



*An Association of Small  
Woodland Owners Dedicated to  
the Protection, Management,  
Use, and Enhancement of  
Oregon's Forest Resources  
...and having a good time doing it*

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**Greetings OSWA members, families and friends; Winter 2019-20 Nov, Dec, and Jan.**

The winter season is obviously here, with the seasonal streams flowing and most of the leaves down. In this year of good moisture and most likely good forest growth we can look forward to another growth ring of sizeable proportion.

The quarter just past we had three great events, with a **summer social and Old Growth Tour**, a great tour of the **Lamers property and their colossal Coastal Redwoods**, and just last weekend a **great demonstration of small scale logging with a tractor, grapple and other rigging** at the Repko place near Dallas. Here is a happy snappy of a few of us on the Old Growth tour. Photo by Gael Miller.



This quarter we have three items coming up, with one in a couple weeks and the other two each in December and January. **Saturday, November 16 from 10 am about noon we'll have a field day! A hands on sawmill experience.** Some of you have been to and seen your pres' experimental sawmill and building and he has also taught several equipment-themed classes at Tree School, well, this is there and about that. The event will be at your pres' place at 6955 Gold Creek Rd., Willamina, OR 97396 for those of you on GPS. This is about 30 miles west of Salem and about 4 miles past Willamina. Take Hwy 22 west from Salem about 27 miles to the Willamina Jct. Go straight through and continue toward the coast on a divided highway another 3 miles to exit 25. Take the exit and a right at the stop, up and over the overpass and down to a T on Yamhill River Rd. Take a left and go 1/2 mile to Gold Creek Rd., which is a right, over a concrete bridge. Go (1) one mile up Gold Creek Rd. to the first forest on your right, then along those woods for 1000 ft and a right just past a small bridge over Gold Creek. Watch for 6955 on the mailbox and an OSWA sign to follow in. If you have a log sitting around that you want turned into boards, throw it in the truck and c'mon out. For those of you that need a few boards, we'll see that you leave with something useful. We will discuss all sorts of sawmills, get a copy of the Sawmill and Woodlot Management magazine, discuss all the important factors in having a sawmill and work up a couple of logs. Recently there has been an addition to the mill that has increased the capacity from 30 to 40 inches in diameter, with the length still up to 75 feet. We'll send you home with 8 or 12 foot materials.

**In December**, we will have a presentation on a topic that is on the mind of many folks, that of 'Restoration', or other descriptions of forest operations that are not simply growing and harvesting trees. **Improving your Forest Health; Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm** we will have a panel discussion on assistance available for improving your forests health at the **Independence Public Library**. We have invited four of our chapter members Michael Skindrud, Marilyn Essex, Ed Weisensee and Sarah Deumling to speak on their experiences with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the US Fish and Wildlife (USFW) Partners Program. Come hear about our chapter members' projects on pre-commercial thinning, reduction of ladder fuels, riparian planting, brush management and forest stand improvement. We will also have NRCS and USFW staff available to provide information on their assistance programs. This is a great opportunity to see if you might use these programs to improve your forest's health!

**Saturday, January 18 at the Independence Public Library from 10 am till noon**, consulting forester **Andy Bryant of Yamhill Environmental Services and Eric Recht who is a forester for Chilton Logging** with expertise in log scaling and marketing, will present on the topic of **how commercial forestry works here in the PNW**. There will be a little preamble on rules and regulations, but Andy and Eric will focus on purchase orders and log specs, logging efficiencies with an eye on the markets and how it all fits together. This presentation will be a different view of our very helpful and well received Logger Forums of last year. Come listen to professionals that can make **your upcoming harvest** far more profitable.

OSWA is a statewide organization with local chapters like ours, and we work together with OSU Extension, the OR Dept of Forestry, OR Forest Resources Institute and others to bring the most pertinent information and networking to our members. And aside from the state main office, it is all us, volunteers! Now though, it is about time that our annual membership renewal notices will be in your mailbox and **we urge you to remain members in our great organization!** Shortly we will have a new statewide president in Ken Nygren who will bring new views and energy to the office and the statewide group will continue to work in the interests of us, the private forest landowners of our great state and region.