Howdy Neighbor! tour of Avery Family Forest in Linn County

By John Westall

The Linn County chapter hosted a Howdy Neighbor! tour of the Avery Family Forest, just east of Scio, on August 23. This 12,547-acre forest has been in the family since the early 1900s. The forest was still in largely untouched stands of old-growth Douglas-fir when the 1962 Columbus Day storm hit and left 20% of the timber volume on the ground. An 8-year salvage operation followed.

The tour was led by Pete Mastenbroek and Dave Zentzis of Mason, Bruce & Girard, which has managed the property since 1958. Pete is also a Linn County SWA member. Pete and Dave began by describing an overview of the general silvicultural plan adopted by the more than 40 family members who are owners: reforestation with Douglas-fir, western redcedar and noble fir, depending on site; vegetation control only where needed, mainly low elevation south slopes and big-leaf maple; long rotations (80 years) with thinning.

An innovative approach to pre-commercial thinning was described by Wayne Strauch of Silvertown. Wayne covers the cost of the thinning operation and removes small logs (approximately 2" to 8" in diameter) in 6' lengths, eliminating the fire danger from this wood. Then he uses the small logs and sticks to manufacture all sizes of "reindeer" for holiday decorations, often sold along with Christmas trees, for which the market is remarkably strong.

Discussion of multiple thinnings of a 50-year-old stand reseeded a year after the 1962 Columbus Day storm.

One stand was shown as an example of those regenerated after the 1962 storm. It was helicopter seeded in 1963 after salvage logging, pre-commercially thinned at 29 years to 586 trees per acre (TPA) and 6.3" average diameter, and commercially thinned at 35 years to 219 TPA at 10.5". In 2013, at 50 years, it was thinned again from 217 TPA at 15.5" to 164 TPA at 17.0". Final harvest of the stand is planned at about 80 years. Pete and Dave had

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New OSU Extension Specialist in Forest Economics, Management & Policy

By Brad Withrow-Robinson, OSU Extension

Please welcome Dr. Tamara Cushing to Oregon. Tammy is an experienced Extension Specialist and a nationally recognized authority in taxes and succession planning. She arrived at OSU this summer from Clemson University to fill the Starker Chair of Private and Family Forestry.

Tammy brings a tremendous amount of energy to the position and has hit the ground running. Some of you may have had a chance to meet her on one of the summer’s Extension or OSWA tours. She may be a little more difficult to find as the year progresses — her position includes undergraduate teaching, graduate advising and research duties, in addition to her role as the statewide Extension Specialist. But she is already engaged in future program planning. Watch for her as part of the Woodland Tax Symposium planned for January 26, 2015. Save the date and look for details in January.

Among the things that excite Tammy about her new position is her role as educational manager for the Elizabeth Starker-Cameron Demonstration Forest, a 270 parcel in the Soap Creek area, adjacent to the McDonald Forest. This resource is an unusual opportunity for any professor, and she is looking forward to working with individuals and local woodland groups to help her in developing a management plan and educational program at the Cameron Tract.

Avery tour (cont’d)

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this stand history plotted on an OSU Extension density management diagram as a basis for the discussion.

Also discussed was stream protection under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The tour concluded with lunch and a hike through an impressive old-growth stand in the family park.

Thanks go to Pete and Dave for a very well planned and well executed tour, the Avery family, Linn County SWA, OSWA, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, OSU Extension, Oregon Tree Farm System, Oregon Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Oregon Department of Forestry for an excellent tour.

Avery tour

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CoCoRaHS
By Joe Holmberg
What is CoCoRaHS? Is it something you can get at Starbucks or Dutch Brothers? CoCoRaHS is an acronym for Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow, a network of volunteers measuring precipitation. Using low-cost measuring instruments and an interactive web site, volunteers in all 50 states and some Canadian provinces report daily precipitation at their sites. The network originated in 1998 with the Colorado Climate Service. Oregon joined the network in December 2007 and has over 400 volunteer observers.

Anyone can participate in the network. All that is necessary is enthusiasm for watching and recording weather conditions and a desire to understand how weather can impact our lives. All volunteers record precipitation using the same type of rain gauge. The gauge is read each morning and the precipitation is reported on the CoCoRaHS website. After you enter your information, you can compare precipitation at your site with that at other areas of the state and zoom in to your county to compare with your neighbors. It is not mandatory that you report every day, so you can still take an occasional trip.

Meteorologists, hydrologists, municipalities, farmers, ranchers, teachers, students and others use the data. The data are particularly valuable during extreme weather events, and the reporting form has a spot to report significant weather. Last year, lightning occurred less than a mile from my tree farm. I reported the event and in less than 15 minutes, the NWS in Portland called for more detail. By providing your daily observation, you help fill in a piece of the meteorological puzzle that affects others in your area. It seems to me that woodland owners are particularly valuable as CoCoRaHS volunteers as we often live in more remote locations with few precipitation recording stations. And it’s fun.

OSU Extension is offering a workshop on CoCoRaHS on Saturday, October 25, as part of it’s Season Trackers program, as described on p. 1. Registration information is below.◆

Upcoming events

OSU Extension Online Calendars
For events in and around Benton, Linn and Polk Counties check http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events.

Also, you can sign up for the Compass and Needle mailing list to receive an e-mail notice when an event is scheduled: send a request to jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or phone Jody at 541 766 6750.

For events in and around Lincoln County, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lucin county/forestry/news.

Linn County Workshop—What to know when planting a forest.
Wednesday, October 15, 7-8:30 pm, LBCC Lebanon Center, see p. 10 for details.

Oregon Season Trackers Workshop, Saturday, Oct 25, 2014, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, Central Electrical Training Facility, Tangent (joint Linn and Benton County). Register online at https://secure.oregonstate.edu/osuext/register/782 or at the Benton County Extension office at 541-766-6750. $35.

Lane County Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 29, 2015, 6-9 pm Eugene Elks, W 11th St., Eugene.

Lane County Annual Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods, Saturday, February 7, 2015, Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

Lane County Annual Seedling Sale, early February, 2015, Alton Baker Park, Eugene.◆
Fall is upon us and we are looking back at one of our drier summers. Hopefully fall rains are not far away and we will start seeing more moisture in our forests. Our dry summer has posed problems and restricted many activities as well as made all of us a little more aware of the risks under which our forests come during these conditions. As forest landowners we all need to be aware of and follow Oregon’s Forest Practice rules covering operations during these summer conditions. Most forest land operations require the operator or landowner to notify ODF of any harvesting operations and to comply with ODF rules and regulations. Should you have any questions covering the Forest Practice Act and specifically fire protection requirements don’t hesitate to contact your local ODF office. They can provide landowners with the valuable information needed to assure that forest activities and contractor operations are in compliance with ODF rules and regulations.

Within Lane County there are two ODF offices, one located in Springfield and the other in Veneta. We must give ODF a very special Thank You for the fire protection services they provide small woodland owners.

Logs. Summer’s domestic log markets did remain stable and mills continued to purchase logs with prices for Douglas-fir being in the $630-$680 range or higher if you had the right quality or size of logs. The export market did take a dip during mid-summer as the market for logs to China significantly slowed down. Fiber logs have remained in the $30 per ton range, which at best is just a break even value (costs covered by log price). The other notable challenge of this summer was the shortage of small logging contractors, which probably came about due to more harvest activity on small forest land tracts this summer than in recent years.

Loggers were busy and if you had not planned ahead you may not have been able to secure a contractor or at least had to wait. In the future plan harvest activities and coordinate with your logger well in advance to ensure that he is available when you need him. The industry has changed and currently there are not as many loggers available for smaller operations as in the past.

Howdy Neighbor Tour. OSWA’s and LSWA’s Howdy Neighbor tree farm tour took place on Saturday, September 20 on the Rohl Tree Farm just outside of Veneta. The event convened at the West Lane ODF office where we gathered for coffee and boarded buses for transportation to the tree farm.

The tour provided an exceptional demonstration of what it takes to reforest pasture lands and how they can be managed as they grow. Both problems and benefits were addressed. Upon returning to the ODF office we en-
joyed lunch and the opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends. *Forest Today & Forever* provided a special session for the children in attendance. The kids made tree cookies and even learned how to set a choker. Lena Tucker of the Department of Forestry made a presentation on how to file Notifications electronically. This is a new format that is being implemented to upgrade the notification process for both ODF and landowners. Those who stayed for the presentation received insight into what information is required for filing your notification and how to interact with the software.

The day was a special day for all who attended and once again a very successful Howdy Neighbor gathering. A special acknowledgement goes to the Rohl family for sharing their tree farm with us and providing all a great opportunity to come together and learn more about our region’s forests. We also would like to recognize Jim James, OSWA Executive Director, for the planning and putting the event together, as well as all of our LSWA members who volunteered their time in support of the day. These events don’t happen without the commitment of our volunteers. — THANKS TO ALL!

**Upcoming events.** The following are upcoming activities/meetings for LSWA in Fall 2014 and Winter 2015.

LSWA Winter Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 7-9 pm ODF Office, Veneta.

LSWA Annual Meeting – Thursday, January 29, 2015, 6-9 pm Eugene Elks, W11th St.


Once again I close by saying thanks to all our LSWA members for continuing to support our organization, and I look forward to visiting with you at future events. Also, do not hesitate to communicate with me or any of your board members on subjects of concern or interest to you that we are not currently addressing. Examples might be: subjects for future training seminars; types of field tours; or, methods for better communications with members.

Sincerely,

**Gary Jensen**

LSWA Chair

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**Log exports from the Pacific Northwest**

Source: Wood Resources International LLC, [www.woodprices.com](http://www.woodprices.com)

Contributed by Jim Reeb, OSU Extension

Although the export market has slowed this summer, in the first quarter of 2014, North American log exports were 14% more than a year ago, and 30% more than 2 years ago. Most of this volume (53%) was shipped from the U.S. Northwest.

There are nine log exporting ports along the U.S. West Coast. The Port of Longview WA exports more logs than all the other eight ports combined. In the past five quarters, each of the eight ports shipped an average of one vessel per month, while the Port at Longview loaded one vessel for Asia every three days. The major exporting companies at this location are Chugoku, Weyerhaeuser, Pacific Lumber & Shipping, Sojitz and TPT.

The main competitor of OR and WA export logs is British Columbia, also a major supplier of logs to the Asian markets.

See p. 6 for an update on the planned reopening of the log export facility in Newport.

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The Port of Newport recently obtained a permit from the Department of State Lands for summer dredging at Newport's newly renovated International Terminal – that moves the planned log export facility one step closer to completion. The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintaining and dredging the 2-mile ship channel from the port entrance to the vicinity of the dock, but dredging at the dock itself is the responsibility of the Port. While operationally it might seem obvious to combine dredging at the dock with dredging of the channel, the two operations fall under different regulations and require different permits.

The depth needed at the dock to accommodate large ships is 35 feet, requiring removal of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of silt and siltstone. The Corps is already removing approximately 250,000 cubic yards of silt from the main channel this summer as part of their regular maintenance program, and tacking on the smaller job at the dock makes sense according to Port General Manager Kevin Greenwood: it saves about $200,000 in remobilizing exactly the same equipment used by the Corps of Engineers; it allows the use of the same ocean disposal site for dredged materials; and it allows accurate assessment of the amount of siltstone that will probably have to be removed in a later operation.

After removal of the silt at the dock planned for late September, the siltstone, which requires some different dredging equipment, will be removed during the regular winter dredging season, November 1 - February 15, the season preferred by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to minimize potential environmental impact. That work should complete the 35-foot berth by mid-winter 2015. The remaining steps to complete the log export facility will be to construct the debarking facility and pave the log yard on a site adjacent to the terminal. This work will be managed by Teevin Brothers, which will operate the log export facility. The anticipated start date for log shipments is mid to late summer 2015.
On Saturday, August 9 about 30 people attended a celebration of Smokey the Bear’s 70th birthday. The event was held at the Yachats Commons, and the program included a panel of experts on wildland fire and “Firewise” techniques.

After celebrating with a birthday cake, the panel session was convened to discuss the topic of forest fires and ways to protect yourself and your property in case of a wildfire. A question and answer session covered many topics relating to wild fire, especially along the Oregon Coast.

The panel was titled: Connecting Communities to Forests: Fire Prevention, Intervention, and Collaboration. Panelists included Dan Eddy, USFS Siuslaw National Forest, Bill Mahr, Oregon Department of Forestry, Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief for Yachats Fire District and Jim Reeb, Oregon State University Extension Forester. Joni Quarnstrom, USFS and Public Affairs Officer for the Siuslaw National Forest, acted as moderator for the panel discussion. The program was sponsored by the Siuslaw National Forest, View the Future, a local conservation nonprofit, and Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program. As customary for a birthday, cake and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Eric Oien, General Manager of Teevin Brothers, which will operate the log export site, spoke at the last two annual meetings of the Lincoln County OSWA chapter. He said that Teevin Brothers plans to have a full-time log buyer at Newport. A main backer for the facility is Hancock Forest Management, Inc., who will be a principal supplier of logs, but the facility will also be purchasing logs from private nonindustrial timber owners. The initial plan is for a debarker that will take logs up to 32 inches in diameter. When fully operational the facility may handle up to 50 truckloads of logs a day, filling ships that carry 5 million board feet about once a month.

Happy Birthday Smokey!

By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension

An attendee wishes Smokey a Happy 70th Birthday!
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Benton County TFOY Tour

By John Westall

Mike & Molly Albrecht were honored on September 6 as 2014 Benton County Tree Farmers of the Year. Approximately 60 people attended the tour of the Albrechts' 80-acre woodland off of Woods Creek Road west of Philomath. Mike began with a short history of activities on the property – purchased in 1997, one area immediately reforested with about 12,000 Douglas-fir and 400 western redcedar, work on legacy roads, and treatment of maple stumps.

Karen Fleck Harding then described the work of the Marys River Watershed Council (MRWC) on Woods Creek, which runs along one side of the Albrechts' property. The MRWC has been working with landowners over several years to restore the Woods Creek habitat for native fish, most notably cutthroat trout. We inspected a large logjam that had been placed in the steam to promote accumulation of cobbles and gravel in the streambed and reconnection of the creek with its floodplain. These changes in channel structure help to moderate water temperature in summer, provide fish with a refuge from fast water in winter, and improve streambed conditions for fish. Other restoration activities on Woods Creek include replacement of culverts that block fish passage and removal of knotweed along the stream banks and revegetation with native trees and shrubs. Finally the MRWC and the Albrechts are working together on a cost-share project to replace a legacy culvert – it's not a passage barrier, but its failure could cause a hillside to collapse into the creek.

After a discussion and demonstration of management of hardwood in conifer stands (hack and squirt), we then moved on to look at red alder management. Andy Bluhm of OSU's Hardwood Silviculture Cooperative began with the question, why manage for hardwoods? Well, because the returns can be very high. However, one has to realize that red alder height growth is effectively complete by age twenty, and any density management taken after year ten is almost always too late. A good planting density for managed alder may be 500 – 600 trees per acre, depending on site, with a pre-commercial thinning shortly after crown closure to perhaps 250 trees per acre. Harvest of alder should be dictated by diameter, not by age, but active management can result in a rotation age of 30-35 years. Log buyers are generally looking for at least a 5-inch top diameter on a 30-foot log, but most of the value is in the first 10 feet of the butt log. With regard to other hardwood species – maple, ash, oak – one of the problems in marketing logs is that there are just not enough trees of these species out there to support a large-scale industry.

Thanks go to Mike and Molly for hosting the tour, Karen Fleck Harding, Nancy Hathaway and Jerri O'Brien for organizing the tour and the lunch, and the tour sponsors, Oregon Tree Farm System, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, OSU Forestry Extension and the Marys River Watershed Council.

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Karen Fleck Harding describes placement of large wood in creek to help restore channel structure
Tour of Rich Clark’s Old Oak Hill Tree Farm
By John Westall

Rich Clark hosted a Benton County SWA tour at his Old Oak Hill tree farm near Alsea on July 19. If you missed this tour, you missed a lot of interesting discussion, as the diverse group of about 15 tour participants had a lot to say about almost everything.

Rich had purchased the hillside pastureland in 1992 with the intention of converting it to timberland. While most of the land is now well stocked with several species of conifers (Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, western redcedar, noble fir, Sitka spruce), Rich has experimented with two high-value hardwoods, black cherry and black walnut.

Rich showed off his management plan, which was hot off the press. The plan, written with assistance of Matt Fehrenbacher of Trout Mountain Forestry, has a nice history of the property as well as all of the other planning elements required by agencies for conservation projects. The management plan was prepared with up to a 75% cost-share from the Oregon Department of Forestry's management plan program.

Rich Clark discusses black cherry

Timber harvest tops 4 billion board feet
Contributed by Jim Reeb, OSU
Source: Oregon Department of Forestry

In 2013, 4.2 billion board feet of timber were harvested in Oregon. That represented a 12 percent increase from the 2012 harvest. It marked the fourth consecutive year of increases since the lowest harvest ever recorded of 2.7 billion board feet in 2009. The record high harvest of 9.74 billion board feet occurred in 1972.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) said in its annual harvest report that the increase can be attributed to a strong export market and a domestic housing recovery. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, 923,400 homes and apartments were started in 2013. That's more than 18% above the 2012 figure of 780,600.

However, Brandon Kaetzel, Forest Economist with ODF, stated that the increasing trend may not continue this year because housing forecasts have been revised lower and the export market has weakened.

Sixty percent of Oregon's forest land is federal. Industrial and family owned lands comprise another 34 percent and the rest is divided between entities such as the state, counties and tribes. Percentage-wise, the largest harvest increase for 2013 was on non-industrial private forestlands, where the harvest increased 61 percent to 511 million board feet as family forestland owners took advantage of higher prices attributed to a strong export market. The harvest on industrial forestlands increased 8 percent, from 2.56 billion board feet in 2012 to 2.75 billion board feet last year.

The cherry requires considerable encouragement to grow like a tree, not like a bush. Rich has done a very thorough job of pruning both the hardwoods and conifers, and he is now pre-commercially thinning the Douglas-fir by girdling. The advantage of girdling is that it is fast and gets the job done; whether the snags might create a problem later on depends on when the next entry in the stand is and what kind of equipment is involved.

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In August 2013, the Oregon Department of Forestry began developing a contemporary solution for filing a Notification of Forest Operation — “e-Notification.”

**Efficient.** E-Notification gives everyone in forestry flexibility and efficiency when submitting Notifications of Operations. Starting October 1, 2014, anyone filing a Notification of Operation will be able to use the Oregon Department of Forestry online e-Notification system. The e-Notification system was developed with the help of landowners, the public, and forest industry to meet goals to:

- increase efficiency,
- streamline communications,
- simplify the process.

Currently, landowners, timber owners, and operators file a paper notification. Next, ODF staff manually enters the information into an electronic system. Finally, the notifier receives a printed copy by mail. With e-Notification, notifiers can submit notifications anywhere they have internet access and quickly receive an e-mail with a copy of their completed Notification.

**Streamlined.**
- E-Notification will reduce redundancy. Once a notifier sets up a personal account, the only information needed for the next notification is the site-specific details.
- Notifiers can copy older notifications electronically to update or add operation activities for the next year.
- Instead of checking boxes on a paper form for the township, range, and section of the operation, the notifiers can locate their property on a digital map and draw their unit boundary.
- Notifiers who have their own GIS systems, will be able to import their shape files from their system into the e-Notification.

Stay tuned for more information from Oregon Department of Forestry about e-Notification.

*Source: Oregon Department of Forestry.*

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**Workshop planned on “What to know when planting a forest”**

*By Mary Brendle*

The Linn County Small Woodlands Association will host a workshop, “What to know when planting a forest” at Linn-Benton Community College’s Lebanon Center, 44 Industrial Way, Lebanon, on Wednesday, October 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Topic discussed include: site preparation, tree seeding selection, planting, weed control, and animal damage control. Preregistration is not necessary. Refreshments will be provided.

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**Upcoming Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods**

*By Sherm Sallee*

Linn County Small Woodlands Association will hold its annual seedling sale/Goods from the Woods event on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Linn County Fair & Expo in Albany. There will be a good selection of both conifers and deciduous seedlings. As usual, you can preorder seedlings. We will send an e-mail with the preordering information in...
On July 10, LFPA association members traveled to Douglas County to view some of the area of the Douglas Complex fire of 2013. Because so many associations were involved in this very large fire, we were joined by the Douglas, Coos, Western Lane and Eastern Lane Forest Protective Associations for the tour. We had the opportunity to learn about the complex nature of the fires and the extreme difficulty of both protecting valuable natural resources and fighting fires safely. It also made it possible for private forestland owners to discuss their concerns with a public forestland owner, the Bureau of Land Management. Private and public land managers often have different objectives, and there can be a conflict between these neighbors. The tour provided an opportunity for the two neighbors to discuss their differences - and they did!

One additional benefit of this year's tour was the opportunity to watch a Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) in action. The tanker can carry up to 800 gallons of water and has the capability of refilling the water tank as it flies over a lake or stream. As a result, it has a rather quick turnaround between fire drops depending on the distance to the water source. The low-speed drops help make the delivery of water very accurate. 

The Linn Forest Protective Association (LFPA) is a group of private forest landowners dedicated to protect their valuable resource from destruction by fire. Over the last 100+ years, LFPA has worked closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry in coordinating fire protection for Linn County forestland. I encourage small woodland owners to become informed about their local forest protective association and think about becoming a member.

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LFPA summer tour

By Sherm Sallee

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Linn County summer picnic

By John Westall

Joe & Shirley Holmberg hosted the 2014 Linn County summer picnic and tour on August 9 at their property near Lebanon. Dave Shaw, OSU Extension Forest Health Specialist, was on hand to discuss tree health issues. The tour featured the Holmbergs' young stands of Oregon ash and Willamette Valley ponderosa pine.

Though ash is common along streams and in wet soils, not much is known about its cultivation. Joe planted 2200 trees in 2003 at 10-, 9-, 8- and 7-foot spacing with 99.1% survival. The stand is still far from crown closure, and it's too soon to judge the effect of spacing. Joe has pruned the ash leaving at least 60% live crown. Ash is susceptible to a leaf-spot fungus – the wetter it is in the late spring and early summer, the more pronounced the fungus and the earli-
Linn County Forest Protective Association to meet with Law Enforcement

By Sherm Sallee

Each year, the Linn Forest Protective Association (LFPA) sponsors a meeting with the local forest law enforcement officers from the Oregon State Police, Linn County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service and security personnel from industrial landowners. Discussions at this meeting cover concerns of the property owners as well as problems that enforcement officers are experiencing. The concerns and problems include vandalism, theft and drugs on forestland property. The meeting is held just prior to the start of hunting season and allows forestland owners the opportunity to discuss use of their property for hunting and address concerns in relation to fire season. Linn County small woodland owners are represented at this meeting by board members who are themselves small forestland owners.

LFPA, in coordination with the Linn County Sheriff's Office, funds the services of a Linn County Forest Deputy. The current forest deputy is Brandon Fountain. Deputy Fountain can be reached through the Linn County Sheriff's Office at 541-967-3950 or 1-800-884-3391, or at bfoutain@linnsheriff.org. You can contact Deputy Fountain should you have any law enforcement problems on your property.◆

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