

The Blue Mountain Forester



Northeast Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Quarterly Newsletter

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Fall 2021

NEOSWA's First Neighbor to Neighbor Tour

We are excited to announce our first big event as a Chapter! You're invited to join your fellow woodland owners and forestry-minded friends for a day in the woods. The tour will be held at the Defrees Ranch, where we will hear about their operations, as well as a variety of topics from invited speakers, including:

- Livestock and Forest Enterprise
- Silviculture & Density Management
- Water Development for Wildlife & Livestock
- Managing for Wildlife
- Fuels Reduction
- Cost-Share Programs
- Hunting Programs

We will have coffee and donuts in the morning and cap off the event with a catered lunch. The tour is **free**, but registration is **required**. For more details, questions, or registration help, contact: NEORWoodlands@gmail.com.

Date: Saturday, October 30th, from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: 11950 Huckleberry Loop, Baker City, OR 97814

Registration: <https://beav.es/UYC>

QR Code:



Defrees Family on the Ranch

WOWNet Book Club

Women Owning Woodlands Network (WOWNet) is gauging interest on potentially starting a virtual WOWNet book club. The book that the club would start with is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall-Kimmerer. After completing the book, the club would then have the opportunity to see the author speak on the OSU Campus or virtually (details below).



If you are interested in being apart of this book club, please fill out a survey to indicate which time and day of the week would work best for you. If ten or more folks are interested, they will move forward with starting the club.

Survey Link: <https://beav.es/UYj>

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Lecture Details

Title: Women as Change Agents in Forestry
Speaker: Robin Wall-Kimmerer
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 7:00 PM
Location: La Sells Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium, Virtual

If you have questions or would like to learn more about WOWNet, contact Tiffany Hopkins (tiffany.hopkins@oregonstate.edu) or visit the WOWNet website: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/wownet>.

New Wallowa-Whitman Forest Supervisor

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a new Forest Supervisor. Shaun McKinney was selected by the Pacific Northwest Regional Forester, Glenn Casamassa, to fill the role following the retirement of Tom Montoya. McKinney joins the Forest Service this October from the West National Technology Support Center, where he led a team providing assistance, training, and technological solutions to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. His career includes leadership positions with both the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Forest Service.

In a Forest Service News Release, McKinney said he is looking forward to returning to the Blue Mountains, where he started his career, and working collaboratively on healthy ecosystems and economies.

Full Forest Service News Release:

<https://neoswa.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/newwwnfsupervisor.pdf>

Fall on the Tree Farm

Author: Jacob Putney (Adapted from Northwest Woodlands)

With fire season over, now is the opportune time to get some projects done around the tree farm and property. Here are just a few things to think about completing this fall:

November

- ✓ Maintenance/Winterize Equipment
- ✓ Pruning:
 - Reduce ladder fuels
 - Improve aesthetics
 - Improve log quality
- ✓ Year-end Taxes
- ✓ Treat Slash Piles:
 - Chip or burn
- ✓ Make any reforestation plans
- ✓ Check culverts and drainage systems

December

- ✓ Review 2021 accomplishments
- ✓ Refresh boundaries and signage
- ✓ Renew association memberships
- ✓ Complete 2021 record keeping

January

- ✓ Plan your 2022 projects:
 - Contact consultants
 - Hire contractors
 - File for necessary permits
- ✓ Frozen ground can be a good time for ground-based operations
- ✓ Update your management plan
- ✓ Monitor nesting and other wildlife activity so you can plan to protect/improve habitat and avoid disturbance

If you have any questions about these to-dos, or would like more information and ideas, contact your local OSU Extension Forester:

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Larch in Fall Color. Photo: Bobbie Snead

Eastern Oregon Log Market Report (As of: October 15, 2021)

Pendleton									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-11"	12-18"	19"+					
Price (\$/MBF):	450	250	300	325	380	275	275	35	
La Grande									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-7"	8"+						
Price (\$/MBF):	300-420	280	330		300-370		340		
Elgin									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
Price (\$/MBF):	450				340	320	320	26	
Pilot Rock									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		12-15"	16"+						
Price (\$/MBF):		400	440						
Burns/John Day									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine				Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)
		6-7"	8-11"	12-17"	18"+				
Price (\$/MBF):	380	120	275	305	390	120-285		21	
Redmond/Bend/Gilchrist									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-16"	17"+						
Price (\$/MBF):		370	410						
Lakeview/Klamath Falls									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-11"	12-16"	17"+	8"+	8"+			
Price (\$/MBF):		285	300	350	350	300			

Data Courtesy of John Lindberg (Oregon Log Market Report)

Event Calendar

Date & Time	Event	Details & Location
Oct. 30 8:00am-1:00pm	NEOSWA Neighbor to Neighbor Tour	Join us for a day in the woods at the Defrees Ranch and hear from the Defrees' and invited speakers on a number of topics related to woodland management. Tour is free , but registration is required. For more details visit: https://neoswa.com/what-we-do/meetings-and-events/
Nov. 4 6:00pm	NEOSWA Board Meeting	Baker Co. Fairgrounds, Small Meeting Room, Baker City In-person or virtual. All members welcome.
Tuesdays in November 6:00pm	<i>Fire Aware. Fire Prepared. In The Blue Mountains</i> Webinar Series	Want to learn about fire in NE Oregon? Plan to attend a regional sub-series of the <i>Fire Aware. Fire Prepared.</i> Program, featuring fire-related topics specific for the Blue Mountain Region of Northeast Oregon. Registration: beav.es/bmfireaware . Hosted by OSU Extension.
Fall	NEOSWA Member Meeting	The Board is currently planning our next member meeting. More details to come.
Spring	2022 NEOSWA Annual Meeting and Tour	Location TBD Plans are currently underway to begin hosting a Chapter Annual Meeting and Tour. Stay tuned for more details.
Spring	Tree School East OSU Extension	Tentatively planned to be held at Baker City High School, Baker City One-day mini-college hosted by OSU Extension. More details to come.

Notes from the Board

From September 2nd Board Meeting

Business Items

- Reviewed lists of folks who have previously been members or attended events in our Counties in the past. Updated membership list.
- OSWA Board approved the establishment of NEOSWA. Treasurer to work on official name changes (tax information, bank account, etc.).
- Newsletter thoughts:
 - Add more details on upcoming events
 - Add current log market prices. Jacob received permission from Oregon Log Market Report to use log price data.
- Jacob developed a website for the Chapter, which is now live. Please submit any ideas of content to add or any photos/videos we can share.
 - Check out the website here: neoswa.com
- Meetings moving forward:
 - Board meetings are still planned for the first Thursday of every-other month at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office in Baker City.
 - Instead of holding monthly member meetings, aim to coordinate a speaker presentation, field trip, or other engaging activity.
- Other thoughts:
 - Outreach/marketing: OSWA can be for anyone interested in forestry and natural resources, especially those who may not consider themselves "woodland owners."
- We still have vacancies on our Board! Please let us know if you might be interested.

Next NEOSWA Board Meeting:

- Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 PM (in-person or virtual)
- Small Meeting Room, Baker County Fairgrounds/Extension Office
 - 2600 East St., Baker City, OR 97814

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VACANT, Membership Chair

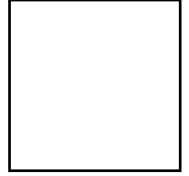
VACANT, Newsletter Editor(s)

Classifieds

Do you have something to sell or rent? We invite members to submit appropriate items to be listed in this section of the newsletter. If you are interested in listing an item, please submit a photo and description to Jacob Putney (jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu) and it will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Newsletter Distribution

The Blue Mountain Forester will be distributed either by email or mail, depending on what information we have on file. Additionally, the newsletter will be posted on our website (neoswa.com). If you would like to change how you receive this newsletter, please send your preference to Jacob Putney (jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu). Note, email is the quickest way to receive information from the Chapter.



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Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa Counties

A Newsletter for Small Woodland Owners in Northeast Oregon

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- Eastern Oregon Log Market Prices
- Upcoming Meetings and Events

Resources to Explore

- *Fire Aware. Fire Prepared. In The Blue Mountains.* Upcoming Webinar Series.
Registration: beav.es/bmfireaware
- Life on the Dry Side Newsletter
extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/life-dry-side-forestry-newsletter
- 2020 Forest Health Highlights in Oregon
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd947558.pdf
- Slash Management for Bark Beetle Prevention
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/forestbenefits/slashmanagement.pdf>