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Woodland Owners Dedicated to
the Protection, Management,
Use, and Enhancement of
Oregon's Forest Resources
...and having a good time doing it*

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Greetings OSWA members, families and friends; Winter-Spring 2019 Feb, March, April

Winter has been mild so far, but there is more to come, even with it looking like spring on some days. Just a couple of months left for that 'winter work' like pruning and the most wonderful of all activities; ditch digging.

We had an odd situation just a couple of weeks ago, as we called the Horning Tree Seed Orchard near Colton to confirm the tour we had arranged, only to hear the message that they will get back to us when the Feds allow them to come back to work. So our tour was canceled but we had only limited ways to contact you about this. So, our directors group has decided to require RSVPs on some of the tours we have planned, especially if we feel the need to keep south of any limits or expect that a cancellation may occur. You will know in our newsletter if this applies to any event, and how we will go about it.

We had a great tour of the Trappist Abbey near Carlton last quarter, hosted by their consulting forester Scott Ferguson, and opening our eyes a bit to the broad range of goals that a larger forest landowner may have for their place. The abbey has a system of trails throughout their lower lands that are open to the public, managed for diversity and special uses, while the upper lands are managed for an income through production forest management. The number of snags, managing with dead trees in mind and how their lower valley lands aren't necessarily going to remain as productive Douglas-fir lands as things change.

This coming quarter has some nice offerings we feel, as we have lined up some great speakers and events for you. The first event, just in a couple weeks of you receiving this newsletter, is the **Value of Your Forestland** topic we mentioned last quarter. **Knowing, Keeping and Tapping into the Value of your Forest** will be presented by **Clint Bentz, Tuesday, February 19** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St. The meeting room is at the back, right off the parking lot and it is pretty big, but with Clint speaking we may just fill it to capacity! Clint is the originator of the Ties To The Land program we have touted on this page for years, and we are most fortunate to have signed him up! The first half-hour will be a social get together, so that we are all prepared to take it in.

Please come to this Value of your Forestland presentation to open your eyes to all the different ways we can perceive, enjoy and benefit from our forests. There will be short intro and exit presentations by Brad Withrow-Robinson, with examples of all the information and publications available from the Extension Service, and if you haven't been to one of the events with Clint Bentz presenting, make it a point to come.

The new year is often time to close one set of books and open another, or open a book on the couch and close those eyes for a little nap, **but here is a short list of important reminders:**

- If you have plans for harvest work of any kind, or work with power driven machinery or chemical application, **Now** is the time to get your **Notification of Operations** from ODF. If you are an active forest operator you know this, but for all of us to know how the system works is important. Visit www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/ENotification.aspx to get the whole scoop.

- **Tree School!** Registration opens January 28, just about the time this newsletter is getting stuffed in envelopes, and everyone already knows that Tree School is cool and we hope you haven't missed those interesting classes you've always wanted to take. The event is on March 23 this year. If you need a link: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/tree-school/tree-school-clackamas.

- **Oregon Logging Conference** is *free to the public* and a big deal too! If you haven't been you ought to go see on February 21-23 at the Lane County Fairgrounds, in Eugene. www.oregonloggingconference.com

Then, on Wednesday March 27 at 6:30 pm we will have a presentation on **Oregon Forest Property Taxes**. This event is held at the Salem Public Library, in room Anderson A, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. This presentation on Oregon's timber taxes will be presented by Terry Lamers, a Polk County forestland owner and forester thoroughly familiar with the tax options available. There are options that will benefit you; given stand age, species, management objectives, etc. If for instance you bought your forest land and didn't switch into the best option available, you may be paying several times the taxes you could be paying! Bring your forest land-owning friends and neighbors and your property tax statement from your county assessor's office. The deadline for switching tax programs is April 1, so this is a very timely topic to look at. RSVP for this presentation by March 25 to OSU Benton County Extension office 541-766-6311 or Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu as the meeting room has a maximum capacity of 40 and the event will be advertised to a wider group.

In our last month of this quarter, **Saturday April 6 at 9:00 am, we will take a tour of Brooks Tree Farm, seedling nursery**. With all the harvesting during the last couple crazy market years, seedlings can be hard to find for reforestation. Who better to let us know how the seedling industry works and what we can get, than Kathy LeCompte, owner and operator of this premium seedling nursery. Early April will find the staff at Brooks Tree Farm probably packing up the last of the Noble Fir, and while they have a large parking lot, they also employ a lot of people and the lot may be full. To try not to overload the parking elves, let's meet at **8:45 at the Harbor Freight** store parking lot at 4675 Portland Rd NE for a short distance car-pool. This is a HUGE parking lot just 2 or 3 blocks east of I-5 on Hwy 99E (Portland Rd) and we can ride in just a few cars the last 4 or 5 miles from there. For folks coming from further west than Salem, the regular carpool locations and times are **Monmouth Bi-Mart 8:00 am**, Willamina/Wallace Bridge **7:50 am**, Rickreall/Polk County fairgrounds park and ride **8:15 am**. These are **leave times!**

Brooks Tree Farm, Inc 9785 Portland Road NE Salem, OR 97305 (503) 393-6300 Phone
Directions: I-5 to Exit 263 (Brooks Exit) turn east and go 1 mile to Highway 99E turn north (left) onto 99E and go 1 mile and Brooks Tree Farm will be on the left, or west side of road.

It must be spring, as there are forestry things springing up everywhere! Please look up the Starker Lecture Series and this year's Tribal Forestry topic at www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/starker-lectures.