Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry’s Invasive Species Coordinator and Chair of the Oregon Invasive Species Council, discussed invasive species at Linn County Small Woodlands Association’s (LCSWA) Fall Workshop on November 4 at Linn-Benton Community College’s Lebanon campus. He stated that invasive species have major negative consequences — they cost the US over $120 billion per year, alter ecosystem functioning, threaten widespread species extinctions and are vectors of disease.

Williams defined an invasive species as a non-native pest that creates tremendous negative consequences. He defined a pest as any organism that causes problems for people. He broke his presentation into two sections; the first dealing with forest weeds and the second with other forest invaders.

A 2014 Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) report, “The Economic Impact from Selected Noxious Weeds in Oregon” estimated annual loss of almost $83.5 million in personal income to the State’s economy from 25 selected weed species. The report listed Scotch broom (Continued on page 2)

Do you know about WOWnet, the Women Owning Woodlands Network? It is a ten-year old OSU Extension program, currently led by Tiffany Fegel, designed to recognize the growing number of women taking a wide array of active woodland management roles; to raise basic decision-making skill levels among women woodland managers through hands-on opportunities; to support and increase women’s access to forestry-related resources; and to encourage conversation among Oregon’s women woodland managers, both women who are sole owners of their property and those who manage woodlands with their partners.

On October 17, 2015, some twenty-five WOWnet members spent a day at the Hopkins Experimental Forest, beginning with a tour led by Peter Matzka. We looked at a pole stand, a side by side comparison of thinning strategies, a riparian management area, and a regeneration cut, exchanging and sharing opinions and experiences from our own tree farms.

Next, Mark Havel showed us how to use chainsaws safely and demonstrated how to fell, limb, and buck a tree. Oregon Chain Saw set up logs for practice in cutting with both electric and gas saws.

The third activity provided an overview of management plans led by Amy Grotta, with those who had plans mentoring those who didn’t, focusing on goals and objectives and strategies to attain them. Finally, Tammy Cushing led a thought-provoking session titled, “Planning for the Successful Transfer of your Forest” during which each participant created a personalized list of necessary steps to take.

WOWnet members went home with great t-shirts emblazoned with the WOWnet logo, a flash-drive of resources, and an increased appreciation for the community of Oregon women woodland owners.

Many WOWnet activities are planned for the coming months. For more information, or to join the WOWnet mailing list, contact Tiffany Fegel at tiffany.fegel@oregonstate.edu.
Invasive species

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($39M), and Himalayan blackberry ($40M) as two of the worst impacting forestry. Williams provided a variety of ways for controlling these two invaders that included chemical, mechanical and biological methods. He listed the Pacific Northwest Weed Handbook, http://pnwhandbooks.org/weed, as a great source for information on chemical control of problem weeds. Once on this site, click the “Content” tab, and then select “Forestry and Hybrid Cottonwoods”. Oregon State University (OSU) also provides a variety of pamphlets on its web site https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/. Williams said that there appears to be some promise for biological control of Scotch broom from the introduction of two insects, the Scotch broom bruchid and the

Scotch broom seed weevil.

English Ivy, false brome, thistles, knapweeds, garlic mustard, and gorse were additional invasive species Williams discussed, providing tips on identification and control.

Linn and Lane Counties make up the epicenter of the false brome invasion. In identifying it, look for hairy leaf margins and no stalks on spikelets. It is shade tolerant. Williams cautioned that if working in a false brome area, clean contaminated equipment. Don’t transport seeds or root fragments.

When discussing insects, Williams stated that the Emerald Ash Borer is of major concern. It was first detected in 2002, and has killed over 100 million ash trees since then. All 16 native ash species are at risk of extinction. It is currently found east of the Mississippi River and on one site in Colorado.

OSU College of Forestry has developed a program titled “Oregon Forest Pest Detectors,” with a goal of training individuals on how to identify key invasive pests. The program provides face-to-face, online and field courses. There have been 200 people trained thus far. Several trainings are coming in 2016. If interested, check the web site: http://pestdetector.forestry.oregonstate.edu/

Other publications that Williams mentioned were ODA’s “Western US Invasive Plant EDRR Weed ID Guide” (free), OSU’s “Problem Thistles of Oregon” (free), and the Institute of Applied Ecology’s “Field Guide to Weeds of Eastern Oregon” ($4.20).

Linn County Small Woodland Association’s next workshop will be Wednesday, February 10, 7-8:30 pm at the Linn County OSU Extension Office in Tangent. The topic will be hiring and contracting a logger and marketing timber.

Educational events off of the beaten track

by John Westall

There are several educational events this quarter, above and beyond our regular chapter events, that ought to be of interest to woodland owners.

2016 Starker Lecture Series. The Starker Lecture Series has been held at OSU since 1985. The theme of this year’s series is “Burning Questions: Forest, Fires & People.” The series begins Thursday January 28, 7:00 pm with a film, "Legacy of Fire," and presentation by State Forester Doug Decker, at the Whiteside Theater, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. The next lecture is Thursday, February 18, 3:30 - 5:00 pm "Fire Ecology, Management, and Policy in the Western US," at LaSells Stewart Center, OSU Campus. See http://starker-lectures.forestry.oregonstate.edu for details.
Forest Health in Oregon. Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16 - 17, 2016, LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State University. Conference and continuing education event. On the first day learn the latest information regarding insects, disease, fire, vertebrates, and a changing climate—and how each of these are currently affecting Oregon’s forests. The second day will focus on management of these factors and discuss mitigation strategies. For details and registration see http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2016foresthealth/. There is a registration fee, but a limited number of scholarships are available for Master Woodland Managers; for scholarship info contact tiffany.fegel@oregonstate.edu.

78th Annual Oregon Logging Conference. Thursday-Saturday, February 25-27, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene. Demonstrations, seminars, competitions, heavy equipment and vendor displays. Saturday is geared towards the public and families, and Forest Practices seminars are Friday. Check the program for schedule details: http://oregonloggingconference.com/. If you’ve never been, you should give it a try to see what you’ve been missing.

2016 Clackamas Tree School. Saturday, March 19, Clackamas Community College. Probably the premier annual educational event for woodland owners in the region. If you have never attended, you should at least check the program. If you did not receive a tree school catalog last year and would like to receive one for 2016, contact the Clackamas Extension Office at 503-655-8631 to be put on the mailing list or watch the web site http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/tree-school for posting of the catalog.

The Quarterly Bark is on the OSWA web site, http://www.oswa.org, under the Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Linn chapters; all of the web links in the articles are “clickable” in the online version. ◆

The Quarterly Bark

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/lincoln/forestry/news.

Linn County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 4:30 pm. Details p. 11.

Lane County Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 5:30-8:30 pm. Details p. 5. RSVP.

Benton County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 23, 11:30 am. Details p. 8. RSVP.

Starker Lecture, Thursday, January 28, 7 pm, Corvallis, details p. 2.

Lincoln County Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 30, 9 am-early afternoon. Details p. 6. RSVP.

Linn County Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods Fair, Saturday, February 6, 2016, 8 am-noon or until sold out. Details p. 11.

Lane County Seedling Sale, Alton Baker Park, Eugene, Saturday, February 6, 2016, 8 am until sold out. Details p. 5.

Workshop on Hiring and Contracting a Logger and Marketing Timber, Wednesday, February 10, 7 - 8:30 pm at the Linn County OSU Extension Office in Tangent.

Forest Health Conference, February 16-17, OSU. Details p. 3.

Starker Lecture, Thursday, February 18, OSU. Details p. 2.

Oregon Logging Conference, February 25-27, Lane County Fair Grounds, see article this page.

Woodland Information Night, Corvallis-Benton Library, Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:30 pm. See p. 8.

Linn County Tour of Bell Pole Yard, Lebanon, Thursday, March 17 in the afternoon. Save the date and watch for an announcement.

Clackamas Tree School. Saturday, March 19, Clackamas Community College, see article this page.◆

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A look back at 2015
by Gary Jensen, LSWA Chair

We had two tours this year, the first being a tour of the 2014 Lane County Tree Farm of the year, Jim Christian’s, located southwest of Eugene, an example of oak-savannah and mixed conifer forest. The photo shows Jim leading a discussion on his tree farm.

Jim’s tour was followed by a tour up the Camp Creek area of the Petersen and Volz tree farms. Chuck Volz provided a session on road construction for small woodlands with a tour of his projects. Andy followed by leading a tour of a Healthy Forest Reserve he had set up with the NRCS. The photo shows Chuck discussing road slope.

The most challenging topic of this past year has been the upcoming changes to stream-side buffer regulations approved by the Oregon Board of Forestry. Both LCSWA and OSWA have taken an active role by providing the Board with testimony, analysis, and economic impact. Stay tuned: changes are coming to buffers near small and medium streams listed as having salmon, steelhead and bull trout. We have also assisted Oregon State Extension in its effort to get a forestry extension position back in Lane County.

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As we look forward to the New Year we encourage you to renew your membership and continue support for OSWA and welcome all forest owners who are not currently members to join. It is through our coming together and working as a team, that we can best protect our rights while learning to better manage our forests. Events that start our 2016 year are described in three other articles on this page.

LCSWA Board thanks you for your support and looks forward to hearing from you this upcoming year. Should you have any question please don’t hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a productive and positive 2016. 

**LCSWA’s Annual Meeting**

Join us for an evening of fun and information. This is an opportunity for a pleasant evening dining out, visiting with neighbors and getting updated on LCSWA’s current and future activities.

LCSWA’s guest speakers will be Nancy Hirsch, Assistant Director Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem. Nancy, will provide information on the state of ODF programs and this past summer’s fire season. Jim James, OSWA Executive Director will update us on OSWA’s status and current activities. He will include ODF’s review of riparian rules and where ODF is in the process of making changes to such rules. John Punches of Oregon State Extension will also update us on the status of an Extension forester for Lane County.

The meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Eugene Elks Club, 2470 West 11th Avenue, Eugene. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm, adjourn at 8:30 pm. Please RSVP by January 18 to Dick Beers, 541-687-1854 (cell), 541-729-2516 or rbeers2606@comcast.net. Address other questions to Mike Atkinson, 541-344-4991 or coyote8199@wildblue.net.

**Save the Date—Howdy Neighbor Tour Bauman Tree Farm**

Save the date, Saturday, June 4, 2016, Bauman Tree Farm, west of Eugene. We are currently in the process of planning the tour, which will provide woodland owners with examples of on-the-ground forest management practices and outcomes. Lunch will be provided. Stay tuned for more information.

**Call for Goods from the Local Woods**

by Mary Brendle

If you are a local woodland owner, craftperson or business producing materials or products from local woodlands and forests, we invite you to exhibit and sell your goods, Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 8 am to noon at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. For details and registration information see the flier at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events or contact Jody Einerson at OSU Extension at 541-766-6311 or Mary Brendle at 541-367-2845. Register as an exhibitor by January 26.

**Example of some of the Goods from the Woods on display at the 2015 Fair.**

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Greetings to all of you for this new year, trusting that we will enjoy this year in good health and be able to make good on the new year resolutions we made on New Year's Day.

As I have written before “nobody plans to fail, but people just fail to plan,” so if you planned out the progress you intend to make this year, break it down into 12 one-month sections and just follow that plan and stay the course.

The plan that I have for our chapter is to gain in membership by 10%, and that means an addition of one member every two months, which seems like a small task to do — and it is, if we just make that a part of our chapter plan.

My personal goal for this year is to organize my business affairs, to sell those that I no longer enjoy, and to do what I do enjoy, which is to work my tree farm.

With regard to the recent riparian rule decision rendered by the Board of Forestry, I did send a letter to the Board stating that, according to the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, no property shall be taken for public use without just compensation. The additional acres that are lost by some can add up to a substantial amount, for which, in my opinion, one should be compensated. If the public is not willing to pay for it, they should not ask you to donate it. In my opinion you should be able to write it off as a loss in the year that it takes effect.

Well, on a more positive note is that we in Lincoln had a great year. Our annual meeting last year was well attended at the Olalla Restaurant in Toledo. We had a good Seedling Sale in Newport and a great Howdy Neighbor event at the Tim Miller forest and ranch. It’s great to see how one can produce a yearly income from the cattle and supplement it with tree harvest income. Tim, thank you and your family for hosting that event and allowing us to see how you operate and to see your success in making it all work.

We are now taking suggestions for another Howdy Neighbor event for 2016. Also, we would like to see nominations for a Tree Farmer of the Year, one who would be willing to compete at the state and national levels. The tree farm should be certified — if it is not, we can help with certification if the owner is willing. Our seedling sale will be at the end of February or beginning of March; stay tuned for details.

We also had a new members join us in November, my neighbors John and Linda Maryott. John and Linda, we welcome you to our Chapter.

Also, we note that our Extension Forester from OSU, Jim Reeb, PhD, retired at the end of December. We thank Jim for his many years of patient, conscientious service to the forest landowners in Lincoln County, for all the assistance he has given our chapter and for his regular contributions to The Quarterly Bark! More detail will be provided at the annual meeting.

Join us for the Lincoln County Chapter’s annual meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

The program is still being worked out at the time of this writing in early December. The general topic will be about the next step in the revision of the riparian buffer rules — how the rule making process works and what influence landowners can have on the outcome. Speakers will include Jim James, Executive Direc-

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Judy Pelletier was elected Secretary of our chapter at the last annual meeting. She takes the place of Jan Steenkolk, who had served many years as both Secretary and Treasurer. Jan continues as Treasurer, but now has to worry only about the money, and she is good at that, keeping track of our funds.

Judy comes to us with a lot of experience from the Extension Service office in Newport. Before that she served in a similar capacity for the EPA where she worked for many years.

We are glad to have Judy on board as we are growing in size. In order to keep that trend going we are happy to have more people to share the workload.

On November 23, 2015, Steve Cafferata of Lane County received the Oregon Tree Farm System Inspector of the Year Award at the OTFS Annual Meeting at the World Forestry Center. In an interview Steve shared some thoughts on inspecting tree farms for certification.

**What benefits does certification bring a tree farmer?**

There are several benefits. Going through the structured management plan process helps tree farmers understand their land better and therefore manage it better. Certification demonstrates commitment to good forest stewardship to the tree farmer’s family, friends, and general public, and the sign lets everyone know. Certification provides an opportunity to interact with a professional forester to discuss the tree farmer’s unique situation, and it enhances the ability to sell logs.

**What are some things a tree farmer can do to prepare for an inspection?**

The most important preparation is to make sure the management plan is up-to-date, and updated to the 2015-2020 standards. These are available on the ATFS website. If the plan is current to the 2010-15 standards, there is a downloadable addendum to bring the plan to the current standards.

**What are some typical strong points you see while inspecting? What are some common weak points? How long does an inspection take?**

There are no “typical” tree farms; each one is different. I spend a minimum of a half day on the inspections I do. Generally, on-the-ground management is very good and it is always a pleasure to see. Weaknesses generally lie in the management plan, with required parts missing or not updated to current standards. Often tree farmers are not familiar enough with their plans to use them to help better manage their land. For example, a plan that has clear objectives, and strategies in place to support those objectives, leads to better management. Management plans call for dividing tree farm into timber types, with specific year-by-year plans for each type, including a system to track activities as completed. When this is not done thoroughly, opportunities for sound management are lost.

**Are there any other thoughts you would like to share?**

Inspections are a fun opportunity to showcase your tree farm and discuss any concerns you may have with dedicated professionals who volunteer their time because they realize that we all share the goal of better management of Oregon’s forest lands.

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Benton County News

Benton County Annual Meeting
By Roger Workman

Benton County Small Woodland Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 23 at the Beazell Memorial Forest Education Center on Kings Valley Highway (Highway 223), about 4.8 miles north of US 20. Registration starts at 11:30 with lunch planned for noon. Valley Catering will provide lunch at a cost of $15 per person. RSVP to Jody Einerson at jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or 541-766-6311.

Following lunch, we will conduct the business portion of the meeting, including election of new officers. Our main speaker this year will be Steve Fitzgerald, Director of the OSU College of Forestry Research Forest. He will be speaking about the research being done at OSU that would be pertinent to small woodland owners. We will also get an OSWA update from Jim James, and a presentation from Derek Godwin, regarding the Benton County Extension Service District.

As always, this will be a good opportunity to get together and enjoy one another’s company—you might even go home with a door prize! Hope to see you there.

Woodland Information Night scheduled
By Roger Workman

Woodland Information Night will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Tuesday, March 1 at the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis. This annual event alternates between Benton and Linn counties and features speakers, panels, etc. covering various topics of interest to woodland owners. Watch for future announcements with details about the program.

TFOY tour
By John Westall

Congratulations again to Greg and Barbara Vollmer, Benton County Tree Farmers of the Year, who were named Oregon statewide runner-up TFOY at the Oregon Tree Farm System meeting at the World Forestry Center on November 23.

Greg and Barbara hosted a TFOY tour of their property near Alsea on October 3. About 40 people attended. The Vollmers had just finished a clear-cut harvest on a portion of their land, and Steve Bowers, OSU Harvesting Specialist, gave a few practical tips for hiring a logger: ask to see another job that the logger is doing or has done; speak with another small woodland owner for whom the logger has worked; have a contract that includes, among other things, ending date for the operation, provisions for slash disposal and who covers the cost of trucking. For more information, Steve recommended EC 1192, Contracts for Woodland Owners, available free online from OSU Extension Service.

Rick Allen of Starker Forests then led an excellent discussion on seedling establishment. A few of the highlights are repeated here. He said he customarily uses a site preparation spray and seedling stock from an improved seed source. Next he compared the pros and cons of bare-root vs. container seedlings. Bare-root plants are larger and may be better if needed to resist animal damage. They are potentially more durable and perhaps a better choice for late winter or early spring planting on droughty sites. However, bare-root plants may be stressed by processing and packing, and the lifting scheduled is dictated by the weather. Container plants arrive with all of their roots, are easier to plant and the control over environment aids in logistics of tree delivery. But container seedlings are small and more susceptible to animal damage, and some seedlings are often packed in coarse textured material not suitable for late-season planting in fine-textured soils. Very good site-preparation and first year weed control is very important for container plants. Thanks to the Vollmers, Steve Bowers and Rick Allen for the informative tour and to Starker Forests for making their bus available.

Brooks nursery tour
By John Westall

About 20 people attended a highly informative tour of Brooks Tree Farm nursery near Brooks on October 27. The tour was hosted by owners Dave and Kathy LeCompte. Their operation was started in 1980 on one-half acre and has now grown to 300 acres. While the focus of the tour was on conifer production, Brooks also grows other species including those used in riparian restoration.

The tour began at the West Salem field operation, which is located on sandy soils near the Willamette, available free

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strong, lack of seedlings has created a backlog in demand, seed production is at a low in the 7-10 year natural conifer seed production cycles; several private nurseries have closed in recent years, and some large timber oriented nurseries have discontinued outside sales.

So, here are some ideas to consider. Plan ahead and order seedlings as soon as you plan the harvest. Be flexible and consider alternative formats (2-0’s, plug-1’s etc.) or alternative species. Take care of the planting — prepare the site, keep the seedlings moist, consider root dips, make sure the trees are properly planted, and keep the competition down for at least two to three years. Pick up trees the day before planting, keep them out of the sun and plant on cool, moist days.

Thanks to Kathy and Dave for a well thought-out and informative tour and to Starker Forests for providing their bus for transportation.
Our property in the Coburg hills contains small meadows that historically did not grow trees. These areas are generally well-drained but are shallow-soiled and south-facing. We planted many meadow areas to Douglas-fir in the 1990’s and had high initial seedling mortality. The planted trees that survived these past 20 years are now mostly dead and ring these meadows. This fall we clear-cut a ten acre tract that was a mosaic of dry meadows and Douglas-fir. Although the trees were over fifty years old and had been thinned in 2006, they were now dying or showed minimal growth. Our thought is that former Douglas-fir stands in this tract should be replanted with a mix of more drought tolerant species including oak, ponderosa pine, and incense cedar while natural meadow areas are maintained.

On our property and in much of the Willamette Valley Douglas-fir have been planted on seasonally wet areas. Douglas-fir roots cannot survive in standing water and the high water table in winter prunes the roots from below. This factor combined with summer drying severely restricts the zone where roots may grow. On some sites trees will flourish for 30, 40, or even 50 years then die during a droughty period when the limited growing space for the roots can no longer support the above ground canopy. On these sites you can switch to species that are more tolerant of wetter and drier conditions (e.g., ponderosa pine) or replant to Douglas-fir knowing that your rotation age is limited.

We have also lost several patches of ponderosa pine due to the California Ips beetle. The stress placed on trees during a drought can encourage this and other insect pests. On Saturday, May 14 we will have a tour of our property. The emphasis will be on the management of dry sites in the valley and noxious pest (weeds and insects) identification and control.

The wet weather reminds me that tree planting time is upon us and it’s good to follow ten simple rules. 1) Buy a hoedad suitable for your planting stock and learn how to use it. 2) Pick wet and miserable days to plant. Tree roots do not like sun and planting experiences will be more memorable. 3) If the planting hole fills with water it is too wet, move on. 4) If the hoedad hits bedrock the soil is too shallow, move on. 5) If your hoedad hits rock(s) keep swinging until you find a soft spot. Pry out offending rocks until your tree roots have sufficient soil in which to grow and do not plant over the top of a large rock. 6) Tamp in your tree from the side to eliminate air pockets which cause roots to dry out killing the seedling. 7) A healthy tree that has survived one year in the ground is worth two in the planting bag. After planting protect your seedlings by controlling competing vegetation and discouraging animal damage (e.g., deer, elk, voles). We spray a 5 foot diameter circle around each seedling to control grasses and other plants that compete with the seedling for soil moisture. This treatment also discourages voles which hide in the grass while girdling trees. Tubes or bud caps deter browsers. 8) Bigger seedlings are not always better. On rocky ground prone to
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February 6, 2016 Linn County Fairgrounds Santiam Blvd, 3700 Knox Butte Road in Albany.
9:00 am-noon unless sold out earlier *Notes Oregon native deciduous seedlings

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Joe Holmberg wins National Leadership Award

By Jim Merzenich

Joe Holmberg of Linn County was announced as the winner of the American Tree Farm System’s (ATFS) National Leadership Award at the Oregon Tree Farm System’s Annual Awards Luncheon November 23 at the World Forestry Center.

Joe has served as chairman of the Oregon Tree Farm System for the past five years and has been active at the national level serving on various ATFS committees. Under his leadership the OTFS has received grants to improve efficiency, increase membership, and better serve their members. Joe has been especially active in the activities of the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) which advises the Oregon Board of Forestry on family forest issues.

Joe and his wife Shirley moved to Oregon and purchased their property on Mt Hope drive in the year 2000. Joe retired from the Corps of Engineers in 2001 and then worked until 2007 with OSU Extension. Their tree farm was ATFS certified in 2002 and both Joe and Shirley became Master Woodland Managers in 2007. Joe has actively assisted other tree farmers, OSU Extension, and the Linn county chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association ever since.

As a tree farm inspector Joe has convinced many to be certified tree farmers and join OSWA. For the past ten years Joe has helped to select the Linn County Tree Farmer of the year and has organized Linn County tours. At the same time he has been an active contributor to its board. The commitment in the Holmberg household runs deep. In addition to hosting several board meetings and tours Shirley is currently its chapter treasurer.

Please congratulate Joe on receiving this award.