President’s Message
Dale Cuyler

As spring approaches, I find that my job list grows by leaps and bounds. No surprise! Small woodland management is not for the faint-hearted. Perhaps never getting to the bottom of my list is a sure-fired way of ensuring my longevity. In fact, every time we attend a tour or meeting where I see woodland owners who are far older than me, I marvel at their good health and clear minds.

Sometimes our job list can be a bit overwhelming. Brenda and I joke about selling our forestland, buying a condo, and reading a book under a shade tree. That notion is short-lived as I watch waterfowl landing on our woodland pond, or take a walk through our forest that has been freshly washed with rain, or am serenaded by a winter wren. The air is fresh and the clear, clean water from our domestic spring is wonderful. What’s not to like!

To add to my good feelings, we recently invited some friends who are small woodland owners for dinner and a tour of our forest. Some had never been to our place before and others hadn’t been here in many years. They offered praise for the work that we have accomplished here at Heartwood Tree Farm. That felt good. So, it’s time to get back to my job list. I find that although progress isn’t always fast, it is rewarding.

Recently I became aware of two great sources of information for small woodland owners; both are available on-line.

First, there is a new OSU Extension publication, “Small-Scale Harvesting for Woodland Owners”, by Steve Bowers and Francisca Belart. It is a free download at https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9129. This 14-page publication discusses the unique aspects of small-scale harvesting and offers some information to help you through the process. It begins with making a plan and selecting contractors to determine costs and increase revenue.

The second source of information is a blog site on the internet, sponsored by Oregon State Extension: “Tree Topics…serving small woodland owners and managers in the Willamette Valley and northwest Oregon”. Two Extension Forestry Agents, Brad Withrow-Robinson and Amy Grotta, write and post articles on this blog site and, although they tailor their articles for their parts of Oregon, the information is pertinent for small woodland owners in Douglas County. The link is http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/treetopics. The article (Continued on page 2)
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“Spacing Young Conifer Stands” is a must-read for folks with young stands that are about to enter commercial size. As Brad Withrow-Robinson points out, no matter what your long-term management goals are for your forest, keeping them healthy and avoiding stagnation will help you maintain future options. He explains the “zones of increasing competition” and examines how tree spacing affects tree size and options for an entry that either costs you money or makes a profit for you. This is a great article for understanding what it takes to keep stands growing at an optimal rate.

Welcome New OSWA/DSWA Members

Tim and Lynne Ballard - Roseburg, Oregon
Gabe Crane - Sutherlin, Oregon
Leonard Hertzstein - Winston, Oregon
Joel Krause - Myrtle Creek, Oregon
Richard and Terry Murrell - Camas Valley, Oregon

Welcome New DSWA Board Members

Evan Barnes
Tami Braz
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Brad Hellenthal

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Tree Farmer Chores for April-June
Marty Amos

**Check your seedlings:** Walk through newly planted seedlings to look for problems. At this time of year, seedlings should not show any signs of stress. Buds should be swollen or newly broken with lush, bright green foliage emerging.

**Check the effectiveness of your weed control measures:** Nearly every vegetation management scenario has more than one option. Spring and early summer is the time to evaluate the effectiveness of this year's project and think about improvements that you may want to make in the future.

**Apply for financial assistance programs if applicable:** Even though cost share programs that were so beneficial in the past have been drastically reduced, you might get assistance. Call Marty Amos for more information (440-3412).

**Begin harvest operations:** Don't plan to do all your harvest in mid or late summer. Fire season can wreak havoc with dry season logging! Submit your notification of operations to ODF early.

**Plan summer/fall site preparation:** Submit notifications on time. Arrange for contractors if necessary. Douglas County & ODF coordinate mutual mid-summer and fall aerial spray projects. Call Marty Amos for more information (440-3412).

**Spray Poison oak:** If no trees are present, use a 5% solution of Accord (Roundup) in late May-June while leaves are full and green. If tree seedlings are present, wait until their new buds have hardened, usually in late July or early August. Treat poison oak before leaves turn red using Accord concentrate. Douglas County has backpack sprayers you may borrow for your personal use. Contact: Marty Amos for more information (440-3412).

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**Firewise Communities in Douglas County**  
*Colene Freadman*

Firewise is a program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association using an approach connecting all those who play a role in wildfire education, planning and action. The major focus is teaching people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encouraging neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses. We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and each other from the risk of wildfire. Brush, grass and forest fires don’t have to be disasters.

Thanks to the efforts of Dennis Sifford, DFPA Staff Forester/Firewise Coordinator, the first Douglas Firewise Communities Round Table Meeting was held on February 27 at DFPA. Douglas County has 17 recognized Firewise Communities. Three more are near completion to be recognized this year. Dennis has a map at DFPA showing all the Firewise Communities.

Some of the Firewise Communities were formed as a result of the Douglas Complex and Stouts Creek Fires. Others were formed by community members recognizing how vulnerable their communities would be if a fire started.

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**Lone Rock Timber**

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For more information please contact Joe Newton  
Phone: 541-430-1686  
Email jnewton@lrtco.com
As a Douglas County small woodland owner, do you have a defensible space around your home and out buildings? Do you have an evacuation plan? Is your property access well identified for the local fire department? Being prepared for a fire is a priority for every small woodland owner.

As small woodland owners, we can all educate ourselves, neighbors and friends. The Firewise website has great tools and suggestions to accomplish this.

Take time NOW before fire season and visit www.firewise.org to educate yourself about the best way to make your home and neighborhood safer from wildfires.

Contact Dennis Sifford, at 541-672-6507 ext. 124 if you have questions or are interested in forming a Firewise Community.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is Saturday, May 7, 2016.


Annual Meeting

Dale Cuyler

On February 10th, many small woodland owners and two County Commissioners from Douglas County met for a great meal and an excellent annual meeting.

Our featured speaker was Valerie Johnson and she gave us an energetic, enthusiastic and informative presentation. Valerie is co-owner of the D.R. Johnson Lumber Company, Riddle, Oregon. Valerie’s father, D.R., founded this company in 1952 which originally produced lumber. In 1967 the company started Riddle Laminators, producing laminated beams made to order in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Most recently, D.R. Johnson Lumber Co. entered the cross-laminated timber (CLT) market. They are currently the only company in the U.S. certified to produce CLT and are expanding their production capacity so they can produce CLT panels that are up to 30 feet long and 10 feet wide.

CLT is often referred to as “plywood on steroids” because it consists of lumber (for example, 2”x6”s) that is laminated in alternate (or cross) directions, using superior glues and in a variety of thicknesses and lengths. DR Johnson uses only Douglas-fir lumber in their CLT panels but they may do future testing of other tree species.

Currently a multi-storied building is being built with D.R. Johnson CLT panels in the Albina District of Portland using a MASS timber building technique that combines laminated posts and beams with CLT panels.

There are many advantages to CLTs:

- CLT panels offer excellent strength and a high rating for resistance to fire.
- Customers submit computerized building plans that are used to produce building-specific CLT panels. Before the panels leave the mill, the door and window openings as well as the chases for the electrical wires and plumbing pipes are precision cut. By making these cuts at the mill, the “waste” is recovered at the mill rather than being left at an urban construction site where it would need to be hauled away. When the panels arrive at the construction site, they are ready to set in place, thereby dramatically speeding up the construction process.
- CLT panels offer a sustainable building product that uses significantly less energy to manufacture than steel or concrete.
- CLT is made out of wood, thereby sequestering carbon for the long-term.
- This product will offer a new market for Douglas-fir logs, thereby creating more logging and manufacturing jobs in rural Oregon.
- Multi-storied buildings that use Douglas-fir CLT panels and laminated posts and beams often leave the wood exposed as walls or ceilings, resulting in warm, rich and beautiful places to live or work.

Check out www.DJCOregon.com for photos. Search for CLT or Albina Yard to find the article.
Log Market Report
Gabe Crane

Overall log prices have been affected by a wet winter in southern Oregon and low to modest log inventories at most manufacturing facilities. These factors have led to firm and stable pricing throughout the 1st quarter with Douglas fir prices peaking in February around $725/MBF despite poor finished product markets in both lumber and plywood.

The strength of the dollar continues to bolster imports of both lumber and plywood into the U.S. markets. Lumber prices are expected to improve slightly going into the spring, which should help to stabilize declining log prices as weather improves and overall log production increases.

Log prices have leveled off from the high point in February and are beginning to trend down leading into the 2nd quarter. Douglas fir is currently in the $650-$700/MBF range depending on log quality. Demand for both smaller stud logs as well as larger peeler and cutting logs is good. Hemlock and white fir have remained relatively stable and are in the $475-$550/MBF range depending on diameter, with smaller 6” to 15” scale end diameter logs bringing the most value.

The export log market remains stable for white wood and higher end Douglas fir peeler logs out of Coos Bay, although domestic pricing on Douglas fir has been keeping many of those logs in local market. Pole quality logs remain in good demand with the most value on the longer lengths.

Conifer chip prices are $24-$28/ton at locations that are currently taking logs. To the best of my knowledge there is currently no outlet for this material in the Roseburg area. Both the domestic and export chip markets are extremely soft due to an oversupply of product and this is driving current demand and pricing. We expect little change in this market over the next 12 months.
Membership Drive
Dale Cuyler

At our annual meeting I talked about the fact that our membership numbers are down. We currently have about 140 members in DSWA; we used to have over 200 members. I would like to start building these numbers back up. We are preparing a letter to send to all woodland owners in Douglas County to encourage them to join OSWA and DSWA. We know from experience, however, that the best recruitment occurs from neighbor talking to neighbor. As you talk with your neighbors and friends that own small woodlands, please share with them some of the following reasons for joining OSWA and DSWA.

One of the greatest benefits is the political voice given to small woodland owners. OSWA has had a significant impact on both legislation and the administrative rule-making process. Our lobbyist, Roger Beyer, is a small woodland owner and former legislator. He is very effective at voicing our concerns to our legislators. OSWA just successfully completed a focused, all-out effort to minimize the impact on small woodland owners of proposed riparian rule making for stream buffers on salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams in Oregon. OSWA has brought the family forest landowner’s perspective to bear on issues. OSWA has also done a commendable job of accommodating the diverse perspective of Oregon’s woodland owners.

DSWA and OSWA newsletters keep members informed of the latest issues affecting family forestlands. They include articles about forest management, marketing forest products and other resources to help you better manage your forestland. They also offer fellow woodland owners perspectives on current issues.

Chapter meetings, tours, workshops and classes give DSWA members a chance to interact with like-minded people. They provide the opportunity to see forest management practices applied to situations that may be similar to yours and help avoid costly and long-lasting errors. Chances are, there is someone in DSWA that has already gone through what you are about to try.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of all is the opportunity to meet some of the friendliest folks in Oregon. Whether it is over dinner at the annual meeting or at a barbeque following a tour, our members enjoy socializing with others who share common interests.

In July, we will be hosting a “Neighbor to Neighbor Tour” at Rick and Audrey Barnes’ Nickel Mountain Tree Farm. Our speaker will be Dave Shaw, Oregon State Extension Specialist in Forest Entomology and Pathology. He will share information about insects and diseases that are affecting the trees in Douglas County. This tour will be the perfect opportunity to introduce other small woodland owner to DSWA so that they can see what we are all about. This is also a good time to bring other members of the public that are not woodland owners, but who would like to see an example of good forest stewardship and active forest management.
Committee for Family Forestlands
Evan Barnes

Rick Barnes, incoming Oregon Small Woodlands State president, called me in the summer of 2015 and asked me if I would consider serving on the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) that meets in Salem at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). I was very surprised to be thought of one who has the knowledge and experience to serve on the committee. I readily said YES!

The committee meets every month except July and August. I was nominated in May of 2015 at the CFF meeting, approved by the Board of Forestry (BOF) in June and began my three year term as the Southern Oregon landowner voting representative on the committee.

At the time of my appointment, the CFF did not have a vice-chairman. I expressed interest and was elected by the CFF and then appointed by the BOF to that position.

The CFF researches policies impacting family forestland viability, resource protection, and forestry benefits. Based on its findings, the CFF recommends actions to the Oregon Board of Forestry and State Forester.

The thirteen member committee includes seven voting and six non-voting members. Voting members include a representative from each of the following communities: family forest owner, environmental, forest products industry and the general public. Non-voting ex-officio members may include representatives from ODF, Oregon State University, Oregon small forestland groups, forestry-related industry associations and the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

Here are two quotes from the recent CFF meeting spoken by very engaged individuals that work in the Oregon forest industry:

Gary Springer, member of the Board of Forestry and a staff forester for Starker Forests said, “I just wanted to say that this committee is one of the few statutory committees that the BOF has, and it has been a really important one. We value the input from this committee a lot. I’ve noticed over the years it’s been kind of a challenge to get people to serve, because it seems like we are always looking for people that are coincidentally really busy in their own lives and careers. It’s been a really important committee and has done a lot of things other than just advising the BOF. This committee’s work is really well known to the BOF, but not as well known by the family forestland owners around the state that you represent. It’s always a challenge to get your ‘face’ known to landowners. I’m the third former member of this committee to be appointed to the BOF.”

Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry for the Oregon Forest Resource Institute said, “The way this committee works is there are four representatives making up the East, Southwest, Northwest and statewide landowners. Then there is industry and environmental representation voting members. Then lots of Ex-Officios which come and go. But you are the ones that make a difference. You are representing the NW landowners. The Board set this up to represent the landowner community.”

I very much enjoy working with such a fine group of forest professionals. Lena Tucker and Susan Dominique of the private forest division of ODF see to it that our committee thrives in the best way possible. We could not exist without their administrative skill and persistence.
Calendar

DSWA meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 5pm at Douglas Timber Operators.

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| 4/28 | Spring Tour to C&D Lumber Co. from 4:30-6:00  
Explore the manufacturing of high quality wood products.  
1181 Pruner Road, Riddle, OR  
RSVP to Audrey at 541-672-0757 by April 26 |
| 5/24 | Evening workshop with DFPA 5:30-7:30  
Kyle Reed from DFPA will talk about regulated use closures, restrictions (public and private), liability, upcoming fire season and give a tour of the fire detection (camera) center.  
DFPA Conference Room, 1758 NE Airport Road, Roseburg, OR  
Watch for upcoming flyer for more details. |
| 7/30 | Neighbor to Neighbor Tour on Forest Health Management at  
Nickel Mountain, Riddle, OR. Watch for upcoming flyer for more details. |