Twilight Tour on the Cameron Tract

By Joanie Schmidgall
OSU College of Forestry

The first twilight tour in several years on the Cameron Tract took place Wednesday, August 28th. The Cameron Tract is a 260-acre property just north of Corvallis that was donated to OSU in 1995 by Elizabeth Starker Cameron. It is managed by the OSU College of Forestry for developing and demonstrating innovative forest stewardship practices with application for family-owned forests.

The goal of this tour was to highlight the currently active utility pole sale and provide an outreach opportunity to the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and to the neighbors living adjacent to the tract. Leading the tour were Steve Pilkerton, an engineer with the College Forests, and Brad Withrow-Robinson of OSU Extension. Also on hand to speak and answer questions were pole buyers Todd Merritt and Nels Jensen of Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon and Boe McCulla and Bobby Buxton of Cross and Crown logging, who have been responsible for the felling of the trees. Steve started out by giving a brief history of the Cameron Tract and spoke about what the College Forests is hoping to accomplish with the pole sale. A pole sale has

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Firewood made easy — sort of ...

By Steve Bowers
OSU Extension Forestry

Everybody loves the heat generated from firewood. And some people love to cut firewood... a big chain saw... the smell of wood chips... swinging that axe and mail... bending... stretching... sweating... stacking your wood in nice, neat rows. The kind of work you can stand back after the end of the day and see the fruits of your labors. Maybe there’s a little bit of the Ol’ Abe in some of us. And of course, some of us want firewood, but want nothing to do with processing it.

And there are those who cut firewood based strictly on economics. We’ve access to “free” firewood and utilize it to save on winter heating bills. We don’t relish the amount of hard, physical labor required, but we just can’t stand to see all those blowdowns and marginal quality hardwoods (crooked and/or small diameter material) go to waste.

And there might be a few out there who enjoy the best of both worlds. We like to cut firewood and we’re “tight” enough we want to spend our hard earned money on things we want, not things we need. Cutting firewood is a way to

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been considered for this stand of timber in the Cameron Tract for several years, but only recently has the pole market been lucrative enough to make this a worthwhile venture. Even so, the stand is still being thinned very lightly (about 8-10 poles per acre) and does have the potential to be re-thinned in the future. According to Steve, a high quality Douglas-fir pole has a life expectancy of about 60 years. The cost to harvest and treat a wooden pole is much less than the cost to manufacture a pole from engineered materials.

At the time of the tour, 53 potential poles at an average length of 90 feet and an average diameter of 19.7 inches had been felled. Todd and Nels talked about what they look for when selecting a pole. Some of the trees in the Cameron are tall enough to yield either two poles or a pole and a saw log. When the pole buyers mark the poles, there is a certain margin of error as there may be hidden defect in the top of the tree that isn’t visible from the ground, such as spike knots. The trees can also suffer some damage when they hit the ground. So far, about 80% of the trees that were marked and felled as poles meet the pole criteria. The rest will be sold as saw logs. A high quality pole can sell for up to double the price of a saw log. On the flip side, the cost of hauling a pole is also almost double.

About 20 members of OSWA and Cameron Tract neighbors attended. The great turn-out shows how important demonstration forests like this one can be for educating small-scale forest owners about potential management options for their own land. Because this tour was associated with an ongoing logging operation, it was announced on rather short notice via email through OSU Extension’s Compass and Needle e-mailing list. You can sign up for the list with an e-mail to jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or by phone at 541-766-6750.

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pick up smaller, previously cut pieces of wood and send them back into your shins and knees with alarming force! Additionally, you will make far too many cuts on tiny limbs just to reach the tree, resulting in too many stoops and armloads of limbs into the brush pile.

Third: Take what the tree will give you. Say what? Once the tree is on the ground, find the pressure points. Use previously cut pieces of wood and place them in areas where the stem is above the ground and more of your cuts will be off the ground and out of the dirt. And don’t think each cut has to be totally severed before proceeding to the next one. You might make several cuts before you can completely sever the stem. After doing so, roll the partially cut section until the cut area faces upwards. The idea of completely severing each piece of wood before proceeding is one of the greatest mistakes. The key to keeping a sharp chain is keeping it out of the dirt. Professional timber cutters dismissively speak of “weekend warrior’s” chain saws as half saw and half shovel: half the time they’re in the dirt and the other half they’re trying to cut…wood.

Fourth: If you can’t split the wood with your mall in two or three swings, stop! There’s an old boxing axiom: go 15 rounds with the heavy bag and the bag will win every time. Same with the wood: multiple swings and the wood remains standing while you’re gasping for breath. First, observe the crack or seam that runs through the pith (center) of the wood: it’s trying to tell you where it will split the easiest. If it won’t split after a couple whacks, use your saw and cut an inch or two into the top of the round. Swing your mall into the saw kerf and success is within your grasp. The key is hitting the kerf. I can’t tell you how to do that….practice makes perfect.

Fifth: Fell your trees up or down the slope of the hill, not sidehill. There are several reasons for this. As you cut your wood, it’s easier to throw or roll the pieces down the hill into a central location for splitting and stacking: saves time and avoids duplicating efforts. You will also find it more difficult to accurately split your wood (hitting the same spot twice or thrice), plus it’s more difficult to keep your balance. You can generate more force swinging your mall standing above the round than you can on the sidehill or below the round: mere physics. And you thought cutting firewood wasn’t a scientific task? Although there appears to be only slight nuances in sidehill versus up-and-downhill, you will find the later method much more efficient and comfortable: you’ll just have to trust me on this one.

There are many more little words of wisdom in which we could elaborate, but time and space call for closure. Remember, saws, malls and axes can be dangerous tools. Every year the local hospitals get numerous visits from firewood cutters, so be careful out there… the limb [sic] is a terrible thing to waste.

The Quarterly Bark

OSU Extension Calendar of events in and around Benton, Linn and Polk Counties is at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events. Also, you can sign up for the Compass and Needle mailing list to receive e-mail notification when an event is scheduled: jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or phone at 541 766 6750. For events in and around Lincoln County, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/forestry/news.

Field Workshop on Mixed Species Silviculture, Thursday, October 10. See p. 9 for details and registration information.

Benton County Annual Holiday Greenery Sale, Saturday November 23, 9:00 am—3:00 pm, Creative Crafts parking lot, Kings Boulevard, Corvallis. More information on p. 8.

Lane County Chapter Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 2014. Details in January.


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Allow me to take this opportunity to thank Darrick & Shannon Salyer for opening up their ranch to LSWA members this past June. LSWA members and neighbors attended a tour of their tree farm, Lane County’s 2012 Tree Farm of the year, on Saturday, June 22. Darrick and Shannon along with their family provided us an outstanding review and opportunity for discussion of management practices used on their mixed Willamette Valley oak savannahs and Douglas-fir sites. To top off the tour they provided all in attendance a delicious Beef Barbeque from beef raised on their ranch. LSWA is grateful for the Salyer’s generosity in offering up their ranch for our tour. Once again, we thank them and all in their family who assisted with the tour.

Since the tree farm tour LSWA has had quite a summer working with OSWA on how to stabilize our membership and reverse a negative trend. Currently LSWA has 168 members and we are considering ways to grow our numbers. This year to date OSWA has added 7 new members to LSWA. We thank all of them for joining and look forward to meeting them at future events. New members are: Forestland Resources LLC, John Dugan III, Dan Baker, Kathleen Williams, Paul Higgins, Peter Van Duyn, Robert Morris Jr. and Peter and Nancy Sikora. OSWA continues to reach out for new members and would like to encourage all of our existing members to communicate with neighbors and friends that may have forest lands. Our best outreach is through existing members. Each of you plays a critical role in promoting the purpose of OWSA and benefits gained through membership. Please don’t hesitate to contact any LSWA board member if you have ideas on membership recruitment or questions concerning what you gain from your membership.

Currently LSWA is planning a tour of Weyerhaeuser’s Springfield Tops yard. If all falls into place we should have something on the agenda for late fall. We will be updating you as we put the details together.

Board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday October 8th and Tuesday December 10th, 7PM at the ODF West Lane Office in Veneta. All meetings are open to chapter members.

We begin 2014 with our annual meeting, scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014. The annual meeting is followed by the chapter’s annual seedling sale, which is scheduled for the first Saturday in February. Your board looks forward to seeing you at upcoming events and is always interested in hearing your feedback on all activities in which you might have an interest. Please feel free to contact the following Board members should you have any questions or input on chapter activities.

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Big Elk watershed is focus of NRCS conservation

By Kate Danks, NRCS

In the coming year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will focus technical and financial assistance to private landowners for conservation projects in the Big Elk watershed, Lincoln County. The NRCS anticipates having funding available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The NRCS offers landowners assistance in solving problems and improving conditions in the watershed, in conjunction with the efforts of other state and federal agencies that focus on water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Both farm and forest projects could be eligible. Examples of past projects are the writing of forest management plans, non-commercial forest stand thinning, conversion of brushy areas to planted forest, livestock water source development, and erosion control. The goal of the projects is to solve a problem while improving the condition of the natural resources. As management of rural land comes under more scrutiny, landowners are challenged to find cost effective workable solutions.

The EQIP is part of the federal Farm Bill legislation. The program offers financial assistance to defray the cost of project implementation. The application period is open continuously. Applications selected for funding are normally approved in the spring. Forest landowners must have a written management plan in order to be considered for funding of on the ground projects. Financial assistance is available to develop a written plan.

To apply, or for additional information, please contact Kate Danks (NRCS, 23 North Coast Highway, Newport 97365, 541-265-2631, kate.danks@or.usda.gov), or view the NRCS website, at www.or.nrcs.usda.gov. Private landowners’ participation in projects with the NRCS is voluntary, and there is no charge for assistance that is provided.

This article describes a specific program for the Big Elk watershed in Lincoln County. For other NRCS/EQIP opportunities in other regions, consult your local Soil and Water Conservation District or NRCS offices. Contact information is provided at http://www.knowyourforest.org/assistance-map.
Yes, it is September already; clearly this year is passing by fast with many things yet to come, and many events are past now. Our year started by trying to give Teevin Brothers a hand in coming to Newport to enhance the use and profitability of our local port. However, some local opposition continues to try to stop that process, increasing the cost of getting established. This is an opportunity that we need to maintain in order to keep a healthy economy and tax base for our county, with more opportunities for marketing our trees.

Our OSWA Annual Meeting in Roseburg (Douglas County) provided a great program, and we had front row seats at the veneer mill as we toured the plant in full operation. We were also able to see a cable harvesting operation in progress with the Roseburg Forest Products Company where we were able to enjoy the beautiful hillsides where various sections of trees had been harvested through the past years. We were able to see the different stages of growth of trees in sections where harvesting had taken place within the past 50 years. The most impressive part of the meeting was the evening dinner speakers who told us how their family came to Oregon and built up their organization during periods of adverse conditions, which would have discouraged most men from continuing.

The last day of the Annual Meeting concluded with visiting the Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year, at Bill and Joan Arsenault’s home in Elkton, where they have a cattle and tree operation side by side, and where we had a great lunch and good fellowship. It was my pleasure to have my two grandsons with me, who enjoyed every part of every meeting; they absorbed much information in a short time, which I hope will help them focus on their own futures.

The tour of the Miami Corporation hosted by Joe Steere came on the right day, since the weather was great and we had a good attendance so people could see the action, learn and visit with our counterparts in the industry. Also we had a very well attended Howdy Neighbor Tour hosted by Gary and Thad Springer. Both of these tours are described in more detail in following articles.

Being a member of OSWA has certainly opened the window of learning for me in regard to trees. Although I have an agricultural background, it is not enough, and there is much to learn about our land and the laws; so we need each other to not lose ground. Therefore, I believe that we as a group of tree farmers need to work together in keeping our properties private; we can accomplish this by working together as a strong body to convince our legislature that private land is not public land.

The Lincoln County chapter, along with OSU Extension and the Miami Corporation, sponsored a tour of Miami Corporation’s timberland in northeast Lincoln County on July 27. The tour was led by Joe Steere, a Miami forester and Lincoln County OSWA member. Joe’s thorough knowledge of the land and his down-to-earth way of describing its management made the tour attractive both to seasoned woodland owners and to interested citizens with no particular knowledge of forestry.

Miami Corporation, which was formed in the early 1900’s as an investment of the Deering family, known among other things for McCormick-Deering tractors, which later became International Harvester. Miami owns about 25,500 acres of timberland in Oregon and has holdings in Louisiana, Illinois and Florida. Much of the land in the Van Duzer forest corridor along Highway 18 was purchased from the Miami Corporation in the late 1930’s. A recent acquisition of Miami has been some of the former Crown Zellerbach lands. Joe mentioned that 600 acres are in gas and power line rights of way, not counting logging and access roads.

At the first stop, Paul Betts, a forest engineer with Miami Corporation, gave a talk on replacement of culverts with bridge spans to improve fish runs. This operation required careful cooperation with the state and contractors performing the work. Next stop was a second generation progeny test site, which is part of a cooperative Douglas-fir tree improvement program. The evaluation of progeny trees at this test site is complete, and the 28-year old stand is now being managed for timber production. A commercial cut-to-length thinning was recently completed.

The tour proceeded under perfectly blue skies across the headwaters of the Little Nestucca River and the Salmon River to the "top" of Lincoln County. Cascade (Continued on next page)
Head could be seen in one direction and Mt. Hood in the other. The road overlooked the Valley of the Giants and the headwaters of the North Fork of the Siletz River. The tour concluded with stops overlooking Lost Prairie and Jeter Prairie, two high elevation wet prairies that are being managed for conservation.

A big thank you to Joe Steere and the Miami Corporation for this tour.

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Howdy Neighbor Tour
By Gary Springer

About 95 family forestland owners from far and wide turned out for the September 14 Howdy Neighbor Tour, held on the Springer tree farm near Harlan. Harlan lies in the heart of the Coast Range, about half way between Corvallis and Newport, in the Yaquina River watershed. Our family park alongside Johnson Creek served as a hub for the tour, with introductions, presentations and lunch served there. The park is on my Dad’s (Thad’s) place, a parcel that has been in our family ownership since 1919.

One part of the tour was a walking tour with my Dad on a piece of his property, most of which was former pasture ground that we converted to a fir plantation about 30 years ago. Highlights of this half of the tour included the home site (house now long gone) where Thad was born, a

At lunchtime, we had a presentation on fire topics by Michael Curran, an ODF Wildland Fire Supervisor. His most important message had to do with industrial fire inspections and a very poor compliance rating for operations on small woodland properties in the district. Some hard work will be needed to make improvements here!

All in all, I think the tour was very successful, and I would like to thank the sponsors that made it so: Lincoln County Small Woodlands, Oregon Small Woodlands, OSU Extension, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Tree Farm, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee.

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Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour

By Mike Albrecht

On August 24, more than 60 people attended the Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year tour, honoring Paul and Patty Lorenz, on their tree farm south of Alsea. Three generations of the Lorenz family, several of whom had spent summers in high school and college working on the property, were present for the tour.

When the 200-acre property was purchased in 1968, it consisted of 30 acres of recently cut over and planted land, 84 acres of 2-5 year old conifer plantations, 20 acres of 25 year old Douglas-fir and 66 acres of scattered residual conifer scattered over hardwood stands. Management activities over the years have included pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, clear cut harvesting, tree planting and vegetation control. Since 1967, nearly three million feet of saw logs and over 4000 tons of pulpwood have been harvested from the property. Through his management, Paul has transformed the property into a well-stocked conifer forest with stands ranging in age from just planted to approximately 50 years old. Great job, Paul!

The tour ended with a wonderful lunch at the Alsea Grange Hall. Thanks to Donna Kreusser and Nancy Hathaway of the TFOY Committee for organizing the event and preparing and serving the lunch.

Annual Holiday Greenery Sale

By Laura Harmsen

The Benton County Chapter will hold its annual holiday Bough and Greenery Sale on November 23, 2013, in the Creative Crafts parking lot on Kings Boulevard in Corvallis, from 9:00 am — 3:00 pm.

We are seeking contributions of holiday greenery of all kinds for the sale — fir, cedar, pine, juniper, holly, berries, mistletoe, cones, etc. Please think about what you might be able to contribute from your woodland.

If you are interested in contributing greenery for the sale or helping with the sale itself, please contact Laura Harmsen 541-753-6719 harmsen31@comcast.net or Marsha Carr 541-740-3268 marshae.carr2@gmail.com

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Save the date! The annual meeting of the Benton County Small Woodlands Association is scheduled for January 25, 2014. It will again be held at the Beazell Forest Education Center. Time will likely be noon to 4:00 pm. Program, menu and other details are yet to be worked out. Stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer.

In addition to the program, we shall elect new board members. Positions that are up for election include president, secretary and treasurer. We are also a year past due to replace tree-farmer-of-the-year and program chairs, and we do need to replace those positions! If you are interested in participating on the board or if you have suggestions for people who would be well suited for any of these positions, please contact one of our current board members and let them know. Hope to see you there!

OSU College of Forestry, Starker Forests and Oregon Forest Resources Institute will present a Workshop on Mixed Species Silviculture, Thursday, October 10, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. To register or obtain more information, contact Mike Cloughesy at the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, cloughesy@ofri.org - 971-673-2955. The tour will start at the Benton County Fairgrounds, SW 53rd Street and Reservoir Road in Corvallis. Transportation and lunch will be provided; there is no charge.

The tour involves several stops where species mixtures have been evaluated for 15 or more years. At each stop silviculture and wildlife will be discussed.

The first stop will be where a fungal disease (Phellinus) has afflicted Douglas-fir on a Starker tree farm southwest of Philomath – high-average site quality, great accessibility, manageable land with a disease problem.

The second stop will be a large experiment west of Blodgett on high site II ground (Starker) where the Vegetation Management Research Coop has evaluated a wide range of competition control regimes on Douglas-fir, western hemlock, grand fir, western redcedar in high brush-threat areas, all protected by a high fence to avoid browsing damage. This stop will include a visit nearby to a site where several species are involved, without protection, and with the vegetation management system normally used when establishing routine Douglas-fir plantations.

The third stop will be at the M. Newton tree farm, near Eddyville, where the Newton family bought 200 acres of over-mature Coast Range brush on site I Douglas-fir ground, and reclaimed it by spraying, planting several species obtained mostly by scrounging large wild Douglas-fir and hemlock seedlings from road banks after noting that deer, brush, hares and mountain beaver would demolish a variety of Douglas-fir nursery stock. Focus will be on animal damage and brush control along with some observations on planting sites, proximity to streams (beavers) and absolute need for multiple applications of herbicides in areas not mechanically cleared by logging. Among other things, we will see areas where the inclusion of hemlock led to onset of many structural features in stands approximating old-growth habitat 45 years after planting.

Tour leaders are Mike Newton, OSU; Rick Allen, Starker Forests; and Fran Cafferata Coe, Cafferata Consulting. ◆
Board members from Benton and Linn County SWAs sat down with Dr. Thomas Maness, Dean of OSU’s College of Forestry July 23rd to learn more about his vision for filling the Starker Chair position and the management of the Cameron Tract. I left the meeting very impressed and encouraged with the Dean’s vision and personal attention he is giving to restructuring the position and long term management strategy for the 260 acre demonstration forest. He shares a real commitment towards providing large and small private landowners educational support.

We asked for the meeting to let Dean Maness know that we were very interested and willing to assist in developing a management plan for the Cameron Tract. The Starker Chair position is vacant as John Bliss has been appointed Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs.

It appeared to me that we can be very hopeful that the new person filling the Starker Chair will focus full time on private forest management. Dean Maness told us he is moving the Chair position to Forestry Extension to emphasize it’s outreach role, and that a job description has been developed for a Forest Economist with a working knowledge of forest management. He repeated several times that he was looking for someone with a working knowledge of forest management.

Forest economics is an area where I think there are a lot more questions than answers. As an example, at Linn County SWA’s summer tour/picnic in July at Linda Butts’ tree farm near Lyons, we had interesting discussions on the economics of multiple thinnings versus clear-cutting at around age 40. There were lots of opinions but no hard numbers. We walked through two thinning, both very impressive. I can’t wait to see who fills the Starker Chair and how the Cameron Tract and other school for-
Rod and Ann have prepared a management plan for their properties. Some of the management activities include thinning, pruning and harvesting portions of their timber. The pruning of trees helps to remove ladder fuels, provide better quality wood, reduce taper of the trees and improve the esthetics of the stand. Rod has learned to plant more shade tolerant trees such as western redcedar near the leave trees when he harvests. He then plants the less shade tolerant Douglas-fir seedlings further from the existing stands. He has also planted some Leyland cypress seedlings in the more moist, shady areas of his stands. In addition, he has planted a good stocking of the valley ponderosa pine.

Rod purchased a chipper that he and Ann use to chip the limbs. They use the chips to help retain moisture in their soil as well as placing them on their paths. They use a small arch with their ATV to remove small logs when thinning their stands. Much of this wood they provide to the Pathfinders for making and selling firewood for their fundraisers.

Bob McNitt shared an experience he recently had looking at two test plots that were side-by-side. One plot contained trees planted from seeds selected from genetically superior trees. The other plot had trees from seeds taken "camp run." The genetically superior trees, after 17 years, were about twice as big in diameter as the camp-run trees. Good thing to think about when deciding which seedlings to buy from the nursery.

Linda Butts and family hosted Linn County Small Woodlands Association’s Summer Picnic/Tour on July 20th. The Butts family has managed their 145-acre tree farm on McCully Mountain near Lyons since the mid-1970s. There was a lot to see and discuss.

The group toured two Douglas-fir stands that had been planted, pruned and thinned. The older stand was about 35 year-old and had been pruned up 20+ feet and thinned about 10 years ago. It was scheduled for a second thinning this spring but the logger couldn’t get there before the bark loosened. The 25 year-old stand was pruned up 8 feet and thinned at age 22. Both were commercial thinnings; the older stand with chain saw and ground skidding while the younger stand was thinned with a processor. There were many questions regarding the pros and cons of multiple thinnings versus clear-cutting at an early age as done by several large industrial forest companies. While no one had concrete numbers, it was clear that most liked the strategy of growing older stands with multiple thinning.

A clear-cut harvest of an unevenly stocked stand, with the dual objective of income and improved long-term stocking, was mostly complete. A fourth area of interest was the Butts’ oak woodland where they had removed the Douglas-fir, created some snags, and left a fully stocked oak stand with an understory of native forbs and grasses. It had been recently mowed to control non-native brush species.

Dave Bateman was honored and given a plaque for being selected Linn County's 2013 Outstanding Volunteer for the endless donated hours and many tasks he spearheaded for the Chapter. The event ended with a great potluck.

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A presentation on “Forest Health - Human Health” was made by Catherine Mater, Senior Fellow at the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, on August 22, 2013 in Lebanon. A study by the Pinchot Institute has indicated that many non-industrial woodland owners were cashing in on their forest properties to provide health care for themselves or family members. As an alternative means to cover the cost of health care, the use of carbon credits to help cover health care costs is being investigated in a pilot program in Columbia County. Linn and Benton Counties may be next for the program.

Forestlands as small as 20-acres can be eligible for the program. The forestland owner needs to have a management plan for the property which demonstrates sustainable use of the land. The Forest Health - Human Health program identifies the value of carbon credit and puts money into an account for the property owner for use in covering health care costs. Administration costs come out before money is put into the account. Also, ten percent of the value is set aside for charity. In the Linn County case, the charity suggested is scholarships for the Western University Medical School to help students become doctors in rural areas. The contract for the carbon credits is for 20 years and continued sustainable management of the property during those 20 years is strongly encouraged. For more details go to www.pinchot.org/gp and click on "news.”

For sale: 1988 GMC 5-yard dump truck, $5500; 8.5 x 20 -foot flat bed trailer, $2600; tractor log arch by Future Forestry, $1600. Ron Gilson, 26500 Boyd Lane, Monroe, OR 97546. 541 357 2728.