the generational transfer of working forests.

### Advocating your issues...

With recent election results creating change at all levels of government, your support is even more important. We are committed to ensuring that Oregon family forest landowners receive the credit they deserve for doing the right thing and that any policy changes are based upon the best available science. OSWA continues to be the premier woodland owners association in Oregon. We have built relationships with policy makers and elected officials at the national, state and local levels.

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*Watch for upcoming details on the OSWA website...*

## Resources

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Your connection to the most recent news and information affecting family forestland owners, including technical assistance, legislation and stories on great stewardship.

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In response to our 2006 statewide survey, we will continue to provide both hard copy and web accessible information that will help you make decisions that meet your families’ objectives. With **Northwest Woodlands Magazine, The Update, and National Woodlands**, we bring information to your doorstep. **The Update** and [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org) continue to build sponsorship, which help enhance our ability to provide information to our members on best management practices, estate planning, the small-tract tax deferral program, and many other financial, cultural and environmental issues, while keeping our membership fees as low as possible. Please consider [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org) as you and your family’s virtual library card to the world of family forest ownership information.

Information about our 2007 OSWA State Annual Meeting, **“Beyond Sustainability Enhancing Our Woodland Neighborhoods,”** will be available soon at [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org). Hosted by our state office and the Benton Chapter, the event is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are also working in partnership with the Committee for Family Forestlands 2007 Symposium, scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Both events will be held in the

Corvallis area. **We look forward to seeing you there or at one of the regional events leading up to the symposium.**

**Organizational Update –**

As a statewide organization, OSWA enters the year on a positive trend, both in terms of membership and of revenue. We have 2,917 supporters, family and friends across 26 counties donating via 1,754 memberships. Our goal is to have all 1,754 renew their memberships. Combine this with the 144 new members we gained in 2006, and it’s easy to be excited about growing our membership in 2007. This achievement is due, in large part, to volunteer contributions. While the cost of business has increased over the past five years, OSWA membership fees remain constant. Additionally, during 2006, we collected a record amount of non-membership fee revenue (\$42,000) that has allowed us to provide more value for your membership.

As we each face the challenges of woodland ownership, every membership is vital for our survival. Only by being strong in numbers can we be effective as a landowner group. Please take time to not only renew your membership, but also to recruit your friends and fellow woodland neighbors.

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Seize the opportunity to volunteer your time, resources, and/or skills to help build our programs. The effort you choose to give will be rewarded with the fellowships you create and the camaraderie of supporting a common cause – the joys of woodland ownership. And on that note, it seems a great time to give thanks to our

OSWA volunteers and encourage others to join our 2007 efforts!

Many volunteers have helped administer, educate, advocate and develop new opportunities for family woodland owners.

It is with these peoples' help and your continued support that OSWA is able to remain the premier group for forest landowners in Oregon.

So, on behalf of our entire membership, I would like to thank the following:

- The 2006 OSWA Annual Meeting co-hosts, **Yamhill County**, with a special shout to...
- Mike Barnes, our president, who has volunteered countless hours in visiting chapters, advocating our policies and implementing new ideas and programs
- Sonya and Brad Chapman, Ivan and Dina Nuxoll, Brad Withrow Robinson, Leonard Rydell, Susan Watkins, Elmer and Norma Parker and the rest of the planning team and volunteers who assisted that day.
- A special thanks to the Hayes family for allowing us to use their family forest as the base for our field tours.
- Also, our Coos/Currey Chapter folks, Roy and Pattie Hendrick and Jim and Lyn Boniface, who organized the silent auction.
- OSWA members who represent themselves as family woodland owners (and when appropriate, the association) on agency committees and boards: Ilene Waldorf, Jack Carter, John and Lynn Breese, John Rounds, Ken Falk, Gilbert Shibley, Bob Obermier, Gary Springer, Bill Arsenault, Peter

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## Committee for Family Forestlands Update

by Peter Hayes, CFF member

The Committee for Family Forestlands held a lively and interesting meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the meeting included:

**Progress on Invasive Species Strategy:** The committee was briefed on and discussed actions that the Board of Forestry is taking to develop a solid strategy in relation to this challenging and uncertain topic. Progress is being made. Two successes in Oregon Department of Forestry operations provide examples. First, this topic was identified in the Board's recent issue scan. In response to the Board's request for input from across the state on what issues are important to people committed to Oregon forests, the message came through that an intelligent approach to confronting problems with invasive species should be a high priority. Based on this input, the Board and department are making steady progress toward developing an effective strategy. Secondly, the work on invasive species appears to be a successful example of how the department is cooperating with other agencies (state and federal) in an appropriately integrated and coordinated manner.

**Landslide Strategies:** The committee was also briefed on the work of the Board and department to strengthen efforts to reduce risks related to landslides. As many will recall, heavy rains in the winter of 1996 led to serious landslides which, in turn,

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led to legislation designed to reduce risks in the future. Unfortunately, the commitments made to cross-agency cooperation in addressing problems have not been as successful as they need to be. This is leading to new work that focuses more clearly on delineating responsibilities to facilitate action.

**FPA Enforcement Update:** Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) staff briefed the committee about changes in resources committed to inspections of active harvest operations and enforcement of the state's Forest Practices Act (FPA). Due to reductions in departmental funding, less staff time is being committed to FPA enforcement. Between 2002 and 2005, there was a 40% reduction in the number of citations issued for FPA non-compliance--66 citations in 2002 to 40 in 2005.

**Forest Health Update:** And finally, committee members benefited from an annual update on the department's work to monitor the health of forests across the state. We learned about the problematic long-term cycles of pine bark beetle outbreaks and potential new threats, such as the discovery of Sudden Oak Death in the state's far southwest corner. An excellent summary of this annual update is available through the department.

**We Want to Hear from You:** Committee members encourage family forest landowners to contact them with questions, concerns, and suggestions. Information on the committee and contact details may be found at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/CFF/cff.shtml>, or by contacting the Department of Forestry.

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## How to De-List Endangered Fish

*by Gilbert Shibley, member from Clackamas County, representing OSWA on the Stakeholder Team of the Lower Columbia/Willamette Salmon Recovery Planning process.*

Can creeping regulatory pressure ever get reversed so it creeps back away from us? We all hope so, and I am part of a process aiming for just that result on our family forestlands. The goal of listing a species under the federal Endangered Species Act is really to achieve recovery so that it can then be de-listed. Some salmon and steelhead living in streams through our forestland have been listed as threatened or endangered. The best way to get them recovered to the point of de-listing is to have a wise plan for getting there. That planning process is underway now, and OSWA is at the table.

Early this year, I was designated by our Board of Directors to represent our interests in the process. I am one of 25 on the Stakeholder Team where diverse interests (like ag, forestry, fishing, commerce, recreation and local government) are involved in salmon recovery planning for the part of Oregon that has streams in the Lower Columbia. This spans Hood River to Astoria, and includes the Clackamas as a major part of the Willamette below the falls at Oregon City. The creeks through my land are tributary to the Clackamas River.

This is going to be Oregon's plan and lead staff for developing it are from our Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The federal agency responsible for bringing the plan into existence is NOAA Fisheries (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Department of Commerce) because these are ocean-going fish. Staff from both the state and federal levels want the eventual plan to really work, so they are involving all of us with a stake in the land and the water. We have looked at the factors that are holding back recovery, have taken aim at what might make the most difference and, at our next meeting, will begin chewing on proposed remedial management actions that might end up in the plan. I will keep you posted.

We will complete a plan in about a year. That product will be put out for public comment before it gets adopted. It is too early to tell for sure, but in my opinion, the fish are going to be helped a good bit and we forest owners are not going to be hurt much. ODFW staff are dedicated professionals and are working to bring the best science into the process. NOAA is giving Oregon a pretty free rein. Interactions among different folks on the Stakeholder Team are frank, mostly reasonable and generally cordial.

Since the plan is not in itself going to have regulatory teeth, I am vigilant, but not worried. It is probably going to be more a continuation of the voluntary, 'Oregon way' approach used in the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Steelhead than any kind of strong-arm/long-arm reach into (or over) the water protection rules of the Forest Practices Act. I have and follow guidance in OSWA policy statements and am armed with the knowledge of members' opinions via the recent survey results.

It is good that OSWA was asked to have a seat at this table, and I want our membership to know that I am doing my best to represent our interests. I have experience in biology and government service, as well as being a fourth generation family forestland owner and manager. I have served several terms on the board of my local chapter of OSWA. I am not afraid to ask

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tough questions and am ready to defend our interests. Wish me well, and/or contact me with your concerns!

*Gilbert Shibley can be contacted through Salem OSWA office, 503-588-1813, [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org).*

## Forest Market Connections Website Improves Again

by Scott Leavengood, OSU Director Wood Innovation Center

In 2004, OSWA and Oregon State University (OSU) developed a website that helped develop market opportunities and niches for family woodland owners in Oregon. It has provided a way for buyers and sellers of forest products to connect and network. The site, [www.orforestdirectory.com](http://www.orforestdirectory.com) is receiving 30,000 to 40,000 visits a month.

Now, Sustainable Northwest has helped us improve it even more by providing important funding to create an "aggregated landowner inventory" function, which helps close information gaps, especially for niche markets. Communities and small to mid-sized sawmill operators have expressed a need to know the volume of timber available in their region and how to contact the landowners.

The website's new capabilities allow landowners to specify the region where timber is located and standing volume (i.e. volume potentially available for sale) by species. At this time, log grade is not specified, as there is still a lack of consensus on how to best do this.

Landowners that want their contact information to be confidential need only enter their email address--the address is not displayed in search results. Interested log buyers can now click on "Timber Volume" to see the available volume by species in each region and then fill out a form to contact all the landowners as a group. Landowners already listed in the directory can simply update their entries to add the inventory data.

Other recent upgrades to the directory include simplified search processes for the most common searches; website

visitors can find custom sawyer, log buyer, source of timber, cabinet maker, and furniture maker with a single click. There is also now a function to allow for exporting search results to pdf or Excel formats.

Take a moment to check out the directory improvements for yourself. The more folks use and post information, the more valuable it becomes! Let the connections continue!

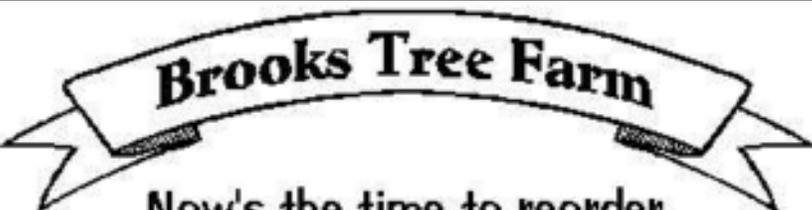
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## OSU College of Forestry Names New Associate Dean

Jim Johnson has been named the new Associate Dean for Extended Education and Forestry Extension Program Leader at OSU's College of Forestry. Johnson replaces Jim Reeb as Interim Leader, and Scott Reed, who is now the Oregon Extension Service Director.

Johnson spent the last 18 years in Virginia, where he

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served as an Extension Specialist in Silviculture, Extension Project Leader, and in his most recent position, Associate Dean for Outreach in Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources. Prior to his time in Virginia, he taught Silviculture and Forest Soils in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point for seven years.

## OSWA's End of Term Board Report

by Nancy Hathaway

The following is a summary of reports and actions taken at the November 3 Board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Barnes at 10 a.m.

### Previous Business

*The minutes of the Sept. 1, 2006 Executive and Government Affairs Committee meetings and the August 4, 2006 Board meeting, as corrected, were approved unanimously.*

The *Northwest Woodlands Magazine*, published four times annually, continues to be a success. Growing demands are forcing us to find additional ways of providing staff support for its editor so that we don't have to cut back on the number of issues that are published. At this time, we are exploring the possibility of having county chapters sponsor an issue of the magazine in return for receiving special emphasis about a chapter event or notable individual who is involved in chapter activities.

*(Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize additional expenditure from the operating budget for Northwest Woodlands with the request that counties sponsor an issue.)*

At OSWA's November Board Meeting, it was determined that OSWA could benefit from joining the *Teaming with Wildlife Coalition*. Teaming with Wildlife emphasizes voluntary versus regulatory approaches. Doing so will help ensure that state and federal funding for fish, wildlife and habitat conservation continues to increase. Eighty-six Oregon organizations already belong.

*(Moved, seconded and passed unanimously that OSWA be a signee with Teaming with Wildlife.)*

Soon your Executive Director, Mike Gaudern, will be *visiting county chapters* again to hear your thoughts about how we can improve the organization and increase our membership. Discussions have started,

too, about how we can improve our membership brochure to be even more successful, as it is due to be reprinted soon.

Gaudern will also be visiting Coos/Curry, Lincoln and Tillamook counties to conduct short information-gathering sessions that will help us plan for the 2007 Family Forestland Symposium scheduled in April (see page 3).

*Our fiscal picture continues to improve!* Administrative costs have come down for the third consecutive year at the state office, and this year we received a record \$42,000 in non-dues revenue. We will continue to promote non-dues revenues by coordinating events, such as workshops.

A renewed effort to establish a *Memorandum of Understanding between the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) and OSWA* has begun. At present, both organizations are exploring the possibility of OTFS increasing their presence in OSWA's Update. In return, OTFS would provide financial support to produce the publication. By the time you receive the December issue,

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the November OTFS Annual Tree Farmer of the Year Awards Luncheon will have occurred. OSWA expresses sincere congratulations to the Kintigh family for earning the “national” Tree Farmer of the Year title—a very notable accomplishment, indeed!

*(Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to re-energize the OTFS and OSWA committee to produce a MOU between the two organizations.)*

As part of the 2007 OSWA Work Plan, a series of *Best Management Practices Workshops* will supplement our local chapter education efforts. OSWA’s state office and volunteers will design the workshops in collaboration with state agencies. The intent is to ensure that these workshops are developed with *landowners* determining content and direction. We encourage suggestions from our county chapters as we proceed. The workshops will provide an important source of non-dues revenue. The hope is to keep charges to members and others who wish to participate minimal—financial aid will be requested from other agencies to help support the workshops.

The *2007 Family Forestland Symposium/OSWA Annual Meeting* is coming up soon in April. A clear fiscal line has been drawn between the Committee for Family Forestlands Symposium and OSWA’s Annual Meeting. OSWA is fiscally responsible for all OSWA Annual Meeting events on April 26, the exhibitor presentation and the Silent Auction. OSWA will also host hors d’oeuvres on April 27th. Any monies that we acquire from these events will be retained by OSWA.

Field trips are planned for the afternoon of our Annual Meeting (April 26th), and a banquet will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Silent Auction will occur all day on Friday, April 27th, while folks are attending symposium sessions in LaSells Auditorium at Oregon State University.

Bob McNitt, who has decades of career experience working with seedling issues, has proposed that OSWA develop a website to match owners of potential tree seedlings with potential buyers. He felt this would be a great way for OSWA chapters to advertise seedling sales and provide a means to sell excess seedlings. The concept may hold promise, and the OSWA Executive Committee will decide in December whether or not to endorse it.

*(Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to endorse Bob McNitt’s forest seedling website concept with the final decision to be made by the Executive Committee at the December meeting.)*

Kristina McNitt, OSWA’s legislative liaison, is organizing a “*Day at the Capitol*” for landowners to help strengthen OSWA’s presence to legislators and demonstrate their influence. Possible ideas for the day’s activities include things like sponsoring a legislative breakfast or re-creating a replica of the 2005 State Fair Booth (with the huge teepee and Lewis & Clark theme).

The Government Affairs Committee invites all interested members to participate in *GAC meetings*, which are held every Tuesday from 7–9 a.m. during the legislative session. This year, Kristina will be following up on bills that didn’t make it through last session, such as the log lien bill. The Scribner scale versus cubic scale will be discussed.

The Emergency Fire Board unanimously approved a proposal to increase non-negligent fire responsibility from \$300,000 to \$750,000, after not having had an increase for over 20 years. This proposal is being sent to the House and Senate.

A revision was made to OSWA’s by-laws. A treasurer will now be appointed by the President. Members John Poppino, Paul Nys and Greg Stone form the committee to revise the by-laws.

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*(Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to amend by-laws, Article VII, Section I with the addition to read, "the Treasurer to be appointed by the President.")*

## Oregon Woodland Co-op: Business Plan Grant Update

by Tom Nygren, Washington Chapter

The Oregon Woodland Cooperative is making steady progress in completing their business plan under the USDA Value-Added Grant received last winter. As outlined in the grant, the Co-op is to complete an inventory of member woodlands, complete management plans for members, perform a market analysis of potential products from member lands, and prepare a business plan for the Co-op by the end of 2006.

Sixteen of the Co-op's members opted to participate to the full extent in the grant inventory project. An inventory of timber products has been completed on over 1,500 acres of member lands. Additional lands have already been inventoried and will be included in the project. Atterbury Consultants of Beaverton, OR did the inventory using their "Super Ace" cruising program. A workshop was held on the evening of October 26th at the OSU Extension Office to help members and others who are interested in learning how to interpret and use inventory information. Jon Ascheback of Atterbury Consultants, Chal Landgren of OSU Extension, and Dick Courter, Co-op forester, conducted the workshop. Member plans have been prepared, or updated, and the new inventory information will be used to further refine and adjust the plans.

Market analyses have already started. In order to examine the full range of potential products from member lands, the analyses are directed toward both timber and non-timber products. The Forest Business Solutions Team from OSU College of Forestry is at work on the timber market analysis. The Institute for Culture and Ecology is working on the non-timber product market analysis. Information from inventories will be used in relating the market analysis to the business plan. Co-op members were recently surveyed by the Northwest Cooperative Development Center, and the results of the surveys will be used to correlate market analysis with member needs and interests.

The business plan is envisioned to address many areas of member interest and need, including:

- Forest product marketing and scheduling, both timber and non-timber
- Organization and management of the Co-op to best serve the members

- Financial reporting and accounting
- Consolidated equipment and supply purchasing
- Expanded professional services available to members
- Potential marketing initiatives, which may include log sort and concentration yards, "break-down" facilities to create marketable material, such as beams, cants, and local/national/international quality recognition
- Intergenerational succession

The business plan will be the project capstone. The grant is for a one-year period, which expires at the end of 2006. Members are the focus of the planning, and their significant involvement is an important part of plan development. The next two months are critical for development of a sound business plan. The objective will be to get member ideas and preferences for services, management, and other benefits the Co-op could provide. ***The Co-op is member driven, so member involvement is critical!***

## Two Important Forestry Conferences to Note on your Calendar

Save the dates for the following Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) conferences coming up this winter to explore two timely and important forestry issues. For conference agendas, registration forms and additional details, visit OFRI's website at [www.oregonforests.org](http://www.oregonforests.org).

### ***Oregon Woody Biomass: Opportunities, Barriers & Breakthroughs***

January 3, 2007

World Forestry Center, Miller Hall, Portland

This all-day conference will take a close look at opportunities for the conversion of woody biomass from Oregon's forests into "green" energy, biofuels and other bioproducts. It will examine some short-term potential for moving Oregon forward in developing a biomass industry tied to the removal of woody biomass from overcrowded forests. The use of biomass from forest thinning would address three challenging needs: 1) restoring forest health, fire resilience and wildlife habitat; 2) helping meet the state's goals for renewable energy; and 3) providing jobs and revitalizing rural economies.

What are the implications of this triple-win opportunity for Oregon's forest sector? How large is the opportunity? How much energy could be produced? What are the benefits? What are the constraints? And what will it take to make it happen? These and other questions were addressed in a recent OFRI study

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and will be discussed at the conference by energy and utility experts, state and federal policy makers, forest scientists, forest sector representatives, business leaders and others.

OFRI is co-sponsoring this conference with the Oregon Business Council, The Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Forest Industries Council, the American Forest Resources Council and the Oregon Forest Biomass Working Group.

### ***Forests, Carbon and Climate Change***

February 13-14, 2007

Oregon State University Alumni Center, Corvallis

Although there is not yet consensus about the nature or causes of global climate change, the concern about potential effects is real, and policies are being developed at every level to address it. Oregon is a forest-rich state, poised with opportunities for forests, forestry and forest product enterprises to assume positive roles in maintaining a livable climate. This day-and-a-half conference will examine the many contributions forests and wood products make to sequester the atmospheric carbon that plays a significant role in global climate. It also will explore:

- Policies that ensure that forests remain in forest use so that their contributions to clean air and a livable climate are not diminished.
- The role of products made from wood in sequestering carbon and keeping it out of the atmosphere (especially in contrast to fossil fuel-intensive products).
- The importance of reducing the vulnerability of forests to uncharacteristic fires that put large amounts of carbon into the atmosphere.
- The potential for global climate change to increase the susceptibility of forests to insects, disease and uncharacteristic fire.

OFRI is co-sponsoring this conference with Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

### **Three Named to Oregon Forest Resources Institute Board**

by Rod Nichols, ODF Agency Affairs Officer

Oregon State Forester Marvin Brown has appointed three new members to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute's board of directors. Gary Springer of Corvallis, Mike Moskovitz of Springfield, and Steve Woodard of Cottage Grove each will begin three-year

terms on Jan. 1, 2007.

The Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) in 1991 to improve public understanding of the state's forest resources and to encourage environmentally sound forest management. OFRI's 13-member board includes representatives of small (Class 1), medium (Class 2) and large (Class 3) forest products producers, plus small woodland owners and forestry employees, all appointed by the state forester. The dean of the Oregon State University College of Forestry and a public member appointed by leaders of the Oregon Legislature serve as non-voting members.

Woodard fills the Small Woodland Owner slot on the board. A retired Oregon State University extension forester, Woodard operates a tree farm in Lane County. The Small Woodland Owner position is reserved for owners of 100 to 2,000 acres of forestland on which timber harvest taxes were paid in the most recent year preceding the appointment. This board position must have no direct financial interest in a forest products processing activity, such as a sawmill. Woodard is replacing Bob Kintigh on the board.

Moskovitz, regional public affairs manager with Weyerhaeuser Company, fills a Class 3 position. Class 3 producers are defined as those who have paid the harvest tax on 100 million board feet or more in the most recent year. Moskovitz is replacing Greg Miller on the board.

Gary Springer, Starker Forests, Inc., fills a Class 2 position. Class 2 producers have paid the harvest tax on more than 20 million board feet, but less than 100 million board feet per year in the past year. Springer is replacing Barte Starker.

Brown made the appointments after a statewide solicitation of candidates.

Carol Whipple of Elkton-based Rocking C Ranch has been reappointed to her Class 1 position on the OFRI board. Class 1 includes producers who have paid harvest tax on 20 million board feet or less in the past year.

A harvest tax on producers of forest products funds the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. More information on OFRI and its board of directors can be found on the OFRI website, [www.oregonforests.org](http://www.oregonforests.org).

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## An Expanding Woodland Predator

by Jim Gores, ODFW Invasive Species  
& Wildlife Integrity Coordinator

I have always loved bacon. The smell of it cooking, with that smoky, savory aroma drifting off the grill as the bacon sizzles and pops excites almost anyone who's just awakened from a deep slumber. Not a single morning gives way to noon before I enjoy this salty delectable. Perhaps that's why I'm the perfect man to coordinate Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Invasive Species Program...because feral swine, or wild pigs, are rapidly becoming one of Oregon's most destructive invasive species.

Stories flow from the southeastern U.S., Texas and California about feral swine decimating entire gardens in a single night, rooting up acres of newly planted pine seedlings, and turning gentle, picturesque creeks into muddy quagmires that provide more habitat for mosquitoes than fish. The USDA estimates that American farmers lose about \$800 million dollars a year from feral swine rooting up their precious crops. If ranching is your occupation of choice, feral swine are known to be a common reservoir of many livestock and wildlife diseases, including psuedorabies and brucellosis and have proven to be effective and efficient predators of lambs, kid goats and possibly young calves. If you are a hunter or just enjoy nature, feral swine can also be a wet blanket on an otherwise stable ecosystem. Feral swine hunt fawns, kill ground-nesting birds, like ducks, pheasants and quail, and eat just about any small animal that has the misfortune to cross their path.

Unfortunately, those who manage woodland habitats might have just as much to lose. Due to their feeding habits, feral swine tend to favor creek sides, forests and meadows, because these their soils are softer and easier to root through. As they seek out grubs,



roots, and seeds, swine leave behind a swath of turned up soil not much different than that left by a rototiller. This foraging method exacerbates erosion issues and leaves the area vulnerable to invasion from noxious weeds. Noxious weeds, of particular concern in the Northwest (such as Japanese knotweed, Scotch broom and Canada thistle among others), thrive in these disturbed conditions. Since feral swine like the cambium-rich taproots of pine seedlings, replantings and rehabilitation sites are also frequent targets of rooting. All of this spells trouble for small (and large) woodland owners if feral swine gain a more secure foothold and begin to spread further.

Currently, feral swine are found in ten of Oregon's 36 counties, and their population is estimated at 200-1,500 (see map on next page). To date, only two populations of feral swine (one in Crook County and one in Coos County) have been successfully eradicated. Most populations in Oregon are still small and isolated.

So why should we worry so much about them? Most populations in Oregon are small and isolated, so we have a unique opportunity to control and possibly eradicate feral swine in Oregon before they become the devastating problem they are elsewhere. But, we won't have this chance for long.

Feral swine reproduce almost exponentially and have very few natural predators. Typically, the average sow has two litters of five to six piglets each year (that's up to 12 new swine every year for every sow). Let me put this in practical terms. Because of this reproduction rate, every one hundred feral swine will successfully produce (give or take) another seventy swine each year. For every hundred swine, then, we must eradicate those seventy new members each year just to keep populations steady. Since feral swine have excellent hearing, senses of smell, and they quickly learn to adapt to various capture and extermination methods, they are very difficult to hunt. When they do feel the pressure of hunting, they often become entirely nocturnal and grow naturally shy of cage traps, unless they've been pre-baited. Because of their ability to reproduce so effectively and evade hunters, controlling swine can become an almost overwhelming feat once populations grow out of control, as they have in California.

Not too long ago, California had populations of feral swine similar to our own and neglected the problem. In California in the late 1940's, feral swine populated only a few coastal counties. In 1956, California

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*Feral swine can quickly root up several acres of newly planted pine seedlings.*

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designated feral swine a game animal. This change in designation resulted in a shift in management objectives, allowing feral swine populations to spread. By the mid-1980's, feral swine could be found in 33 of California's 58 counties and had an estimated population of 70,000 to 80,000. By 1994, feral swine were present in 49 of California's 58 counties and estimates placed their population at 133,000. Now, feral swine are present in 56 of California's 58 counties and the only thing that has stymied their exponential population growth has been a six-year drought cycle.

We can expect similar population explosions in Oregon as swine follow drainages and food source trails from California into our state. As you look at the map, you also may wonder how feral swine arrived in areas far away from the Oregon/California border. No, pigs still can't fly, but they can still escape from their owners or even worse, be herded into horse trailers and released by unscrupulous folks wishing to offer a new, but utterly detrimental hunting opportunity. Woodland managers, farmers, ranchers, hunters, fishermen, nature lovers and large property owners cannot afford to wait for nature or natural predators to control this destructive species. Oregon has an opportunity to learn from California's mistakes before feral swine become the economic and natural destructive force they are there.

So, what can you do if you find feral swine in Oregon or on your property? First, swine in Oregon are considered predators, just like coyotes. Therefore, if you find feral swine on your property, you may shoot them without a hunting license. If they are on public land, you can shoot them as long as you have an Oregon hunting license. In addition, you can help the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife by providing us with as much information on feral swine in Oregon as possible, so **please call me (Jim Gores) at 503-947-6308** and let me know where you saw the feral swine. Coordinates and photographs are encouraged, but not necessary.

So, I urge you to take a fresh new look at bacon, pork chops or baby back ribs - particularly if they come from "free-range" swine. If you've got feral swine on your property and you're not of the carnivorous type, give us a call and we'll be happy to help you out. Either way, you'll be doing a favor for Oregon's wildlife and, even more importantly, your woodland.



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## Most Effective Treatment for Controlling Himalayan Blackberry in Western Oregon Riparian Areas

Extension forester, Max Bennett from Oregon State University, says that cutting and herbicide combinations are the most effective treatment for Himalayan Blackberry in western Oregon riparian areas.

Two treatment options are recommended –

Option 1: The area dominated by H. Blackberry is mowed or cut midsummer, allowed to grow back to 18 inches, than sprayed in fall with glyphosate or triclopyr.

Option 2: The area is first sprayed in fall and is mowed, cut or burned in late fall or the following season.

Effectiveness is good if herbicide coverage is good and the plants are vigorous and not moisture stressed. The cost to treat is approx. \$50 to \$300 contract cost per acre for herbicide application. However, the initial mechanical treatment (cutting or mowing) must also be factored in. This prescription requires expertise in selecting and using herbicides, and some control of resprouts will be necessary.

Other treatment that may be somewhat or possibly effective include mechanically removing the rootstock, removing the rootstock by hand, repeated tilling and removal of canes and multiple cuttings done each year for multiple years. Goats, fire, mowing, cutting and slashing are **not** effective.

To learn more about managing Himalayan Blackberry in western Oregon riparian areas, Bennett's full publication describing control methodologies can be ordered online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>. Or, you can call 1-800-561-6719. Cost is \$3 each.

### OSWA Member Honored by Oregon Forest Industries Council

Congratulations to **Gary Springer** from Starker Forests, Inc. Gary earned the *Ted Young Stewardship Award*, which recognizes excellence in forestry. Those who receive the award are known for their commitment to environmentally-sound forest management practices, as well as their commitment to local community and family.

Ted Young epitomized what's great about Oregon's forest products industry. He was a hard-working, dedicated man of immense integrity and his word meant something. Gary has surely followed in his footsteps.

**Way to go, Gary!**

## Letter to the Editor:

*Letters to the Editor represent the opinions and interests of our members and others, and not necessarily those of OSWA, the Board of Directors and officers.*

Dear Editor:

My article in the October Update contains two serious errors.

**CORRECTION:** I stated that Scale Bureaus are portrayed as independent log-measuring bureaus, but they are, in fact, completely controlled by log buyers. This statement is false. Scale bureaus are set up and run as **independent log-measuring systems**. They can provide this service in Scribner or Cubic scale. I know of no issues that question their integrity. They provide a very valuable service for buyer, logger and timber owner. I want to apologize for my false statement.

**ERROR**—Example for rounding down: My example of an oblong diameter log 7.9" by 11" would be a 7" diameter log. This log would be a 9" when you average the two measurements and round down. Sorry for these serious errors.

– Alan Thayer.

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to correct three inaccurate statements made in the recent article; A Matter of Fairness...Using Cubic Log vs. Scribner Scale.

Yamhill Log Scaling & Grading Bureau, Inc. is **not** controlled by log buyers. The board of directors is comprised of members that sell logs, buy logs, and both buy and sell. The board does not control the scaling practices of the Bureau. The board reviews the financial statement and general business affairs of the Bureau. The Bureau is a non-profit organization that is independent from the purchaser or seller of logs. The unit of log measure that is used to exchange dollars is determined by the buyer and seller, not the Bureau. Over the last 12 years, Yamhill Bureau employees have sponsored and taught many classes to the small woodlands groups and at the OSU Tree School program. In addition to Scribner scaling rules, cubic log scaling is taught at these classes because it is an accurate way to measure the volume and then the weight of a log.

Yamhill Log Scaling follows the rules set by Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group. This group is comprised of five bureaus and five agencies that are all voting members. This group was organized in 1951 to standardize the scaling rules and to promote uniformity in applying the rules. In the last 55 years, this group has made and changed log scaling rules at the request of **buyers** and **sellers**. For a complete list of the scaling rules and history of rule changes, please visit the website at [www.nwlrlog.com](http://www.nwlrlog.com).

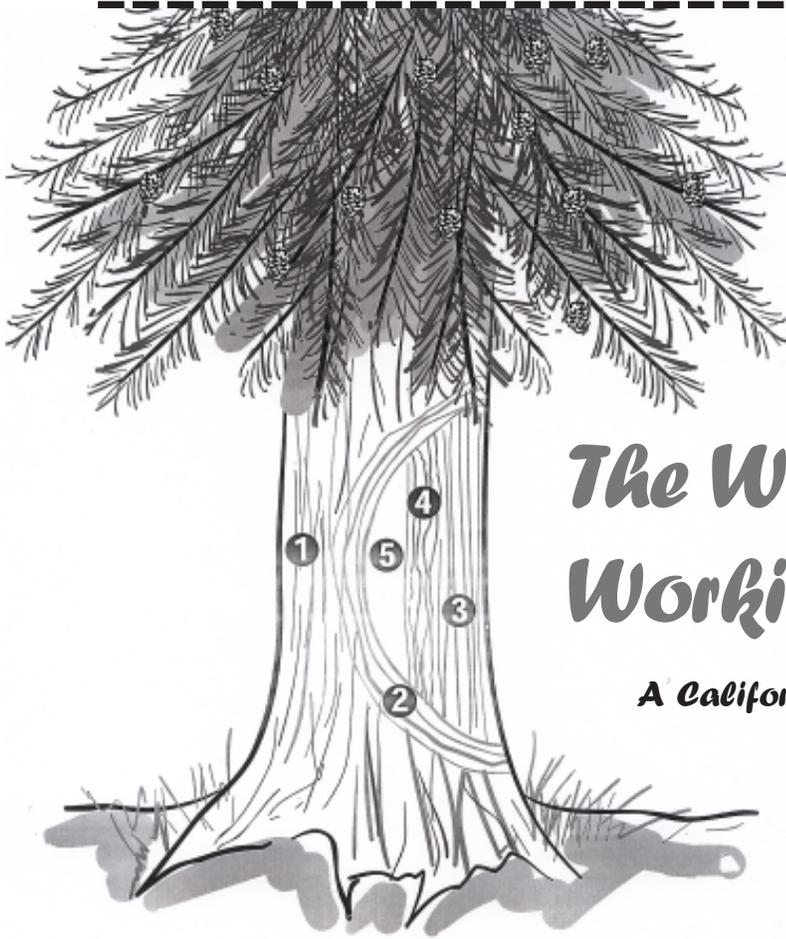
An oblong log measuring 7.9" by 11" is recorded as a **9"** log and not a 7" log.

Sincerely,

Tom St. Laurent, Manager  
Yamhill Log Scaling and Grading Bureau, Inc.

# This "Wood" Be for Kids Only...

*Because YOU are the future of Oregon's family forests!*



*Most people think that wood is just one thing. Actually, wood is made up of different parts, each with its own job. Use this numbered guide to discover what the parts of the tree are called and what job each part does.*

## The Wonderful Workings of Wood

*A California "Talk About Trees" Lesson*

1

**OUTER BARK** is like your skin. It protects the tree from outside damage.

2

**INNER BARK** brings the food that is produced in the leaves to the rest of the tree, where it is used for growing or is stored.

3

**CAMBIUM** is made from clusters of cells that produce new layers of bark each year. These layers are called rings. Starting with the heartwood, we count the dark rings to tell the age of the tree.

4

**SAPWOOD** is the highway that carries minerals and water to all part of the tree. The chemicals in the sap are what determine the color that leaves turn in the fall.

5

**HEARTWOOD** acts as our spine does. It gives strength to a tree and helps it to stand straight.

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We encourage you to take full advantage of your local chapter activities and share your experiences with your new friends and neighbors. And, remember to have fun as you protect, manage, use and enhance your family forest resources!

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## Nurturing the next generation of OSWA Leadership

OSWA has gone through some pretty tough times over the past decade as the world around us becomes apathetic to the joys and benefits of owning and managing woodlands. As other natural resource groups have fallen by the wayside, we have survived. It is now time for us to thrive.

As our state elections come around in the spring and during local chapter elections, please think about what you can do to help OSWA move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We need help with our messaging, our leadership and with our program development. If your skills can benefit OSWA, please give us a call at the state office. Let's move forward together and become stronger and more influential!

- Mike Gaudern, OSWA Director