OTFS Annual Meeting, October 26th

By Jim James

The Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) Annual Meeting Workshop and Awards Luncheon will be Saturday, October 26th at the Oregon Garden in Silverton beginning at 9:00 am. Activities will include:

- “Wildlife on Your Tree Farm Workshop” with speakers Fran Cafferata Coe, Wildlife Biologist with Cafferata Consulting; Jennifer Weikel, Wildlife Biologist with Oregon Department of Forestry; and Julie Woodward, with Oregon Forest Resource Institute.

- Tour and Talk, Oregon White Oaks

- OTFS Annual Business Meeting

- Awards Luncheon recognizing six County Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, 2019 Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, Inspector of the Year, presentation of two 75 year American Tree Farm System (ATFS) signs, and the Hagenstein Award, presented for outstanding service to OTFS and ATFS.

Registration is required and is due by October 18th. The entire family is invited. There is a $30 fee for the luncheon for each of the first two family members. The fee for additional family members and for anyone under 18 is $15. See details on pages 25 and 26. This will be a great opportunity to learn about wildlife in your forest and enjoy a day with neighbors and friends.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association Annual Meeting a Great Success

By Mike Barsotti and Jim James

Benton County Small Woodlands Association Chapter hosted the Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s Annual Meeting June 20th - 21st in conjunction with the 2018 Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year Woods Tour of the Oakes family tree farm on June 22nd.

The first day of the event consisted of OTFS and OSWA Board meetings, and tours of the Hull Oakes Lumber Company, the last steam powered lumber mill in the US; Thompson log yard and chipping operation and the Georgia Pacific sawmill; and Oregon State University College of Forestry’s new research facility and Peavy Hall with their use of cross laminate timbers and mass laminated panels. There were 110 OSWA members who participated in the tours.

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A big “thank you” to the Benton County Chapter for hosting our Annual Meeting and for putting together a very interesting and informative set of presentations. The presentations organized under the four themes: wildfire, carbon sequestration, forest education, and updates was a great way to present a lot of information.

We heard that as the impacts of wildfires affect rural and urban populations, mitigating the risk of forest fires is getting to be understood and accepted by most Oregonians which translates into broader support for active management.

The carbon cap and trade bill did not make it out of this legislative session for a number of reasons but a warming climate is real and action is needed. The annual meeting’s second session dealt with carbon. The role forests play in reducing CO2 from the atmosphere. Maybe the next carbon bill will better recognize and support forestry’s positive carbon footprint, as well as address other concerns the past bill raised.

The session on forest education gave examples how we can better tell our story, and the final session provided an update on Oregon State University’s Marble Murrelet research project and the legislative session.

Speaking of the legislative session, I have to remind myself that even though it is often difficult, messy and frustrating, the legislative process is the best way to formulate public policy. But for this process to work, the legislative body requires citizens to share how bill impact them, for good or bad. That leads to we family forest landowners sharing how bills affect our ability to steward private forestlands. Thanks to all of you who testified this pass session. I think we did a very good job.

OSWA sponsored House Bill 2469 that allows counties to approve second dwellings on forestlands in supports of intergenerational transfer. It passed and is now part of land use planning law. The many other bills that attempted to restrict our ability to actively manage our forests were defeated. Any and all reviews of this past legislative session are not complete without a big “thank you” to Roger Beyer, our lobbyist and fellow OSWA member, and Jim James for all their work in keeping us informed and in coordinating our efforts to inform legislative committees on how bills affected our abilities to manage our forests. Again, thank you Roger and Jim.

There are many reasons landowners join OSWA, but I can’t think of a more important one than keeping the legislature informed on how bills impact family forest landowner’s ability to manage private forests for the broad array of economic, environmental and social products and values they provide Oregonians.

Looks like we have continued to have a net increase in membership this year. If you have neighboring landowners who is not a member, let them know how successful our organization is in protecting forest landowners’ interests and invite them to join us. We are a strong organization, and adding members can only make us stronger.
As the days shorten and late-summer evenings cool, these are some of the best times to walk a family forest trail to enjoy the crisp air and growing trees!

**Pride in Our Sign.** I include a picture of our “Certified Family Forest” diamond sign, posted along Highway 202. Kathy and I are proud certified tree farmers; part of a vibrant network of landowners who promote stewardship values vital to sustaining Oregon’s family forests. The sign conveys the meaning to all passersby of renewable forestry and the important legacy of small private forest ownerships to Oregon’s quality of life, and to its economy. The diamond sign illustrates how these family forests are well managed and valuable to all Oregonians.

**Summer Fire Prevention.** Family forest landowners are reminded to always prevent unwanted sparks that could ignite fire on their property. Any operation or activity—a powersaw, four-wheeler, barbeque, mower, or campfire—in tinder dry forest fuels could spark an unwanted fire. Forest owners should keep fire tools, extinguisher and water supply ready with their summertime activities and vehicles. And, it’s smart to comply with current forest fire prevention regulations applicable to private forest commercial operations, which require a Power Driven Machinery Permit from Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

While forest landowners must make every effort to prevent fires, we have help. ODF is an excellent forest protection agency that provides fire prevention and firefighting services to family and industrial forest landowners. Fire prevention information is available at your local ODF office, and online at: www.oregon.gov/ODF/ or www.KeepOregonGreen.org/

**OSWA Annual Program with OTFS!** The June 20-22 Oregon Small Woodlands Association Annual Meeting held earlier this summer in Corvallis was a success. More than 150 family forest landowners gathered for informative programs and social networking. Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to the program organization, including the Benton County OSWA Chapter, OSWA-OTFS staff Jim James & Jeremy Felty, OSWA President Mike Barsotti, and hosts for the Thursday and Saturday tours.

The informative Saturday tree farm tour was hosted by the 2018 OTFS Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, The Oakes Family Forest, led by Dena and Darrel Oakes. The core 240-acre farmland property near Monroe, which was homesteaded by the Oakes’ ancestors in 1883, has been transformed into today’s larger thriving sustainable forest.

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Great Annual Meeting and Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tours - Planning Now Begins for all 2020 Activities

Jeremy Felty has been a summer intern for the last two years. On August 1st, he accepted a full time job. He is a welcome addition to OSWA that will make OSWA operations more efficient and I believe position OSWA to better serve the membership. Many of you may have noticed, someone actually answers the phone when you call the office and voice mail messages are answered more quickly. Overtime, he will be taking over many of the responsibilities currently being outsourced to a contractor, Jen Rains, OSWA’s past Office Manager. Like myself, Jeremy will also be spending a portion of his time working for the Oregon Tree Farm System. Please welcome Jeremy to his new position. I am excited to have him as an assistant in meeting member needs.

OSWA’s fiscal calendar year (November 1st to October 31st) is slowly winding to a close. Our year has been full of successes and challenges. Our biggest challenge was the 2019 Legislative Session, with some victories and successes, but real concern for what is likely to lie ahead in 2020 and beyond. Roger Beyer has a good summary of the 2019 Legislative Session on page15.

The OSWA Annual Meeting was a great success. See article on pages 6 through 11. The OTFS Annual Meeting is October 26th. The chapter whose nominee is selected Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year will be given the opportunity to host the 2020 OSWA Annual Meeting. All I know at this time is it will be either Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Washington, or Yamhill County. Most likely it will be in the latter part of June. We should have a location and date not long after the October 26th OTFS Annual Meeting.

Topics on the Board of Forestry’s agenda, this fall and next year, will be evaluating the effectiveness of riparian rules in the Siskiyou Region, possible new Forest Practices Act rules to protect the Marbled Murrelet, and a new issue, developing habitat designations for Coho Salmon. OSWA will keep members informed as these topics unfold. Members will likely need to become engaged as we learn more.

OSWA has conducted five Neighbor to Neighbor Woods tours so far in 2019. See article on page 18. OSWA is planning to have a sixth tour in our new chapter area Umatilla/Morrow County sometime later this year. Chapters interested in hosting a Neighbor to Neighbor tour in 2020 need to let me know. At this time, I have committed for 2020 tours in Clatsop and Lane County.

2020 membership renewal notices will be mailed out in November. As in the past, dues are due on January 1st and payable by January 31st. I hope everyone feels OSWA membership is a good investment and we can continue to grow our membership.

At this time, I predict the year end budget will roughly be between even to a +$2000.

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Planted Signs for Sale Again!
By Jeremy Felty

The popular Planted OSWA signs with the date of your choice are available again. They are $25 each and can be ordered by contacting Jeremy Felty jeremy@oswa.org. OSWA has the signs in stock and will apply any year that you select and will coordinate with you for delivery/pick-up or shipping as necessary. There is also a Thinned sign option as well. Order your Planted or Thinned signs with the appropriate date today.

The 24 inch by 24 inch OSWA signs are also still available. They cost $35 and can be ordered from Jeremy Felty or the Linn County Chapter who now coordinates the sales of OSWA clothing products as well.

Bill Bowling is the contact person for Linn County OSWA product sales. He has developed a product order form to be used to order OSWA products. It can be found on the OSWA website www.oswa.org. All items available are listed.

One can list the specific item, size and color on the form. Contact Bill Bowling for prices, bill@artisanlight.com. He can provide a current price list for all products. Individuals or chapters wishing to purchase OSWA products, please contact Bill Bowling.

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The second day, held at the Benton County Fair Grounds, was attended by 160 members. It included a series of presentations addressing the theme “Research, Policies and Practices for Family Forestland Management”. The Annual Meeting ended with an awards banquet recognizing Chapter Outstanding Volunteers, OSWA’s 2019 Rigging Slinger Awards, and the presentation of special Tree Farm signs to members with 25 and 50 years in the Oregon Tree Farm program.

Fire was the focus of the first session. Jane Kertis, a USDA-Forest Service ecologist, provided information on the history of wildfires in Oregon from the 1400s to the present and peoples’ involvement in suppressing fires. Dan Leavell, an Oregon State University Extension Agent in Klamath and Lake Counties, discussed the activities and accomplishments of three projects in Central and South Central Oregon that were very successful in reducing the risk of wildfires through partnerships. Doug Grafe, Oregon Department of Forestry’s Fire Protection Chief, provided information on the 2019 fire season emphasizing the importance of Leavell’s projects, mitigating the risk of wildfires. He included with the thought that mitigation can be a key in having a societal discussion on active management of our forests.

A second session dealt with forest carbon. It included Peter Daugherty, Oregon State Forester, Glenn Christensen, a USDA-FS forest inventory analyst with the Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, and Andrew Yost, an ODF ecologist. The group discussed forest carbon policy and how the data has and will be collected over time to provide a clearer picture on the role forests play in sequestering CO2.

The third session, made up of Ann Mikkelson, Oregon Natural Resource Education Program Coordinator, Anna Yarbrough, a consulting forester, and Connie Best, CEO of The Pacific Forest Trust, focused on forestry education. Mikkelson shared information of the Environmental Literacy Program. Yarbrough discussed how best to tell the family forest landowner story. Best provided background information on The Pacific Forest Trust and a role for conservation easements.

The day’s final session included an update of OSU’s
research on the Marbled Murrelet by Lindsay Adrean, lead Faculty Research Assistance, and a legislative update provided by OSWA Lobbyist, Roger Beyer. The Marbled Murrelet research is in its third year of what is planned to be a 10-year study has uncovered additional information on the bird’s movement, nesting, and predation. Beyer reported that OSWA's HB 2469 which allows for a second dwelling for family assistance in managing the tree farm passed and was signed by the Governor. There were many bills, that if passed, would have been harmful to family forest owners and forestland management. OSWA members came to the Capitol several times during the 2019 legislative session to testify against these bills. None of them ever passed out of committee. He warned, we can expect several of them to return in future sessions. He complemented the OSWA membership for stepping up when needed to help defeat bad bills.

Throughout the day, the Linn County Chapter sold a variety of OSWA Awesome Products. Product sales were good. The Silent Auction Social and Awards Banquet completed the day.

The Awards Banquet recognized County Volunteers of the Year, OSWA's Riggin’ Slinger Awards, and presentations of 25 and 50 Year American Tree Farm System signs. Chapter Volunteers of the Year were:

**Benton County – Greg Peterson** was Benton County’s Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. He has been very active at the legislature in 2019 as an active member of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), testifying several times at hearings, reaching out to his legislators explaining OSWA's positions, and encouraging others to do the same. He played a key role in OSWA's successes in the 2019 Legislature.

**Clackamas County – Jessica Craven** is Clackamas County’s Volunteer of the Year. She has been very active on chapter events, is the spell checker for many chapter publications, and helps organize and coordinate chapter events, like the chapter annual meeting.

**Columbia County – Ray Biggs** -Treasurer, **Lynn Baker** - ornamental tree sale chair person, and **Bill Hanson** - seedling sale chair person, were all Columbia County Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. All three are active on the chapter board and participate regularly on chapter activities.

**Coos/Curry County – Jay Messerle** is Coos/Curry County Chapter’s Volunteer of the Year. He currently serves as the chapter’s vice-president, and has served on the board for several years, including the past presidency. He’s been active in seeking out and recruiting new members, and linked us up with our annual keynote speaker. Jay has hosted woodland tours in our county, and is helping arrange a 2019 forestry tour. He fosters positive relationships with key partners, especially Southwestern Oregon Community College, with whom he has volunteered both his time and family ground to help educate local forestry students. Jay is a leader in the community and his expertise in forestry and logging are well known and respected by those who have had the pleasure of working with him.
Annual Meeting – Continued

Douglas County – Douglas County has two Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. They are Margaret Fabrezius and Tami Jo Braz. Margaret is with Northwest Farm Credit Service’s which has been a great OSWA partner. She volunteers at OSWA events and supplies participants with coffee & goodies. Chapter events would not be the same without her. Tami Braz was Douglas County’s Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in 2018 and has not slowed down. Her role as membership chairperson continues to increase our membership with 45 new members so far in 2019. Tami talks membership everywhere. People listen to her and join. She also assists on the chapter newsletter. Margaret and Tami are very important members of the Douglas County Chapter.

Jackson/Josephine County – Maxine Cass is the Jackson/Josephine County Chapter’s Volunteer of the Year. She has taken care of meeting planning and refreshments over the last year, and has ably served on the program planning committee. She has successfully helped recruit guest speakers.

Marion/Polk County – Terry Lamers is the Marion/Polk County Volunteer of the Year. He is very active in the chapter while serving on the board. He volunteers his experience in forest management and knowledge with new members and others with the management of their properties.

Lane County – Lauren Grand is the Lane County Volunteer of the Year. She is the new OSU Extension Forester for Lane County beginning 2016. Since that time, she has worked very closely with the Lane County Small Woodlands Association in providing tours and educational opportunities for Lane County forest land owners. She has been that shining star in the sky, providing forest land owners a new venue for forestry education and field experiences. Lauren brought back the Master Woodland Training Session as well as Tree School for forest land owners in Lane County. Regularly attending chapter board meetings, she has interfaced with board members as well as Lane County forest land owners, inquiring as to what they would like in education and field experiences. This has resulted in a growing number of presentations and field tours the likes of reforestation on your tree farm, timber taxes, a local Log buyers
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forum, silvicultural treatments for your forest and more. Her smile is that shining star over Lane County and the chapter thanks her for her commitment and service.

Lincoln County – Jan Steenkolk is Lincoln County’s Volunteer of the Year. She serves a chapter treasurer and is very active on the chapter board. Board meetings are held at her and husband Joe’s home. She and Joe participate in chapter events and take on responsibilities for chapter success.

Linn County – Bill Bowling is the Linn County Volunteer of the Year. Bill is the past chapter President and remains active in all chapter events. He volunteered in 2018 to coordinate Linn County’s venture into being responsible for the sale of OSWA products. Through his leadership, the OSWA product sales are on a path for new products and effective sales programs. Product sales were very good at Tree School in March and again at this year’s annual meeting.

Washington County – Washington County Volunteer of the Year is Susan Schmidlin. She is on the Washington County Board of Directors, volunteers to take minutes, and updates the chapter website bi-monthly with the current chapter Forest Forum newsletter. She also has a daily blog, “Schmidlin Angus Farms,” that shares in an educational and humorous way life on their farm - cattle, forest, gardening and wildlife. She is a “citizen scientist” for weather and seasonal changes. Susan volunteers to write for the Forest Forum whenever asked. Her ever-smiling, cheerful attitude is an asset in any situation.

Yamhill County – Bill Spurling is the Yamhill chapter’s Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. He has been a steady, reliable member of the chapter board and does a great job keeping the OSWA web page up to date on Yamhill County events and he troubleshoots problems there. Bill has volunteered to be the chapter membership chairman and helps out in countless other ways for various chapter events. He is someone the chapter can count on.

OSWA Recognized three Riggin’ Slingers in 2019. Greg Peterson received his second Riggin’ Slinger Award. He was very active at the 2019 legislature as a member of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). He testifying several times at hearings, contacted legislators explaining OSWA’s positions, and set an example for others to follow. He played a key role in OSWA’s successes in the 2019 Legislature. Greg has also represented OSWA on the Mid Coast Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) review being done by the Department of Environmental Quality. He also served on OSWA's Water Quality Team when OSWA commented to Oregon Department of Forestry on the Siskiyou Region riparian rule review process.

Mike Newman was also given the Riggin Slinger Award. Mike also served on OSWA’s Water Quality Team and took a leadership role when the new Westside riparian rules were being developed at the Board of Forestry. As an OSU professor, Mike’s ongoing research on riparian areas, his expertise on the subject, and his ability to testify to the Board of Forestry helped shape the new rules to be less onerous to landowners.

The third Riggin’ Slinger was Jim Schreiber, and a member of OSWA’s Membership Committee since 2012 representing Clackamas County. He helped write OSWA’s current membership growth strategy in 2013 that has averaged a 4% growth each year since then. He remains active on the committee offering suggestions to address membership issues when they come up.

Jim James, Greg Peterson, and Mike Barsotti

Jim James, Mike Newton, and Mike Barsotti

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Two 25 Year and two 50 Year ATFS signs were presented to OSWA members who are also members of the Oregon Tree Farm System.

Jeremy Felty presented a 25 Year sign to Dave Schmidt and his daughter.

Jeremy Felty presented a 25 Year sign to Don Carr and his family; daughter and grandchild, wife Maurine, and son-in-law.

Jeremy Felty presented a 50 Year sign to Mike Newton with his son Tom.

Rita Adams received a 50 Year ATFS sign from Jeremy Felty.
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Tree Farm Chair's Message – Continued

Oregon Tree Farm Calendar

Sat., Oct. 26     OTFS 2019 Tree Farm Recognition Luncheon, Workshop and Annual Meeting
Oregon Garden & Resort, Silverton, OR

Sat., Oct. 26     OTFS Board meeting (following the Annual Meeting)

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Kate Brown had an aggressive liberal agenda going into the 2019 session, and asked the Speakers to look in every nook and cranny for more taxes to pay for it. Half the House seats were filled by first or second term members, so Jim James & Roger Byers hoped to have early educational opportunities. However, their optimism was soon dashed, as many legislators came with an agenda, and there was an increased presence of social activists and environmental justice advocates. While we were successful on several bills, most effort shifted to a defensive mode. Experienced legislators, such as Betsy Johnson (D-Astoria) expressed frustration at an inability to control the legislative process or reason with new members… This was a far different session than anyone had previously experienced.

There were at least 8 bills specifically aimed at restraining/stopping silviculture, even though they lacked scientific basis, claiming there was a catastrophe, needing immediate legislative response. General topics included:

- Stop clearcutting, with only thinning allowed
- Stop aerial application of herbicides, and further restrict all herbicide application
- Minimize new roadbuilding and force retirement of many existing roads
- Eliminate the current forest property tax deferral system
- Reduce the value of private landowner “in-kind contribution” toward fire suppression and thus increase private forest cost share from 50% (private forest land has 20% of the fires starts, and less than 5% of the area burned).
- Have DEQ oversee forest herbicide use, instead of the Dept. of Agriculture
- Change the FERNS reporting system to enable real-time access by opponents
- Increase the harvest tax

Any one of these 8 bills had the potential to drastically change Oregon forestry, standing timber value, and fire risk. On March 12, I was one of about a hundred OSWA members waiting to comment on the first anti-logging bill, HB 2656, when 3 activists boldly rolled out their poster child; Rockaway Beach. They claimed that due to 12 years of logging in the small watershed supplying the City, drinking water became contaminated, and so clearcuts, herbicide application and road construction must stop statewide, as this would make all water clear, like Bull Run (in Portland’s municipal watershed). With 45+ years’ experience in all facets of environmental engineering, including design of the first Bull Run water treatment plant, I was in my wheelhouse, so I improvised and pushed back on all of the activists claims and a week later, followed with a formal response based on City reports, showing that the City’s problem was actually caused by their own contaminated wells. Subsequent discussion with the activists, divulged that they knew the real story, but were intent on pushing their anti-forestry agenda. I may have been a little naive before this encounter, but it steeled my resolve to push back against their aggression and claims of environmental catastrophe. While the struggle on each bill was intense, thanks to a strong response from many OSWA members, no bill passed out of committee, however new task forces on algal blooms and forest herbicides were formed, so the issues have not gone away.

In addition to these 8 bills, activists were involved in HB 2070 and HB 2020, both of which have the potential to substantially increase silviculture and logging cost. HB2007 originally sought to (slightly) improve Portland metro air quality by forcing replacement of all pre-2011 diesel engines statewide, and our comment and follow-up references to House Republicans, helped reduce the bill’s scope to only metro-registered large trucks and 80% of the construction equipment used on large metro public works.

HB2020’s exponential increase in fuel tax was intended to cause financial pain (to entice Zero Emission vehicle purchases), but rural citizens are affected far more than urban. The State Dept. of Energy’s 2017 Biennium Report gives an optimistic overview of various Cap & Trade topics, and provides some initial costs, but I found no discussion of the lifecycle cost per citizen through 2050, when the added fuel tax could reach up to $15/gal. There was also minimal...
discussion of the added cost to buy suitable EVs (electric vehicles)/equipment or build a statewide network of charging stations. HB2020 was the only proposed program I have ever witnessed where cost was not the primary focus or even part of decision making, which seemed to be more about exclusions and how much of the tax went to political causes, such as social reparations and environmental justice. HB2020’s complexity made it difficult to understand and it underwent dozens of amendments, but after talking to various lobbyists and legislators, I wondered why there wasn’t emphasis on:

- The core-issue of whether climate change is human-caused and thus whether changing human activity will materially affect it is far from settled science. The majority of credentialed, serious meteorologists and climate experts are either skeptical of or outright reject claims of man-made climate change. Certain politicians created the perception of an imminent crisis with the solution being centralized control under a panic schedule to restructure the entire economy.

- The lifecycle cost to the average Oregonian, especially rural citizens who haul more and drive further. Red flags were quickly raised about the cost of the national Green New Deal, but Oregon’s version (HB2020) had no such flags raised early in this session.

- Tesla is the #1 selling electric vehicle in the US, but its federal subsidy is going away, and as a result, sales are falling. Since the cap & trade tax can’t be used to increase state incentives, will additional taxes be imposed, or will high fuel cost be the motivation?

- The Dept. of Energy predicts that EVs (electric vehicles) will be competitive with conventional vehicles by about 2025. If so, then why is HB 2020 an emergency?

- Since there are no zero emission (ZE) pickups, vans, trucks, bulldozers, or other heavy equipment, and while technology will eventually produce them, they will be far more expensive, particularly since there will be few used options. How will the average logger or contractor, who needs three or four pieces of equipment, afford conversion to ZE equipment and since these costs will be passed on, how will Oregon forest products remain competitive on the world market, especially since this tax would be on top of the gross receipts tax?

- Since remote recharging stations for logging and construction equipment are implausible and will remain so for the foreseeable future, how will ZE equipment be refueled/recharged in the woods?

- Building a network of up to 400,000 charging stations statewide will be expensive and an enormous logistical challenge. Since the constitution prevents using the cap & trade tax, where’s the money for these going to come from?

- EU countries have a much higher population density than Oregon, yet have found cap & trade to be far more challenging and expensive than expected. Why wasn’t there discussion of this?

- Forest sequestration allows Oregon itself to be carbon-neutral with a 43% reduction in fossil fuel use, which might be plausible if all metro commuters & businesses used EVs. Why do Oregonians have to sacrifice even more to go past the carbon-neutral goal, particularly when it would amount to only about 0.1% of the world’s GHG (greenhouse gas emissions) and China/India plan an unchecked increase of their fossil fuel use by some 25% by 2030?

- Most citizens don’t have the financial reserves to pay an ever-increasing fuel tax for very long, and fewer yet can pay the extra for a new ZE pickup or equipment. HB2020 has social justice subsidies for the very poor and “impacted communities” but how will the middle class financially cope or will there even be a middle class left? What about the extra burden on the rural middle class? How do we know how this will play out without a comprehensive lifecycle cost estimate through 2050?

- There is no emergency, so why shouldn’t the will of the voters be heard?

There was no attempt to assemble a comprehensive cost estimate that addressed lifecycle costs through 2050 for various citizen groups. With this glaring omission in mind, In April, OSWA wrote a position paper on HB 2020’s effect on transportation, and a companion lifecycle cost estimate and the costs were staggering. We did not address natural gas or electric power cost increases due to HB2020. We sent both products to the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction on April 29, and we got good feedback from several Republicans, but I but don’t know how many Democrats read them or dive into lifecycle cost to citizens or the economy. These products were also sent to our

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sponsors and associated groups, who greatly appreciated them and they may have helped fortify HB2020 resistance.

The activists were behind the recent BOF Coho salmon petition, and if they are back during the short session next year or the 2021 legislative session, I will:

- Regularly talk with my representative and senator. Both have said e-mails carry a lot more weight if they know you
- Convey any legislation's personal impact on myself, as well as future generation(s)
- Be at key committee meetings. A physical presence makes the best impression. While it costs something to be there, not showing up could cost a lot more if a bad bill passes
- Remain active in the community, so others know our story and if sufficiently informed of the issues, will understand our perspective.
- Maintain a relationship with ODF and DEQ. They've confided that most activists wear out their welcome by repeatedly crying wolf and demanding that agencies drop everything to investigate.
- Stay informed on one or more of the topics in the bills in the 2019 session- they could return.

Aggressive push-back by all members is essential in the next legislative sessions. Remember that the anti-forestry crowd have a political agenda, but lack any scientific basis.

Editor Response

Greg – Thank you for your efforts along with the efforts of many other member’s and our Lobbyist Rodger Beyer in the 2019 Legislative Session. As you point out, forestry was under a full-fledged attack this session as was a general appetite to raise taxes anyway possible to generate more dollars to be spent on many legislator’s pet projects. There is very little doubt that OSWA’s active engagement this session helped prevent some really bad bills from passing. And I agree, future sessions are likely to be more of the same. I appreciate your message to members to get to know your legislators, be informed and willing to speak up when necessary, and become engaged in the legislative process.

OSWA’s Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) was very active this year with weekly conference calls to advise Roger Beyer and weave our way through some really tough issues. Through the GAC efforts, members reached out to legislators on important issues with lots of emails and testimony. Several times this session we rallied over 50 members to the Capitol when an OSWA presence was needed.

I compliment every member who sent an email, testified at a committee, and came to Salem when needed to influence legislation for the effectiveness of your efforts. But we all know there will be more to do. I believe OSWA volunteers have a great team spirit and this volunteer spirit helps us be effective. Your recognition as 2019 Benton County Volunteer of the Year and 2019 OSWA Riggin’ Slinger are well deserved. I look forward to working with you, the GAC, Roger Beyer, and other dedicated members in protecting family forest interests at the Capitol, again in the 2020 session. I hope more members will become engaged for as a community of family forest owners, we have a lot at stake.

Thanks for the letter to the editor.

Jim James
The legislative session began on January 14th with Democrats controlling both legislative chambers with super majorities (60% or more) and a democratic governor. The two chambers introduced nearly 1500 bills the first day and then adjourned until January 22nd when the session began in earnest. The adjournment was preplanned, in that by starting on the 22nd the constitutional end date would be June 30th which coincides with the end of the fiscal year.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources lobby groups met twice a week to identify issues and make strategic plans. This has been happening since the 2009 session and the results speak for themselves. By working together as a group, we have been much more successful than in the past. With the current leadership and attitude of the legislature, everyone was expecting a very difficult session, and we were not disappointed.

In the end, we succeeded in stopping many harmful policy bills including the proposed carbon cap and trade bill which would have been very detrimental to agriculture producers. Additionally, we protected key budgets (ODA, ODF, OWRD) from harmful cuts and successfully lobbied to have the OSU Extension budget restored to current service level plus an additional $5.2 million for specific identified programs including:

- $2 million (Extension) for fire resilience and recovery
- $2.27 million (AES) and $410K (Extension) for water quality and quantity programs
- $375K (Extension) for organic agriculture positions and $125K (one-time funding AES) for a continuing berry position.

The next session is only 5 months away and I expect to see many of the issues that did not pass introduced at that time. One we can count on for sure is the Carbon Cap and Trade as both the Governor and legislative leaders have stated it will be their highest priority for 2020.

Below is a list of bills affecting natural resource industries. The list begins with bills which passed, sorted by issue areas. Following is the list of bills which did not pass, again by issue area.
criteria of the Oregon Landowner Damage Program. Also, ODFW has committed to reviewing rules and regulations to expand opportunities to manage overpopulated elk herds that damage working lands.

**Landowner Damage Program (HB 2067):** Removes the sunset dates for ODFW’s Landowner Damage Program.

**Land Use**

**Second Dwelling for Forest Landowners (HB 2469):** Allows landowner with at least 80 acres and home to site second home for family member under certain circumstances.

**Forest Zone Template Test (HB 2225):** Changed criteria for qualifying for template test home of forest land.

**Extends Timeline to Exercise Building Rights (HB 2601):** Allows forest landowner additional 5 years to build approved building.

**Bills of Interest That Failed**

**Regulation**

**Cap-and-Trade (HB 2020):** Would have established a cap-and-trade program in Oregon for carbon emissions. In the end, HB 2020 had over 100 amendments. Thousands submitted written testimony. The committee held remote hearings around the state and bi-weekly meetings in Salem. HB 2020 passed the House of Representatives but died in the Senate following Senate Republicans denying quorum after significant grassroots opposition.

**Immunizes Landowners from Liability Claims by Guests (HB 2468):** Would have expanded liability protection for landowners who allow guests and invitees to recreate on property.

**Forestry in Drinking Watersheds (HB 2656):** Would have banned forestry operations in drinking watersheds.

**Pesticides**

**Aerial Application Ban (HB 2493; SB 926):** HB 2493 would have banned aerial applications in the Santiam and McKenzie watersheds. SB 926 would have banned aerial applications on state-owned property.

**Aerial Notification (HB 3044):** Would have required an unworkable notification system for aerial applications of pesticides.

**Forestland Notification (SB 931):** Would have required a notification and reporting program for pesticide applications on forestlands.

**Pesticide Use Reporting System (HB 2980):** Would have extended the sunset on the pesticide use reporting system (PURS).

**Labor**

**Independent Contracting (HB 2498):** Would have changed Oregon’s multi-part test to determine who is considered an employee versus an independent contractor. Many contractors would have lost their independent contractor status.

**Workers’ Comp Rewrite (HB 3022):** Would have upended Oregon’s workers’ compensation system and increased risk and costs for small employers.

**SAIF Raid:** Would have bought down Oregon’s PERS liability, Governor Brown proposed a raid on the SAIF reserves, anywhere from $500 million to $1.4 billion.

**Private Attorneys General (SB 750 & HB 2921):** SB 750 would have enabled employees and unions to act as private attorneys general to supplement enforcement actions by public agencies in Oregon. HB 2921 would have prohibited Attorney General from accepting funds from sources other than public bodies of this state to pay cost of employing assistants.

**Environmental and Water**

**Stay of Water Rights Decisions (SB 977/HB 3420):** Would have disallowed automatic stays in OWRD proceedings.

**Transfer of Stored Water (SB 51; SB 903; SB 946):**
- SB 51 would have only allowed transfer of a storage water right in limited circumstances.
- SB 903 would have allowed transfer of a storage water right more broadly.
- SB 946 would have created a path for allowing transfer of stored water more broadly.

**Measurement and Reporting (HB 2851):** Would have required new reporting requirements for water use.

**Harmful Algal Blooms (HB 2944; HB 3326; HB 3340):** Would have required the Department of Environmental Quality to evaluate and respond to harmful algal blooms.

**Tax**

**Pass Through Income (SB 211):** Would have repealed the Small Business tax rates from 2013 and reduced the amount of income eligible for federal deductions.

**Forest Assessment (HB 2659):** Would have repealed the special assessment for working forestlands.

**Estate Tax:**
- **SB 188:** Would have excluded decedent’s primary residence from the taxable estate.
- **SB 304:** Would have allowed the value of interest in a family-owned business to be excluded from the taxable estate.
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SB 319 – Would have repealed Oregon estate tax.
SB 701 – Would have aligned Oregon’s basic exclusion to the federal value of $11.4 million.

Sunsets Forest Land Special Assessments (HB 2152): Would have repealed 5 key property tax programs for forestland.

Increased Severance Tax on Timber Harvest (HB 2495 & HB 3080): Would have created a new severance tax for fire suppression.

Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission Makeup (HB 2747; SB 310): Would have provided agricultural interests with a stronger voice on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Land Use
Historic Designations (SB 927): Would have removed a landowner’s ability to opt out of land use protections associated with historic designations.

Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program (HB 2729; HB 2086): Bills that would have supported the newly created Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program.

OSWA Tour of Italy Scheduled for September 14 - 26, 2020

By Mike Barnes

Come with OSWA to see Italy as it has not been seen before. Italy is 30% forest covered but most visitors never see the trees or the forest. With a start in Venice the tour will travel from the Italian Alps to the Central regions near Rome.

The tour will include visits with family forest owners and with public forest agencies. Sites to include the forestry school at the University of Padova, Fedrigoni paper facility near Verona, National Parks to include the ancient beech forests at Abruzzo National Park, a private forest where a portion of the production is used in the cooking at the families own restaurant, visits to furniture manufacturing facilities and other forest related sites. The forest resources are on the increase in Italy and new laws have been approved to keep forests as a viable part of Italy.

The influence of ancient Italy on the forests will be explored and historical and cultural sites will be an important part of this informative look at Italy. You can indicate your interest by completing the information below. You will be given the opportunity to join the tour as soon as details have been finalized. Tour being organized by Mike Barnes, OSWA Vice President. For more information, contact Jim James jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com

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OSWA Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tours

By Jim James

For the last several years, OSWA has received a grant from the Oregon Natural Resource Institute (OFRI) to conduct educational woods tours for family forest owners. So far this year, OSWA has coordinated five of what we call Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Woods Tours. To have a N2N tour an OSWA member volunteers to host the tour with the help of their local chapter. A committee of planners made up of the landowner, chapter, and OSWA partners meet onsite to plan the tour, a flyer and invitation letter is then mailed to all family forest owners in the County. Registration is required, and OSWA tracks registration. Chapters are responsible to coordinate food, toilets, and other tour needs and OSWA is responsible to coordinate any transportation needs and pay for all out of pocket expenses.

The five tours already conducted have been in Douglas, Benton, Clackamas, Washington, and Columbia Counties. The Benton County tour was in conjunction with OSWA’s Annual Meeting when we toured the Oaks Investment property, the 2018 Oregon Tree Farm System, Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. A sixth tour is planned for the Umatilla/Morrow Chapter this fall.

Selection of a tour location is on a first come first serve basis, with a priority to chapters who did not recently have a N2N tour. Looking ahead for 2020, chapters interesting in hosting a Neighbor to Neighbor tour should contact Jim James. At this time, Lane County and Clatsop County are the only chapters scheduled for a tour in 2020. N2N tours are a great membership recruitment opportunity. So far in 2019, 38 non-members have joined OSWA after attending a N2N tour.

Douglas County Woods Tour

On May 18th, Douglas County members Dave Monnet & Debra Hopkins, David Jones & Careasia Parker, and Mark & Christine Fishbaugher hosted with Douglas County Chapter a three-family property tour near Elkton. Participants, totaling 96, rotated to all three properties. Topics included property history, converting oak woodlands to conifer, managing oak woodlands, thinning, dealing with invasive species, stream crossings, road development, pond development for fire protection, making bio-char from slash, drought strategies, and tree planting.
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Benton County Woods Tour
On June 22nd and as part of OSWA’s Annual Meeting, Oakes Investments, LLC family members Don & Donna, Darrell & Dena, Duane, Darwin, and Dennis Oakes and sister Christy Johnson hosted with Benton County Chapter the 2018 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year woods tour near Monroe. Participants, totaling 110, learned about property history, commercial and pre-commercial thinning, planning for a balanced forest age distribution, pond development, and wildlife management.

Mike Cloughesy describes thinning strategies used by Don Oakes

Jim James presents OTFoY plaque to (left to right) Dan, Darrell, Dena, & Don Oakes w/ Kayla Oakes holding plaque

Duane Oakes & Brad Withrow Robinson discuss precommercial thinning and Silvicultural practices

Clackamas County Woods Tour
On June 29th, Clackamas County members Wilma, Alan, Rob, Gary, Tim, and Don Guttridge along with the Clackamas County Chapter a woods tour near Estacada. Participants, totaling 98, learned about property history, harvest and reforestation strategies, precommercial and commercial thinning, and managing for western red cedar.

Tour hosts Tim, Rob, Don, Wilma, Gary, and Alan Guttridge

Rob Guttridge tells about afforestation of fields

Alan Guttridge discusses reforestation challenges

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Washington County Wood Tour
On July 20th, Washington County members Ernie and Linda Rieben along with the Washington County Chapter hosted a wood tour near Banks. Participants, totaling 102, learned about property history, managing mature timber, thinning, wildlife, and invasive species control.

Columbia County Woods Tour
On August 17th, Columbia County members Dick and Gayanne Courter along with the Columbia County Chapter hosted a woods tour near Vernonia. Participants, totaling 115, learned about property history, knowing one’s property boundaries, road construction, thinning mature stands, planning for desired species, reforestation wildlife challenges, and reducing forest fuels.
Visitor from Brazil at Neighbor to Neighbor Woods Tour

By Jim James

During Dick Courter’s woods tour on August 17th one of the participants was from Brazil and interested in learning about forestry. Her name is Lia Becvar. She shared her story with participants and I found it very interesting and ask her to share it with others with an article in the OSWA newsletter. She agreed and it follows.

My name is Lia Becvar, I am from Brazil and a future graduate student in Forestry and Natural Resource Management. In 1992, Clorofila Project I began at my preschool and I had the opportunity to studying Ecology. Clorofila now is 25 years old and remains strong bringing ecological awareness to young people. In 2005, I started working in the timber industry which I have gained experience in the Brazilian timber industry, supply and demand, stakeholder and government interest. Now I am about to relocate to Europe and pursue a master on education.

Oregon for the past 10 years of my life became home for me and I truly love the PNW. My goal is to learn as much as I can about forestry before leaving the country to pursue my master degree on education. I decided to reach out to my friends Michael Jamieson and his wife Patricia Silva who are foresters and Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), members. I asked them if I could watch their forest practices because I admired their work and I could learn something from it. Michael and Patricia have always been generous and of course they had more to offer me than I expected. They signed me up and took me to the OSWA tour. How lucky I am!

In August 17th of 2019, Richard W. Courter AKA “Dick” and his family welcomed in about 110 people to their property to share knowledge, information and forestry resource to professionals and community. I enjoyed very much to meet such wonderful people who have been in the forestry field for over five decades. Dick also brought special guests such as Robert Alverts the vice President of Society of American Foresters (SAF), John Krause from Oregon Department of Forestry and Mike Pihl among others. The event was great and my hope is to see more foresters getting on board with OSWA to keep it as a strong community in the PNW and around the world.

At OSWA’s tour we learned about important topics such as water protection, law enforcement, vegetation, land field, survey, invasive species, good management practice, timber market, wild fire protection, individual and common interest. Everyone at the tour also had the opportunity to clarify their questions and concerns during and after the tour. I am impressed not only about the importance of topics discussed at the tour but also with the event structure. The tour provided illustrated Oregon Forest Resource institute guide, shuttle, great food and internment. It was amazing to be there and witness people’s interests and learn how to improve their practices. I cannot thank Michael and Patricia enough for taking me to the OSWA tour.

Now I am ready to dive into my two years double major program in the Mediterranean Forestry. My first year will be at Padova University in Italy where I will learn GIS, Forest Ecology Management, Policy and Bio-Economy Strategy, Natural Disturbance, Ecological Management for the first semester. My second year of study will be at Lleda University near Barcelona, Spain. I am looking forward to enhancing my knowledge in forestry and bring back ideas and solution for forestry implementation. Please wish me good luck and I will keep you posted. I am looking forward to coming back and work with you.
Lyal runs a custom sawmill business and sells firewood through the OWC. “Now that the kids are grown, it’s often a one-man operation,” says Lyal, “so finding tools and equipment that can make the process more efficient is really important.” For example, a log arch enables Lyal to haul larger logs – up to 4 feet in diameter – with a tractor. “With the log arch I can pick up the front end of a log and pull it straight through the woods. It takes less power, the log is more stable, and it doesn’t drag the log through the dirt, which would dull my saw. When I have clean logs I can cut all day – otherwise I have to sharpen every couple of hours.” LogRite also has smaller arches that can be pulled by an ATV or by hand.

Lyal also uses a LogRite peavey and hookaroon to speed his operations. “The peavey has a longer handle and is made of lighter but stronger aluminum so I can throw bigger logs around on the sawmill. Something about the angle on the hook makes it bite better than any other peavey I’ve used – just one whack and it’s solid. With the hookaroon, I can reach out and grab a board on the sawmill and pull it toward me. I can pull rounds of firewood to the splitter, too. It saves me miles by not having to walk around my equipment all the time.”

Lyal uses a gas-powered SuperSplit kinetic splitter to process logs for the firewood business and his family’s personal use. “The SuperSplit works at least three-to-four times faster than a hydraulic splitter,” remarks Lyal. “The wide work table holds the split wood and the pusher clears...
it into the bin, which means I don’t have to manually pick it all up and move it. That saves me a lot of time.” Lyal says the SuperSplit is remarkably frugal on gas, too. “I can split two and a half to three cords of wood on a tank full of gas,” he adds, “and that’s only three quarters of a gallon.” An electric version of the SuperSplit is also available. “I like that all of this equipment is made in the U.S., too,” says Lyal in conclusion.

Coast Range Forester Peter Hayes Praises SuperSplit Speed

Hyla Woods is a six-generation experimental family forest business in the Oregon coast range working towards a better model of forestry. Operating since 1986, Hyla Woods encompasses over 1,000 acres made up of three pieces of forest land that are examples of temperate rainforests in various stages of regrowth and recovery from roughly a century of active human use.

One of Hyla Woods’ owners, Peter Hayes, recently joined OWC primarily to take advantage of the member discount on equipment. So far he has been more than satisfied with the performance of the gas-powered SuperSplit kinetic splitter he purchased, primarily for the family’s personal use. Having used a traditional hydraulic splitter for more than 30 years, Peter has found the SuperSplit to be superior in many ways, especially when it comes to speed. Like Lyal Purinton, Peter says it works three-to-four times faster than a hydraulic. “Four of us (representing two generations of family) took the splitter out into the forest. We bucked, split and loaded a cord of wood in under an hour. Well, we did take a five-minute break,” he admits. In addition to speed, Peter notes a few other SuperSplit advantages; “It’s ergonomically sensible which makes it comfortable and easy to use. It’s also relatively quiet, and it is well made and well thought out.”

Join the Oregon Woodland Co-op

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Southeast US Landscape Plan Pilot Project

By Rex Storm

The American Forest Foundation is testing and implementing solutions to strengthen, grow and further support the network of landowners and volunteers in the American Tree Farm System. A pilot project in several Southeast US states is testing the concept of a local Landscape Management Plan (LMP), which aims to support landowner tree farm plans located within that specific geographic region. The project has shown recent success in the Southeast and is now being expanded to additional states by both ATFS and its partners.

Inspired by the goal to support foresters and landowners, as well as results in Florida and Alabama, a new LMP pilot project has been undertaken in Georgia, South Carolina, Arkansas, and Louisiana. State forestry partners in many of these states have secured funding and convened partners, including AFF and ATFS, to develop and launch local LMPs by the end of 2019.

Almost as exciting as the adoption and growth of LMPs is the ongoing assessment of previously established LMPs in the Florida Panhandle and Northern Alabama. Working with PricewaterhouseCoopers, ATFS has completed field visits and received tentative findings from landowners enrolled in these LMPs. To date, the feedback suggests that the LMP approach is consistent with ATFS Standards and presents an opportunity to decrease the amount of administrative time tree farm inspectors/foresters must spend to enroll landowners. Pilot test findings will be completed later this year, and ATFS will continue working to improve the LMP concept, and expand pilot tests within other regions where forest conditions are more complex.

OTFS and OSWA are currently evaluating how an LMP concept might work in Oregon through a collaboration with both organizations and our other many partners. If such a venture seems possible, you will hear more about it in future newsletters.
2019 Recognition Luncheon Workshop and Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Place: The Oregon Garden, J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion, 879 W. Main St., Silverton

Sponsors:
- Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- U.S. Forest Service
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute
- OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Tree Farmers Workshop and Tour
Wildlife on Your Tree Farm ( Indoor Workshop)
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Place: The Oregon Garden-J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion

Speakers:
1. Wildlife on your tree farm: How to identify and develop a wildlife management plan. Fran Cafferata Coe, Cafferata Consulting
2. OFPA protection laws and wildlife-how to meet the laws and maximize the benefit to wildlife. Jennifer Weikel, Oregon Department of Forestry
3. Current resources for wildlife management planning and examples from around Oregon. Julie Woodward, Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Tour and Talk- Oregon White Oaks (Outdoor Tour)
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Focus: Outdoor walking tour of the Oregon white oak grove at The Oregon Garden, with Nicole Ahr, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and Michael Ahr, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. The oldest Oak tree is over 400 years old and the grove has a rich history, including a recent prescribed burn. Learn about oak restoration and wildlife habitat.

OTFS Annual Business Meeting
Time: 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Place: J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion

For more information, contact Jim James at 503-588-1813 or jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com

Send your completed registration form, along with fees, to OTFS, 187 High Street NE, Ste 208, Salem, OR 97301
AGENDA
OCT. 26, 2019

8:30  Registration and refreshment (Oregon Garden- J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion)

9:00 – 11:00  Workshop for tree farmers on wildlife management (OAN room inside the Pavilion)

9:30 – 11:00  Oak tour (Start at Pavilion)

11:00  OTFS annual business meeting (J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion)

11:30  Tree Farmer Recognition Luncheon (J. Frank Schmidt Pavilion)

   Buffet menu (subject to change): beef, chicken (gluten-free), vegetarian option, green salad, potatoes, fruit and dessert table
   Kids’ plates: macaroni and cheese with fruit and dessert

12:30  Oregon Tree Farm System annual awards banquet

USFS Regional Forester (invited)
Peter Daugherty, Oregon State Forester (invited)

- Video of County Tree Farmers of the Year
- Recognition of County Tree Farmers of the Year
- Announcement of Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year
- Announcement of Inspector of the Year
- Recognition of Tree Farm Inspectors
- Presentation of 75 Years ATFS sign
- Hagenstein Award

2:00  Conclusion

2:00 – 4:00  Oregon Tree Farm System Board Meeting

(Pavilion- OSU Room)

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_____ Total # of people  $_______Total

Registration and payment is due by Oct. 18, 2019. Please send your registration form and check, payable to
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Salem, OR 97301

The buffet luncheon is $30 per plate for the first two family registrations. Additional family members and kids under 18 are $15.

Price includes admission to The Oregon Garden for the day.

Vegetarian option # _________________

Kids’ plate option:
Mac-n-cheese # _________________

LODGING:

Make your reservation now for the limited guest rooms for Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, at Oregon Garden Resort. Group rate is $129 plus tax. Group rate rooms will be held until Sept. 25, 2019, and on a first come, first serve basis. Rooms include breakfast and entry into The Oregon Garden. Register at www.oregongardenresort.com or 503-874-2500 and use group login code “ORTREE.”
Six Nominated for Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

By Dick Courter

Six Counties have nominated their County Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year to compete for Oregon’s Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. Each county can nominate one family forest owner each year and the nominee must be certified to the American Tree Farm System (ATFS). This year’s nominees are:

Benton County – Diana Blakney and Shiver River
Clackamas County – Guttridge Brothers
Lane County – Gail and Gordon Culbertson
Linn County – Kathy and Tim Otis
Washington County – Linda and Ernie Rieben
Yamhill County – Bonnie and Harry Robinson

A group of judges, who are professional foresters, will visit each landowner and determine who will be selected as Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. They will be eligible to compete for Western Regional Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. The state award will be presented at the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on October 26th at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. An Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year woods tour will be held in conjunction with Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s (OSWA) Annual Meeting sometime in late June 2020.

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Research Proposal for Eastside Forests from Dr. Ryan Niemeyer

By Jim James

Dr. Ryan Niemeyer contacted me looking for family forest owners in Eastern Oregon willing to participate in a research project. Dr. Niemeyer is a postdoctoral researcher at UC Santa Barbara. His team, which includes WSU and U of Idaho researchers, is studying the impacts of forest thinning on forest health and streamflow in interior forests of the Northwest US. To better understand forest management decisions of forest owners and managers in the region, he and his team are distributing an online forest management survey. Below is a link to a very short online form to get your basic contact information, so Dr. Niemeyer can email out the forest management survey to individual participants in the next month. Survey participants will be entered to win one of three $50 Cabela’s gift cards!

URL to Northwest Forest Thinning Project Website: https://rniemeyer4.wixsite.com/nwforestthinning

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Reforestation Following Wildfire and Other Natural Disasters

By Ryan Gordon, Oregon Department of Forestry, Family Forestland Coordinator

Over the past decade, Oregon has seen a marked increase in the extent and severity of wildfires. Forest landowners have also been impacted by snow and ice storms, insect outbreaks and drought. To help forest landowners recover from these natural disasters, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has partnered with federal and state agencies. ODF’s stewardship foresters, along with specialists from OSU Extension and other local partners, provide one-on-one technical assistance to help landowners develop recovery plans and access financial assistance to replant forests following disasters.

Financial assistance comes through a variety of partners, including the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The FSA Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can provide financial assistance to help landowners re-establish forests following disasters, such as wildfire, storms, and even drought. NRCS also has resources to address some of these events. The availability of these programs is limited and depends on many factors. It’s best to talk with the local stewardship forester to determine which programs are available.

Accessing cost share through federal programs can be challenging, but ODF stewardship foresters can help landowners navigate the process. Since 2012, the FSA’s Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) has helped landowners with $1.7 million in aid – primarily to assist with post-fire restoration. Landowners participating in federal programs should be prepared for lengthy application processes and time lags in funding. However, with patience, these programs can help accelerate restoration. Most recently, stewardship foresters have assisted with EFRP signups in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, and Wasco Counties. These cover fire impacts, as well as drought and snow storm damage.

Even if financial assistance is not available, foresters with both ODF and OSU Extension can help landowners create a plan for restoration. Part of that plan may include salvage logging, which does require landowners to file a Notice of Operation with ODF (https://ferns.odf.oregon.gov/e-notification) and comply with the Forest Practices Act. Other considerations may include impacts to streams, wildlife habitat, soil productivity, and grazing lands. More information about post-fire restoration is available on ODF’s Website:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/AfterAFire.aspx

Seedling availability is always a key part of the restoration conversation. It is important to plant trees grown from seeds that are adapted to local conditions. These seedlings are rarely available following an unexpected wildfire event – they must be grown. Locating the correct seed and growing trees to the appropriate size for planting takes time. To help meet the needs of family forest landowners, ODF does have access to some seed through the Schroeder Seed Orchard and Oregon Seed Bank. ODF typically works with local partners, including OSU Extension and OSWA Chapters, to help meet seedling needs, but it can be challenging. Again, it is best to work with the local stewardship forester and plan ahead.

To locate your local ODF stewardship forester, visit http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/FindAForester.aspx.

Other helpful resources are available at https://www.knowyourforest.org/.
At the July 24 meeting the Oregon Board of Forestry responded to a petition submitted in the spring that asked the Board of Forestry to develop a rule designating resource sites on state and private forestlands for Oregon's coho salmon. The Board heard testimony from people who said additional protections for coho were not needed at this time, as well as testimony from people saying additional protections were critical for the fish's long-term survival. The Board accepted the petition and directed the Department of Forestry to proceed to rulemaking to define resource sites for Coho Salmon. The Board also directed the Department to evaluate all other obligations required by state statute relating to coho in the context of the Board’s previous and current work and current stream classification and stream protection strategies. These obligations include:

(a) the board shall collect and analyze the best available information; establish inventories of the resource sites needing protection
(b) the board shall determine if there is a conflict with the resource site; and if so determine the appropriate level of protection
(c) the board shall adopt rules to protect resource sites if there is a conflict

At the same meeting, the Board heard the annual report and legislative update on the passage of HB 2469 from the Committee on Family Forestlands. The Board confirmed Barrett Brown – a 26-year member of OSWA – as a member of the Committee, and approved Kaola Swanson as vice-chair.

This fall, the Board is holding its regular public meetings in the Tillamook Room of Building C on ODF headquarters, 2600 State Street, Salem on the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 4 and Wednesday, Nov. 6. The Board is also holding its annual planning retreat in West Salem on Wednesday, Oct. 9, as well as a workshop at ODF’s Salem campus to deepen board members’ understanding of the current state of forest science on Thursday, Nov. 7.

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Forestry has named Josh Barnard as deputy chief of the agency’s Private Forests Division. Barnard assumed his new responsibilities Aug. 1. The former deputy chief, Kyle Abraham, was promoted to chief of the Division earlier this summer.

An Idaho native, Barnard first worked for ODF on the Clatsop State Forest before pursuing jobs managing industrial timberlands in the private sector. He returned to ODF six years ago. For the past three years he has managed the Private Forests Division’s Field Support Unit. In that role he has overseen final development of stream-protection rules and guided work on rulemaking to protect an endangered bird called the marbled murrelet, which nests in coastal forests.

In his new role, Barnard will help plan, develop, and direct Private Forests Division programs to protect and maintain Oregon’s forests and the diverse services they provide. The Division is responsible for forest health, co family forestlandowner assistance and helping Oregonians follow the Forest Practices Act governing timber harvesting and replanting.

“I’m very excited to serve as the next deputy chief,” Barnard said. “I’m glad to have the opportunity to guide the Division’s operations at a time when Oregonians are looking to forestlands to meet both traditional needs and help address new challenges.”

Barnard holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Idaho in Forest Products-Timber Harvesting, and a master’s in Business Administration from Washington State University.
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