Fire season preparation

By Tom Fields
Fire Prevention Coordinator
Oregon Department of Forestry

Fire season is upon us and the forecast is shaping up to be one of the toughest on record. Five consecutive months of below normal precipitation over the winter and spring led to early fire activity in May that looked a lot like August. Through June 20th, 256 fires have already burned 870 acres on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The bottom line is, like every summer, we all need to be prepared for fire.

Once fire season is declared, fire prevention regulations are put into effect by local ODF districts targeted at the public and forest workers. Public use restrictions come in the form of regulated use closures that restrict or prohibit activities such as smoking, campfires, off-road driving, non-industrial power saw use, fireworks and exploding targets. Check with your local ODF office for a complete list.

Forest workers adhere to a set of rules and laws known as the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) system, which will be explained further below.

If your summer plans call for work on your property, here are a few considerations for you or your contractor. First, be sure to submit a notification of operation to operate power driven machinery (PDM), the form for which can be obtained at your local ODF office. The PDM permit requires that you take reasonable precautions to prevent fire or the spread of fire on or from an operation area. These precautions include fire equipment and fire prevention requirements as outlined in fire protection laws and rules. A few items on your checklist should include a water supply (300 gallons self propelled, 500 gallons stationary), fire tools, fire extinguishers, spark arresters, and setting up a fire watch service.

As mentioned above, the advent of fire season signifies the use of the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) system. Fire season starts with IFPL 1 and increases to as high as IFPL 4 as fire danger rises. Briefly, IFPL 1 signifies the start of fire season and requires that you follow fire prevention requirements, have fire tools,

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Nutrients for Christmas trees

By Chal Landgren
OSU Extension Forestry

By now, you just may have spent thousands of dollars buying and applying lime and/or fertilizer and you are wondering if it will do any good. Or, you may be wondering if you should have spent that money and wondering if it is too late. Either way, your soil probably looks about the same.

The interactions of soil, tree growth and fertilizers/lime are complex. Results can vary from site to site and tree to tree. One frequent question grows asks relates to what form of Nitrogen (N) to use in a fertility program. Though there are 17 essential elements needed for tree growth and development, some elements are needed more than others and N is usually considered the most critical. It is also the element that may vary most frequently from year to year as it can move and change form.

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and take additional steps to reduce your risk.
Fire prevention efforts extend to the landscape as well. A good road system is critical. Maintain your road system so that, at minimum, a pickup can get to vital points of your property. You could even arrange a visit by your local ODF fire prevention representative to familiarize them with your road system.

Finally, make sure all workers have gone through OR-OSHA’s required fire refresher training before fire season. Again, your local ODF representative can point you in the right direction. Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) and ODF work together to make sure all forest workers meet these requirements.

Have a safe and productive summer and remember - Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.

Learn more at www.oregon.gov/odf. ◆

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Researchers Bert Cregg and Dana Ellison at Michigan State University recently completed an interesting Nitrogen Source Study (Great Lakes Christmas Tree Journal 8(2)). Their basic question was, what difference will equal N applications of either ammonium sulfate or calcium nitrate make on tree growth? Nitrogen is unique in that it can be used by trees either as ammonium (a positive cation) or as a negatively charged nitrate anion. In their research, established Frasier fir and blue spruce Christmas trees were fertilized for 4 years with either N form. At the end of the trial they measured tree height, stem caliper, color and foliar nutrient concentration. Their conclusion: the N form did not matter. Both forms showed similar results.

Nutrients (cont’d)

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One important side note on their research is that they balanced the effect of soil pH changes with their fertilizer additions. Since ammonium and urea fertilizers have net negative charge these will tend to acidify (reduce) soil pH. So, lime was added to these fertilizer additions. Nitrate forms tend to increase the soil pH, so sulfur was added. In Michigan, many growers start with soils with a high pH, so acidification may be beneficial. In many soils in the PNW the reverse is true. We start with soils that are often fairly acidic and fight to keep them from getting too acidic.

In a perfect world, our soil pH would be around 5.6 and stay there. Usually what happens, is that after a rotation or two of trees with fertilizer applications, our soils, particularly in the upper 2 inches, become more acidic. Once your soil pH is in the low 5’s it is time to consider lime additions. Sadly, lime, unlike N is not particularly mobile. So, simply applying lime to the soil surface is not particular useful. So, between rotations or at a point when the lime can be incorporated in the soil consider lime as a needed soil amendment.

For more detail and more discussion a great information source is the Christmas Tree Nutrient Management Guide (W. Oregon and Washington). You can download it free from the web site, just type in “EM 8856-E” at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/.

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Upcoming Events

Linn County Small Woodlands Association Summer Picnic, July 20. See page 10 for details.

Tour of Industrial and Tribal Forests in NE Lincoln County, July 27, 10 am—about 3 pm. Sponsored by Lincoln County SWA, Miami Corporation, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz and OSU Extension Forestry. RSVP requested for planning, but not obligatory: OSU Extension Lincoln County, 541 574 6534. Meet at Van Duzer Wayside State Park on Highway 18 at 10 AM. Water and snacks provided, but no lunch. Discuss Native American land allotments and homesteading, a recent bridge project, methods for sediment control, harvesting and regeneration. Tour NE corner of Lincoln County, up the Salmon River drainage. See http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/forestry/news for details.

Tour on log scaling, grading and sorting at the Giustina Molalla yard, July 27. Sponsored by Marion-Polk County Small Woodlands Association. Meet at 9 AM at the yard on Shaver Street, off OR 211 (just east of OR 213, near the Molalla Redi Mix plant). More details on OSU Extension website given below.

Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour, August 18. See page 10 for details.

Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour, August 24, registration deadline August 16. See page 8 for details.

Lincoln County Howdy Neighbor Tour at Springer Family Tree Farm, September 14. See page 7 for more details.

Benton County Twilight Tours featuring pole harvests in the Cameron Demonstration Forest. Dates TBA. Check OSU Extension website given below. More information on page 9.

OSU Extension maintains a list of events of interest to woodland owners at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events. Also, you can sign up for the Compass and Needle mailing list (contact Jody by email at jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or by phone at 541 766 6750) to receive e-mail notification when an event is scheduled. ◆
We would like to take this opportunity to update Lane Small Woodlands Association members on changes to your Board of Directors. During the spring board meeting Ron Gilson, who had been President of the Executive Board, resigned from his position. Ron and his wife have been building a new home on properties they purchased in Benton County and are now close to moving. With the move, Ron felt he needed to resign as LSWA’s President and thus did so during the April 9, 2013 meeting.

All of us on LSWA’s current board thank Ron for his service as President and for being a sustaining member of OSWA. Ron has over 30 years of membership in OSWA and specifically with LSWA. He has been a prudent supporter of LSWA, committing endless hours to organizing and attending events, supporting OSWA’s causes and its members. It is with great appreciation we all say “Thank you, Ron, for your services to LSWA” and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

With Ron’s resignation the board moved forward and elected Gary Jensen to replace Ron as President. The following is a brief summary of Gary’s background.

Upon graduating from Humboldt State University, Gary entered the Marine Corps and spent 30 plus years between active duty and reserve duty. After returning from active duty in 1972 he began his industrial forestry career working for various companies in the Northwest and eventually ended up with Lane Plywood Inc. where he spent 20 years working with forest resources in Lane County. Other experiences have included working for an investment group which was developing a portfolio of forest lands for investments, teaching high school forestry at Pleasant Hill High School and providing forestry services to small land owners as a consultant. Over time Gary and his wife were fortunate enough to acquire a small tree farm of 90 acres, where they currently reside and provide stewardship. He also serves on the Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District Board as its chair and is a member of the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Gary considers himself to be very fortunate to have had a diverse experience with the forest resources of the Northwest and now looks forward to serving LSWA members.

Should you have any questions about our region’s forest resources or Oregon Small Woodlands Association, please feel free to contact Gary Jensen. His email is: treegary@aol.com

Thank you for your support of the LSWA Board.

We look forward to seeing you at future events. The Darrick and Shannon Salyers 2012 Tree Farm of the Year tour was held Saturday, June 22, 2013.

On behalf of the LSWA Executive Board, Gary Jensen, President
Experience with an invasive plant — Herb Robert

By Mike Atkinson

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Greetings from your Lincoln County Chapter officers. We are now at the end of the renewal period for 2013. Three of our members have not renewed and we were unable to contact one other. I turned in one new application and I am working on others. We all should be involved in this process, so talk with your neighbors and tell them the benefits of becoming a part of OSWA. We need each other to keep the private forest “PRIVATE” and within the guidelines for good stewardship of the land. We should have no further encroachment on our right as tree farm owners.

The OSWA Annual Meeting in Roseburg was held in June. It was a good time to stay in touch with what is happening in our industry. My wife and I were there with our two oldest grandchildren, future OSWA members we hope, who are showing an interest in tree farming. When you come to our age, passing on an estate to another generation requires planning; the annual meetings have been an inspiration and a learning process to me, being new in tree farming. At the age of 62, I bought acreage on the north side of the Alsea Bay and have become a full time tree farmer instead of a full time retiree. Farming is my background, but trees were new. Yes, I had a lot to learn. Jim Denison was my mentor. He and OSWA have been instrumental in helping me make my wilderness into a working tree farm. Now, at 71, I begin to think about what will happen to this property in the future, as to who will take care of it. The reason we are bringing the grandchildren to the Annual Meeting is to have them work with grandpa to see if we can instill a “love for the land” and help them develop ideas as to how that can be incorporated into their future and careers. Forestry is rewarding to those who appreciate nature and the privacy and the independence it provides. Our children grew up in a different time, and unless they become part of the land at an early age and are willing to be deprived of some of the luxuries provided by city living, it may be hard to convince them of accepting the responsibility of a family tradition in forestry. Hopefully we will be able to sponsor a seminar on that subject, if there are enough of our members interested.

The Toledo Unit of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) would like to congratulate the Salishan Hills Community for becoming recognized as a Firewise Community as of December 2012. There is currently a six person Salishan Firewise Board consisting of Michele Paul, Julie McBee, Gary Crandal, Ann Butler, Marc Guoronc and Don Wood. A huge “thank you” goes out for the hard work this Committee along with Jim Reeb of OSU Extension Service. (Continued on next page)
and Hank Walling of Depoe Bay Fire and Rescue put in to have Salishan recognized as a Firewise Community. Everyone within Salishan can be proud of the fact that it is the first coastal community in Oregon to receive this designation.

Being a Firewise Community means the community acknowledges that there is a threat from wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface. With the threat from a wildfire imminent, there are many preventative measures to be taken to ensure your home and community survives a wildfire. Creating defensible space around your home is the first step. Defensible space consists of removing easily flammable fuels near your home. Planting fire-resistant plants and proper spacing of plants is key in creating defensible space. Secondly, using fire resistant building materials on your home, i.e. composite roofs help to prevent embers from catching your home on fire. Other mitigation techniques are to keep your roof and gutters clear of flammable debris and don’t stack flammable objects on or near your home. Keep wood piles stacked a minimum of 30 feet from buildings.

These are just some measures to be taken, if you have any questions relating to Firewise, or steps to be taken to mitigate the risk from wildfire, please call Michael Curran, Wildland Fire Supervisor for the Toledo Unit of ODF at (541) 336-2273.

Harlan, Oregon
Howdy Neighbor Tour
September 14, 2013
By Gary Springer

Put Saturday, September 14 on your calendars for a Howdy Neighbor Tour to the Springer Tree Farm, near Harlan, in eastern Lincoln County.

This private forestland, lying along Spout and Johnson Creeks (Yaquina River watershed), has been under Springer ownership since 1919. Originally a farm and livestock operation, the Springers began a major conversion to forestry, starting in the mid-70s. Most conifer plantations are now 25-40 years old and have grown into commercial stands. A major thinning project is planned for this fall, to be done by processor and forwarder. This will be a first-time thinning in younger stands and a second entry in the older plantations. Commercial thinning and stream protection while doing the thinning will be a major focus of the September tour.

Thad Springer, from the second generation of owners, was born on the property and still lives there today. Thad and son Gary will host this September’s Howdy Neighbor Tour. Watch for details and an RSVP sign-up later this summer!
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Benton County TFOY Tour
Paul and Patty Lorenz

By Verlyne Phillips

The Benton County Small Woodlands Association invites you to visit the tree farm of the Paul and Patty Lorenz family, Saturday, August 24, 2013. Plan to join the vanpool at 8:15 am at the OSU Extension Office at 4077 SW Research Way (former headquarters of Siuslaw National Forest). Registration is required by August 16th for the tour and lunch ($5 per person at the door). Register at OSU Benton County Extension Office: 541-766-6750 or e-mail jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu

The tree farm is located southeast of Alsea and was purchased in 1968. The focus of the tour will be long term management of forest property.

Paul Lorenz is a professional forester who has had a private consulting practice in the Corvallis area for over forty years. The property was poorly stocked at the time of purchase, and Paul has gradually improved the road system and tree stands. Much of the work has been done by Paul and family members, while some of the more recent harvests have been contracted.

The tour will be from 9 am to 1 pm and begin at the Alsea Grange Hall, located about one-half mile south of Alsea on Deadwood Highway. Parking is limited at the Grange Hall. There will be two stops on the tour to discuss forest management, with discussions led by Mark Gourley of Starker Forests and Paul. Lunch will be at the Grange Hall, following the tour.

Rita Adams recognized as BCSWA Outstanding Volunteer

By Nancy Hathaway

Oregon Small Woodlands is now recognizing outstanding volunteers from each chapter. The Benton Chapter Board has chosen Rita Adams as our first outstanding volunteer. You may have noticed that Rita was also featured in the latest edition of the OSU Extension Newsletter in a lengthy article.

Rita Krause Adams has been our go-to volunteer for years. Formerly a teacher in Alaska, in retirement Rita still has those great teacher skills that enable her to plan and organize a project, enthuse her students, and supervise to completion. Rita is really dedicated to the youth in our community.

She has been Benton County’s Education director for many terms of office. She and Dick Powell (Starker Forests) organize our shared booth for daVinci Days, a city-wide celebration of innovation and invention. We invite children to decorate wood cookies while we talk with their parents about trees. Kids’ Day for Conservation brings many different environmental groups together to bring in both children and adults with Rita organizing OSWA volunteers to teach session after session.

Every other year Rita represents us at Forest Expo at Benton County Fairgrounds using member volunteers to make forestry learning fun for kids. She also is an Outdoor School teacher and a Master Woodland Manager volunteer. Currently she sits on the Benton County Extension Advisory Network committee.

Rita’s greatest contribution to area youth is not in the forestry arena, though we are sure that the topic of trees does somehow introduce itself from time to time. Rita has regular 4-H sessions in her home for 25 students in clothing construction and design, food preparation and nutrition. Rita’s entire house becomes a laboratory.

Rita keeps all these balls in the air with energy and good humor. When she calls for volunteers, you should be sure to answer.
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Benton County Officers

By Rita Adams

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming events:

**DaVinci Days** July 19-21, 2013. We work with Dick Powell of Starker Forests in the Children’s Village decorating wood cookies and discussing forest practices.

*Friday, July 19.* Afternoon set up, usually takes about an hour.

*Saturday, July 20.* 10 am - 2 pm and 2pm - 6 pm.

*Sunday, July 21.* 11 am - 1 pm and 1 pm - 5 pm, plus take down.

**Forest Expo.**, *October 8-10*, 2013. This 3-day event is located in the Benton County Fairgrounds arena. Approximately 700 third graders learn about various forest subjects. We provide two of the vignettes, Management Cycle and Tree Identification. Plant materials are needed for both activities. A total of 24 positions need to be filled. This event is high energy and very quick paced.

If you want to help, please contact Rita Adams at 541-752-3324 or Rjadams5@comcast.net.

Twilight Tours at Cameron Forest to feature pole harvests

By Brad Withrow-Robinson

The OSU College of Forestry will be conducting a utility pole harvest on the Elizabeth Starker Cameron Demonstration Forest this summer. A pole harvest is a little bit different than a regular log harvest, requiring different marketing, harvesting techniques, road requirements, etc. These tours provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the process.

The Benton County Small Woodlands Association, OSU Extension Service and the OSU College Forests will be collaborating to offer a couple tours around this harvest event. The first will focus on identifying and selling poles, and another will be to look at progress of the sale during harvest. Exact timing of the tours won’t be known until the operation is underway, so stay tuned!

Watch the Extension website of Upcoming Events [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events) for updates, and make sure you are on the Compass and Needle mailing list (contact Jody jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu) so you get e-mail notification once an event is scheduled.

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A full list of our legislative successes does a great job of illustrating why family forestland owners have an organization that can represent them in Salem. The best way for our neighbors that are not members to hear about this is for each of us to tell them and invite them to join OSWA.

**Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour**

By Joe Holmberg

Rod and Ann Bardell have been selected as Linn County’s Outstanding Tree Farmers for 2013. A tour of their tree farm will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Rod and Ann are actively involved in the Milo Christian Boarding School in Douglas County. Rod developed the forestry curriculum for the school. Several Pathfinder (a youth group) camps and field days are held on their tree farm every year. Their tree farm is managed for high quality timber while incorporating learning experiences for Pathfinders. Pathfinders from Salem will be finishing up a weekend campout during the tour. The tour will begin at noon when you can come and sample some Pathfinder camp cooking. Then at 1 pm we will have a hike to see how youth oriented activities have been integrated into the tree farm.

The Bardell’s have planted about thirty species of trees so you might want to bring along your “Trees to Know in Oregon”. Address is 38887 Mountain Home Drive, Lebanon (off of US 20 between Lebanon and Sweet Home). Drinks will be provided by Linn OSWA.

**Linn Chapter Summer Picnic**

By Mike Barsotti

Linn County SWA is co-hosting a picnic/tour Saturday, July 20th with Linda Butts & family at their tree farm, 44363 W. McCully Mtn. Dr., Lyons. West McCully Mtn. Dr. is off Hwy 226 about 2 miles south of Lyons.

The Butts family, a past American Tree Farm System Western Region Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, have managed their forestland since the mid-1970s. They planted, pruned and commercially

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thinned timber stands, thinned natural stands and restored an oak woodland.

The potluck will start at 3 pm with dinner around 5. Bring a main dish and salad or desert to share, as well as a lawn chair if you like. The Chapter will provide beverages, paper plates and cups. ♥

Linn County Twilight Tour on May 21, 2013  
By Sherm Sallee

After meeting and carpooling at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Scio, we traveled to the property of John and Ruth Wyse. They had decided to harvest the conifers from a section of their forest and leave the native Oregon white oak. Aaron White and his daughter Timbre are performing the harvest service. They, along with John and Ruth, were there to explain the harvest decisions and answer questions.

Most of the trees were on the ground and bucked into logs. Several had been left in tree length for this field tour. Jon West, a long time Linn County Oregon Small Woodland member and timber scaler, attended to explain how logs are scaled upon arrival at the mill. He offered advice on how to buck the trees into logs to best merchandize the timber and get the most money for the logs produced. He explained how and why diameter and/or length deductions are made. Jon also demonstrated the procedure used to measure the diameter of the small end to a log. He took the measurement of the smallest diameter. Next, he measured the diameter perpendicular to the smallest diameter. Finally, he averaged the two measurements and rounded it down to the whole inch. There was plenty of time available to ask questions and clarify terms.

Dave Bateman, past president of the Linn County Small Woodland chapter, provided a handout that contained log purchase orders and log prices from six different sources. He also included a copy of a portion of the Scribner volume table so tour members could determine the volume and value of logs. The information also emphasized the need to make sure logs are manufactured to the specifications of the log buyer.

While the weather was on the damp side, 21 hardy souls attended this tour. Ruth made two pans of wonderful homemade snacks and distributed them toward the end of the tour. Dave Bateman had set up this tour and brought along drinks provided by the Linn County Small Woodland chapter. Brad Winthrow-Robinson, OSU Forestry Extension Agent, kept the tour moving as well as helping to provide transportation.♥

Aaron and Timbre White, explaining bucking options. Photo by Sherm Sallee

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Local OSWA members honed at Annual Meeting

By Mike Barsotti

Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) recognized some hard working members at its June 13th-14th Annual meeting in Roseburg. Dave Schmidt from Lincoln County was honored with the 2013 “Riggin Slinger” award.

Starting a new recognition program this year, OSWA recognized an Outstanding Volunteer from each Chapter. Jim James, OSWA’s Executive Director said, “Everyone knows our strength lies in our volunteers.”

Those honored from Quarterly Bark chapters include: Benton County – Rita Krause Adams who works on many student related and other chapter programs; Lane County – Michael Atkinson who is chapter treasurer, works on the annual seeding sales and other chapter events; Linn County – Dave Bateman, a past chapter president and current program co-chair who is either leading or in the background making sure everything runs smoothly; and Lincoln County – Joe and Jan Steenkolk, a couple that volunteers for whatever event Lincoln County is involved in.

A more detailed article on these and the other Outstanding Volunteers for 2013 can be found in the upcoming Oregon Family Forests News. ♦