Ties to the Land
The spring session of this 2-part interactive workshop on Succession Planning was such a success that the Lane SWA & Extension have scheduled a second one this fall.

October 13, Saturday, & November 3, Saturday, 9-noon.
Willamalane Community Center, Heron Room, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield, Oregon (just south of Main St. near ODF Eastern Lane)

Registration is $15/person, OSWA members, $25/person, non-OSWA members. Includes two-session workshop, one Workbook per family and refreshments. Great time to join OSWA (www.oswa.org). To register, e-mail or call Sara Leiman bsleiman@peak.org, 541-954-8338. Space is limited.

Logs To Lumber - Bowling Tour
Bill and Debbie Bowling are new Linn County Small Woodland Association Members. They operate a sawmilling business called Logs to Lumber located in Albany. Their operation includes a sawmill, a resaw, a straight line, a planer, a molder, 4 dry kilns, a cnc router and a warehouse. They are also an FSC Certified Sawmill.

The Bowlings are trying to grow their business. There might be an opportunity here for us as small woodland owners to market some of our logs. We might have some of our logs turned into lumber for personal use. Finished products could include flooring, wainscoting and 3/4-inch or 1-inch boards.

The tour is Wednesday October 24th, 4PM-5:30PM, at 3650 Marion Street SE, Albany. They are a half block south of 34th Street and on the West side of Marion Street. From Highway 99E/Pacific Highway, go east on 34th Street, stay right and the turn lane will bring you onto Marion Street. If you cross the railroad tracks you went too far. Logs to Lumber phone number is 541-917-3385.

This is a Linn County Small Woodlands sponsored tour and open to all OSWA members and the public.

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Upcoming Forestry Events Cont'd

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**Mentored Management Planning Shortcourse**

A written Forest Management Plan serves many purposes. It is required for participation in a variety of certification systems, helps you qualify for cost-share funding, and is a critical communication tool that lets you communicate with your family and contractors. It forms the foundation for sustainable forest management. This course helps landowners write their own management plan with the help of a local mentor. **Tuesday evenings, Oct. 9th, 23rd, Nov. 6th and 27th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Rediscovery Forest, Oregon Garden, Silverton.**

Registration is $20 per family/ownership. Space is limited. Registration closes October 1. To register email or call Jean Bremer at Jean.Bremer@oregonstate.edu 503-655-8631.

**NRCS Technical and Financial Assistance for Oak Woodlands**

Application Deadline November 16, 2012

Contact your local NRCS field office to learn more about what assistance and conservation activities apply.

- Thomas Snyder (Benton County District Conservationist) 541-967-5925 ext. 118
- Tom Burnham (Lane County District Conservationist) 541-465-6443 ext. 108
- Nathan Adelman (Linn County District Conservationist) 541-967-5925 ext. 121

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New Dean At OSU College of Forestry

Dr. Thomas Maness has been named dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. Dr. Maness is professor of Forest Economics and Policy and has been Head of the Department of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management (FERM) at Oregon State University’s College of Forestry since 2009. Maness began his new duties as dean on Aug. 1, succeeding Hal Salwasser.

Maness earned degrees in Forest Management and Forest Operations from West Virginia University and Virginia Tech after which he

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Another painful example of good intentions going awry -- in 2010 the owners of Oak Basin Tree Farm south of Brownsville, needing a task to keep a couple of summer hire college boys busy, decided to prune a fifteen year old plantation of Valley Ponderosa pine. The college boys, following directions, pruned to 60% live crown and piled rather than scattered the limbs (oops #1). Wanting to keep his boys busy, Jim Merzenich began pruning and piling in mid July (oops #2). California Fivespined Ips beetles *Ips paraconfusus* (paraconfusus loosely translated from the Latin is to produce disorder which is perhaps a reference to the larval galleries under the bark) in the Willamette Valley commonly have two main flights per season – mid-April to mid-May, July, and a lesser mid-September through October flight. Adult Ips beetles, smelling the rich resin of piled pine boughs, moved in and did their thing. After all, there was a massive food source for their larvae. The following Spring, adult Ips emerged and finding not much left of the pine slash, moved into the nearby recently pruned forest (oops #3). Jim started noticing that his recently pruned pines looked a bit peaked and closer inspection revealed boring dust from adult nuptial chambers and, when he peeled back the bark, Alors!, Ips larval galleries! This year, the offspring of the initial invasion are still taking out some pine.

Many woodland owners and tree farmers on the fringes of the Willamette Valley have stands of ponderosa pine. A lesson from Oak Basin’s painful experience is not to pile pine boughs but scatter them and not to prune when Ips adults are flying and looking for food for their children. If you have a lot of pine like I do, consider adding a chipper to your equipment inventory and chip at least the larger branches and scatter the chip piles. Keep sharp eyes on those neighbors with pine and on power companies clearing rights-of-way and visit with them on pine pruning slash treatment as Ips beetles, like a few fellow humanoids, disregard property boundaries.◆

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worked in the forest sector in the Klamath Falls region as a forest engineer developing forest-planning models, designing and installing advanced manufacturing optimization systems for west coast sawmills. In 1989 Thomas earned his doctorate in Forest Economics from the University of Washington and joined the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia. Since joining OSU, he has spearheaded the development of the College’s new Professional School and Conservation Management Program.◆

Western Tent Caterpillars

*By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension Forester*

We have had several people bring in samples of the western tent caterpillar. They are native to Lincoln County and their population goes up and down through the years. Over a period of two to three years, the population builds up and then crashes as natural parasites and diseases kill them off. Then we don’t see them again for maybe eight to ten years. This year appears to be one with a few more caterpillars than normal. Hosts

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Update from the Committee for Family Forestlands

By Brad Withrow-Robinson, OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension and Susan Watkins, Yamhill County Landowner, and Vice-Chair of the Committee for Family Forests

The Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) provides a family landowner’s perspective to the Oregon Board of Forestry and the State Forester. The Committee’s work is guided by landowner inputs such as the 2005 Family Forest symposium and by emerging events.

The CFF recently presented its Annual Report to the Board of Forestry. Here are some highlights.

FY 2011-2012 Activities
The CFF studied and provided comments on evolving issues including the importance of sustaining Oregon’s forestry infrastructure and economic capacity, biomass opportunities and potential changes to water quality rules.

Since small ownerships make up 45% of all private forest lands in Oregon, the CFF wants to ensure that Oregon’s political and social leaders think about small family forests when they hear the word "forest." The CFF was very engaged in planning and guiding the November Board of Forestry tour which focused on family forest landowners. We hope to also contribute to planning the Board of Forestry tour to Eastern Oregon this fall, where family landowners face critical challenges relating to forest health and infrastructure. Forest health and management issues in Eastern Oregon, were a major focus for the CFF this year, concluding with a study tour to Baker County in June where we had discussions with local managers and leaders.

Looking ahead to FY 2012-2013
Consistent with the Board of Forestry’s policy objectives for Private Forests, "keeping family forestlands in forest and keeping working forests working" will remain the key issue for the Committee. In the coming year, the CFF plans to address a group of related issues that could affect family forestlands:
• Water issues, including on-going ODF and DEQ efforts regarding the mid-coast TMDL and RipStream riparian protection standards processes.
• Critical infrastructure issues, especially on the eastside, including capacity of contractors and mills whose presence facilitates management of forestlands
• Family ownership of forestland
• Taxes and financial issues
• Next generations
• Positive impacts of family forestlands
• Adjacent lands issues

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OSWA Annual Meeting - 2012

By Sherm Sallee

Washington County hosted the 2012 OSWA annual meeting. The event was held on the campus of Pacific University in downtown Forest Grove. The keynote speaker was State Senator Betsy Johnson. As a small woodland owner, she set the tone for the meeting theme of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

There were two sessions each in the morning and afternoon. Each had a panel of experts who spoke and answered questions from the audience. The first session was "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Panelists covered new member orientation, goods from the woods, holiday boughs, truffles and the Blue Mountain Forest Cooperative. Each discussed how small woodland members could help each other find and market products from their land. Session two panel members discussed results of the 2012 legislative session as well as plans for the upcoming 2013 session, Oregon Board of Forestry updates and the new inheritance tax credit. The third session dealt with "How to protect your investments". This panel examined state fire liability, liability insurance and a newly proposed resource value insurance program. The final session presented programs to assist forest owners. Panel members provided information on engagement options, website plans, funding opportunities and local alliance help.

Amy Grotta, OSU Extension Forester gave a meeting wrap up. She summed up each session using the "Tweet" format of no more than (Continued on page 6)
The dinner speaker was Lena Tucker, former South Cascade District Forester and current Deputy Chief of the Private Forest Division, Oregon Department of Forestry. Lena said she is very impressed with OSWA and announce that she is going to become a member of the organization. Lena and her husband own forested property in Linn County. The "Riggan Slinger" award was presented to a very deserving Nancy Hathaway for her outstanding leadership as president of OSWA. 

Forest Roads Case Headed to Supreme Court

By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension Forester

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review Northwest Environmental Defense Center v. Brown, the 9th Circuit Court decision that would subject "forest roads" in Western states to "point-source" regulation under the Clean Water Act, with the associated expenses, delays, and exposures. Many professional associations and wood industry businesses are supporting briefs on behalf of forest landowners and the wood industry opposing the permit process and supporting the existing use of Best Management Practices (BMP) on logging jobs and all types of forest road construction – our Oregon Forest Practices Laws are an example of using BMPs. The supporting briefs are due during the last week of August; the Northwest Environmental Defense Center's response will be due a month later, and the forest industry coalition would have an opportunity to respond to it. The actual oral argument before the Court will take place in November, with a decision rendered in March 2013 at the earliest. The current moratorium, preventing the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing point-source regulation in the 9th Circuit jurisdiction, expires on September 30 of this year. The coalition led by the National Alliance of Forest Owners is pursuing several steps - Attaching language similar to that of the Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act (S 1369; HR 2541), which would reverse the 9th Circuit decision legislatively, as an amendment to the House version of the Farm Bill. If that option, a "permanent fix," looks likely, but the Farm Bill is delayed, the Coalition will support a "bridge" provision to extend the current moratorium for a sufficient time to await Farm Bill passage. If the Farm Bill venue seems unlikely, the coalition will work for another 12-month extension of the current moratorium, to extend beyond the date of the Supreme Court's ruling. This continues to be a big issue for the entire forestry community and although progress is being made it is still a large threat to both the wood products industry and family forestland owners. Stay tuned!

What is the Northwest Environmental Defense Center? From their website: Purpose and History – the “NEDC was established by a group of professors, law students and attorney alumni at Lewis and Clark Law School in 1969. NEDC is an independent, non-profit organization working to protect the environment and natural resources of the Pacific Northwest. We provide legal support to individuals and grassroots organizations with environmental concerns, and engage in litigation independently or in conjunction with other environmental groups. NEDC also provides valuable hands-on experience for students seeking to enhance their education in environmental law.”
Lincoln County Tree Farmer of the Year 2012 Tour

By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension Forester

More than 50 people attended the Schmidt Family Tree Farm Tour, located near Harlan, on Saturday, July 7th. We saw great examples of forest management, and a portable Wood-Mizer sawmill sawing some of the tree farm logs. We discussed how long and short logs affect log and lumber tally, and what overrun really means. After the tour everyone enjoyed a great lunch. Thanks to our chef, Peter Bregman, Lincoln County Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association President.

We want to thank Starkers for letting us use their bus to transport people around the tree farm. Thanks also to Gary Springer for driving the bus and to Thad Springer for use of the porta-potty facility.

Any Oregon woodland owner interested in being a certified Oregon Tree Farmer should contact the Oregon Tree Farm System office at 503-297-1660. ♦

Lincoln County Howdy Neighbor Tour

By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension Forester

In cooperation with the Lincoln County Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and Oregon Tree Farm System, OSWA hosted a tour on Gene and Jessie Cooper’s property near Burnt Woods on Saturday, August 25th. More than 50 folks showed up for a wonderful tour, and a beautiful day, focusing on forest management options including vegetation management and thinning to produce high quality timber.

Gene and Jessie told us about their long term stewardship on this property. Gene demonstrated how he uses his tractor and grapple to cut firewood that fuels his outdoor furnace that in turn heats their residence. We saw where Gene and his son Chip have been logging – mostly thinning – and where some of those logs go – to his portable mill where he saws both lumber for themselves and also for others. We had a wonderful lunch prepared by head chef Peter Bregman, President of the Lincoln County Chapter of OSWA.

Thanks to the Toledo Unit of the Oregon Department of Forestry who brought an engine out. The ODF crew provided us with a great demonstration of how they fight wildfire to help protect our woodland properties and forests. ♦

Dave Schmidt points out area of interest during his Lincoln Co TFOY tour.

Gene Cooper milling a log.

Peter Bregman cooks lunch.

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"Ties To The Land" in Springfield! Autumn is Upon Us...

By Sara Leiman

You have been working and enjoying your tree property for years…but have you spent as much time and effort planning how the land will be passed on to and cared for by the next generation??

This is Succession Planning:
• See how you can maintain family ties to the land from generation to generation
• Build awareness of the key challenges and tools to deal with them
• Clarify your values and goals
• Learn the steps to succession planning
• Learn how to hold effective family meetings
• Learn about legal and financial instruments that can support your plan

Lane SWA and OSU Forestry Extension sold out the Ties to the Land workshop this spring. This 2-part interactive workshop on Succession Planning was such a resounding success that we have scheduled a second one this fall. OSU Extension forester for Benton Co., Brad Withrow-Robinson will facilitate and guide us on our journey.

Dates are October 13, Saturday, 9 -noon and November 3, Saturday, 9 -noon at Willamalane Community Center in Springfield:…registration is limited to 25 people so sign up now!

Folks from the first session say:
“What I liked most from this training was it gets the process, the conversations started. I’m now thinking differently about our property’s future.”
“I was surprised how little I had thought about what to do with the land.”
“I thought it was well worth my time, I just have to keep working on it!”

Registration includes two-session workshop, one Workbook per family, CD and refreshments. $15/person, OSWA members, $25/person, non-OSWA members. Great time to join OSWA (www.oswa.org). E-mail or call Sara Leiman, for registration forms: bslieman@peak.org, 541-954-8338. ◆

Committee For Family Forestlands Cont'd

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The full CFF report to the Board of Forestry is available on the Board of Forestry website http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/CFF/cff.shtml, which also provides links to past Committee work and an opportunity to send comments to the Committee. The Committee welcomes your thoughts. ◆
Benton TFOY Tour a Success

Mother Nature was kind to the roughly one hundred guests who turned out in mid August for the Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year tour honoring Wayne and Verlyne Phillips and their family. The nearly triple-digit heat of the week before was replaced by morning clouds and pleasant mid-day temperatures, perfect for a visit to the woods.

We toured the Phillipses’ property on Bellfountain Road, where their primary management objective for this tract is timber revenue, and the focus of the tour was on stand management and improvement. After a greeting and overview from the hosts, a driving tour through the property led to the main stop where attendees heard about some of the whys and hows of weed control and stand establishment from Bruce Kelpsas (local authority on vegetation management with Helena Chemical Co.). Consulting forester Paul Lorenz explained the whys and hows of thinning. Logger Ed Parker provided narration to a live thinning demonstration, while Tony Parker operated a processor, Scott Bailey forwarded logs with a grapple-modified skid steer, and Russell Watkins picked up a load with his self-loader. Working machinery is always a crowd pleaser, but it was particularly interesting to this group that included many of the Philipses’ “in-town” friends, many of whom had never observed forest management in action, but turned out in force (about a ¼ of the guests) to see what it is that Wayne and Verlyne are excited about.

The day ended with a great picnic lunch in the shade, with cool drinks and pleasant conversation. Kudos to the Phillips family and the Benton Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association, which sponsored the tour. Special thanks to the organizing committee, which did such an outstanding job of planning everything from parking, to educational content, to the meal (although they modestly refused to take credit for the weather).

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Established in 2000 by the Oregon Legislature at the request of the Oregon Board of Forestry, the Committee for Family Forestlands’ overall priority is to keep family forestlands in forest, by helping address the challenges to maintaining the viability of family forestlands. The Committee advises the Board and the State Forester on matters such as developing financial incentives, maintaining infrastructure, preventing forest fragmentation and conversion, and the potential effects that changes in forest policy may have on family forestland owners. The Committee also gives guidance to the

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President's Corner

Safe Hands
By Tim Otis

How do we learn safety habits? From others, I suppose, or by painful experience. Probably both ways. But what can be said in a few words that will remind each of us to be safer? Listing safety tips in a checklist seems inadequate, even pointless. There must be a way to share and learn more practically and profoundly. I am passionate about safety, but struggle for a way to share it.

We, who live in the Oregon forest, who care for each new generation of trees, are a community, of sorts. But we are a community that is sometimes afraid to let down our guard, to really let our neighbors know who we are. We think that will keep us emotionally safe. My hope for our small association of land owners is that we continue to get beyond that kind of protection; that we can trust and appreciate what is shared in friendship, and learn from each other. What checklists cannot do, maybe our shared stories can. I am convinced the each of us must tell our story. Tell the painful with the joyful, the failures and the successes. Those stories, more than anything else, are a vulnerable hand, reached out to a neighbor. They are really the best we have to offer, a kind of risk we should take. Here’s one from my childhood.

I have never had a serious injury to my hands in some 50 years of using axes, chain saws, and all manner of hand and power tools. Probably it’s been mostly dumb luck. But I like to think it has had something to do with the two scars I carry on my left index finger. When I was too young for larger tools, my assigned task in firewood production was kindling. I was to chop stove-sized chunks into kindling-sized pieces. The assigned tool was a small hatchet. Nobody was ever there, it seemed, watching me toil away in that small woodshed beside the chicken coop, and it was such a thankless job. Nor do I remember much training in kindling chopping, but I probably got some. All went boringly well until one day when I neglected to move my left, ‘holding’ hand away fast enough, and chopped into my left index finger near the knuckle. After screaming and running to the house, it was determined that the cut was shallow, and was soon patched up with a Band-Aid. But it did leave a scar. I wish I could say that my chopping technique went from dangerous to safe that day, but I touched the same hot stove twice, so to speak. It must have been only a few months later when I chopped into my left index finger again, in almost the same spot, doing the same task. I quickly inspected the depth and length of cut. I was embarrassed and angry at myself. This time there were no screams, but I remember resolving on the spot that I would be more careful, change my technique, and never risk losing my finger again. That second scar, it turned out, changed me a bit, and impressed on me how easily we can get hurt. I knew I was lucky to have that finger. Every time I slip on gloves before starting up a chain saw, and see those two scars, I remember that lesson.

Enjoy your work in the woods this fall, keep your hands safe out there, and tell your stories. ◆
Saturday, July 28th was the Linn County OSWA picnic. It was held at Bud and Barbara Baumgartner’s home and near Holley. About 25 people turned out for dinner, visiting and a tour. Brad Withrow-Robinson and his wife Tina were the guests of honor. Brad filled in for Rick in the past and is a long-time Corvallis resident, so taking over Rick’s position is a lot like coming home for him.

Bud’s primary project lately has been restoring a large riparian area on his property through CREP. Some of the plantings have done very well. Unfortunately, others were planted in the wrong soil types and those haven’t done as well. Another challenge they have faced was with respect to flooding this past winter – broken fence and impressive debris. We saw photos and then viewed the area. It is certainly keeping him busy and out of trouble! The dinner was wonderful as well!

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Linn County Annual Picnic

By Christy Tye

Linn County's Annual Meeting Set for January 2013

The Linn County annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013. Please keep this date available as you won't want to miss a fantastic potluck dinner and the opportunity to catch up on all the past year's activities and learn about plans for the coming year. The meeting will be in Scio at the Odd Fellows Hall in the early evening. More details will be in the January 2013 issue of this newsletter.

Western Tent Caterpillar Cont'd

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The caterpillars build silky tents and feed through the spring. Although unsightly, these insects do not normally cause tree mortality. Insecticides are not recommended. The best strategy is to allow their natural enemies, parasites and disease, to do the control for you. You can prune and remove affected branches and their tents. For more information on this native pest, read or download the Forest Health Note from the Oregon Department of Forestry:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/privateforests/docs/fh/WesternTentCaterpillar.pdf

Photo: Utah State University Cooperative Extension

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Department of Forestry on efforts to provide and improve services to family woodland owners and to raise public awareness of the role that family forestlands play in maintaining a healthy forest environment, economically, socially, and ecologically.

The Committee meets on a regular basis. Members include four family forestland owners (representing small to large acreage ownerships in various regions of the state), a citizen at large, representatives of the environmental community, and a forest industry representative. Ex-officio members include representatives from Oregon State University, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Associated Oregon Loggers, and the Department of Forestry.
THE RULES: Each Benton, Lane, Lincoln & Linn Chapter non-business member is allowed one advertisement per year without charge. Ads for this column are limited to 50 words, including complete address and zip code. The Quarterly Bark will carry paid advertisements in the classified column. Paid classified advertisements, as well as free ads will be handled directly by the Editor. Send your ad before the publication deadlines of March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 to Sherm Sallee, 30560 Santiam River Road, Lebanon, OR 97355. The Quarterly Bark and the Benton, Lane, Lincoln & Linn County Chapters of OSWA assumes no responsibility for the contents of the advertisement. We also reserve the right to refuse any ad.

Rates: for paid advertising: $5.00 for the first 25 words and $0.15 for every additional word, not to exceed a total of 50 words. A word is everything that is preceded and followed by a space.

After 18-years of working on the small woodland newsletter, Sherm Sallee has announced he will resign as editor of The Quarterly Bark following publication of the January 2013 issue. Another commitment will demand his full attention. He would like to transition the task over the next 3-months to an interested person (or persons).

Putting out the quarterly newsletter requires approximately 20-hours of time for each issue. Tasks include: alerting chapter members from the four counties when articles are due, writing an occasional article, maintaining the advertisers' status, and finally formatting the newsletter for publication. The newsletter is then delivered to the OSU Extension Office in Benton County for printing and mailing. The editor obtains the printing and mailing costs from the extension office and allocates the cost by county. Extension bills and collects from the county chapters.

Anyone interested in further details about the task can contact Sherm at 541-451-5322 or e-mail him at sksallee@yahoo.com.