Thank You Lane County for the Wonderful Annual Meeting

By Jim James

OSWA enjoyed another successful Annual Meeting June 15-17 in Florence. The Board meeting, Friday program, and Saturday woods tour were all well attended and Lane County was a wonderful host.

Keynote Speaker, State Forester Peter Daugherty spoke about the partnership between forest owners and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and his vision for continuation of that partnership. He discussed his emphasis on results based regulations and his support for voluntary measures, like the Oregon Salmon Plan, to address desired forest conditions.

ODF gave updates on riparian rules, bald eagles, invasive species, Sudden Oak Death (SOD), and programs available through ODF to assist landowners. Other topics covered were a legislative update, smoke management issues, Swiss Needle Cast, history of West Lane County, and tsunami research. Following some local entertainment, the Awards Banquet honored several members. Participants toured the Rankin Woodlands, managed by Dave and Dianne Rankin, 2016 Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year.

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OSWA President’s Message

Rick Barnes

Wow! The 2017 legislative session threw some huge bombs at us but thankfully we were successful at defusing them. An enormous thank you to all of our members who gave their time and energy in helping inform legislators of the negative impacts of these bills. We would not have had the success we did without each and every one of you. Showing up does make a difference!

The new Riparian Rules are officially in place for Western Oregon. The rules are very complicated so make sure you and your contractors understand them prior to doing any harvesting.

Summer is here and so is fire season. Wildfires are a risk we as Small Woodland owners face every year. Unfortunately, many land owners and the vast majority of the general public are not aware of the common causes of wildfires nor the Restrictions and Closures set by the fire districts throughout the State. The various fire districts throughout Oregon, under the Oregon Department of Forestry, each have their own Restrictions and Closures. Visit the Oregon Department of Forestry/Fire/Restrictions & Closures, you will find the information by district and the regulations for your area.

There are two causes of fire, Mother Nature and man-caused. Those who work in the arena of fire say the two primary causes of fire are “Nature and Stupid.” Most of the man-caused fires happen because of taking risks and/or ignoring the Restrictions and Closures, assuming “nothing will happen.”

Two very good examples of what can happen unexpectedly and in an instant occurred in Douglas County in the not too distant past. One fire caused by nature, the other human caused.

The first fire started on July 26, 2013. A large, unexpected lightning storm moved through the area near Glendale, OR about 2:30 a.m. starting over 50 fires. All but two of the fires were caught and extinguished that morning. DFPA put everything they had into initial attack but the stage was set for the perfect storm with tinder dry conditions, winds and too many fires for the staff available and the unthinkable happened. The Douglas Complex was finally reported contained on September 3, 2013 after burning 48,679 acres. My wife, Audrey, and I watched the Douglas Complex burn less than seven miles from our tree farm. It was a very unsettling and frightening thing to watch. The fear of more fires was constant, knowing resources were stretched and any fire had the potential of another major wildfire.

The second wildfire was man-caused. In the early afternoon of July 30, 2015, two men were responsible for starting what became the Stouts Creek Fire. The cause? They were illegally mowing dry grass in the middle of the afternoon under restrictions barring any mowing between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. The fire was reported immediately and crews arrived quickly, but the fire grew to over 2,000 acres by nightfall. The fire burned more than 26,000 acres over more than a month, scorching timber and forcing evacuations of homes. Again, with tinder dry conditions, everything was ripe for disaster. The two men responsible for starting the fire are expected to reimburse the government for the estimated $37 million in cost to put the fire out. This does not include any cost for the loss of resources.

The moral of the story is, make sure you and your contractors are informed of the new fire Restrictions and Closures. Always carefully follow all applicable fire regulations. The new regulations are found later in the newsletter.

As summer winds down, make the time to stop and smell the roses.
**Tree Farm Chair’s Message**

Scott Hayes

I hope you and your family are having a safe and enjoyable summer. Please see the announcement for the Oregon Tree Farm System’s October 21st Annual Meeting – we have a new date and location!

Our Tree Farm Board would like to remind you to make a 2017 donation. During our 2016 fundraising effort, over 120 family members eclipsed our $4,000 goal, giving a whopping $12,421!

These funds are critical to maintain the quality of services provided by Oregon’s Tree Farm volunteers to you, and most importantly, to maintain the certification status of the Oregon Tree Farm System.

Certification by the American Tree Farm System is the gold standard for Oregon’s family woodland owners. Once your forest management plan meets specific standards, a volunteer Inspector Forester certifies your property. Re-inspection happens every five years.

Who are our inspectors? Today these 65 volunteer inspectors are why we are successful. The names of foresters in bold are District Coordinators for the inspectors.


A volunteer board sets policies and standards for the Oregon Tree Farm System. Board members include:

Michael Atkinson  State Inspection Coordinator, OTFS Landowner
Connie Atkinson   Database Administration, OTFS Landowner
Rick Barnes      OSWA President, OTFS Landowner
Seth Barnes      Oregon Forest and Industries Council
Mike Barsotti   Communications Committee, OTFS Landowner
Dick Beers       Treasurer, OTFS Landowner
Clint Bentz      OTFS Landowner
Linda Butts     2014 Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year
Dick Courter    Memorial Fund Manager, OTFS Landowner
Tammy Cushing   OSU Forestry Extension/Inspector Training
Dean Defrees   2015 Oregon & National Tree Farmer of the Year
Lyle Defrees    2015 Oregon & National Tree Farmer of the Year

For more information, please visit our website at www.otfs.org.
OSWA Executive Director’s Report

OSWA’s 2016-2017 Fiscal Year that ends October 31st is almost 75% complete. We have had a lot of successes. The only major disappointment is our membership growth. After growing by 4% in 2014 and 2015 and remaining flat in 2016, it appears we may decline in 2017. On November 1st 2016 we had 1541 regular members. The board’s target for 2017 is 4% growth which would bring the primary membership up to 1600. We are currently at 1506 primary members with three months left in the fiscal year. Please reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to join this great organization.

The 2017 Legislative Session has concluded and in the big picture we did well. There were a few shortcomings discussed in the Legislative Update. But, in general OSWA did influence the outcomes and we stopped some really bad legislation. I am proud of how our members responded when needed to testify at a hearing or contact their legislator. OSWA’s input did make a difference. The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) will reconvene in September to make recommendations for the Board on the 2018 Legislative Priorities.

OSWA’s Annual Meeting was a big success. There are nine nominations for County Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. We will know on October 21st who is selected and which chapter will be asked to sponsor the 2018 Annual Meeting. The potentials are; Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Yamhill, and Washington County chapters.

OSWA has had four Neighbor to Neighbor woods tours so far in 2017. One is planned for Josephine County in September and one in Union County in October.

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Fire Lines

Fire Report
By Jim James

So far, the 2017 Fire Season has been moderate. On Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) protected lands, between January 1st through July 14th, there have been 62 lightning-caused fires with 23 acres burnt and 283 man-caused fires with 388 acres burnt. This totals 345 fires burning 411 acres. The 10-year average for this same period of time is 81 lightning fires burning 5,225 acres and 254 man-caused fires burning 1,829 acres, totaling 335 fires burning 7,054 acres. As the drying trend continues, the probability of a fire increases.

There are several changes to the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) requirements for operators when operating on forestland during fire season. These new requirements are in effect now. They are defined in ODF documents on pages 6 and 7. Please be aware of these changes if you plan an operation on your forestland this summer.

ODF has also modified the rules and definitions related to Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPLs) for Oregon Department of Forestry Protection west of the Cascades. There is a new list of options open to operators during each of the four fire precaution levels. They are defined on ODFs documents on pages 8 and 9. Should an operation have a fire and the operator not be following the new precaution level requirements or does not have the right fire equipment on hand, it is likely ODF will find that operator negligent, regardless of the cause of the fire.

Another fire issue to be aware of this season is the Solar Eclipse on August 21st. It is predicted millions of visitors will be in Oregon’s forests for this event. Many will be camping. The middle of August can be high fire danger and visitors who are unfamiliar with the danger could be devastating. ODF is preparing for the worst. Chief of the Fire Division, Doug Grafe, has prepared a letter to family forest owners with advice in preparing for this event. It is on page 10. Page 11 is a map showing the route of the eclipse across Oregon with the best viewing. It also shows forest fire history in this area for mid-August. Use this information to be aware of the risk and take appropriate action.

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Fire Season Requirements

The following fire season requirements become effective when fire season is declared in each Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Protection District, including those protected by associations (DFPA, CFPA, WRPA).

SMOKING (477.510)
No smoking while working or traveling in an operation area.

HAND TOOLS (ORS 477.655, OAR 629-43-0025)
NEW IN 2017. Supply hand tools for each operation site - 1 tool per person with a mix of pulaskis, axes, shovels, hazel hoes. This language replaces the fire tool table based on the number of workers.

Store all hand tools for fire in a sturdy box clearly identified as containing firefighting tools. Supply at least one box for each operation area. Crews of 4 or less are not required to have a fire tools box as long as each person has a shovel, suitable for fire-fighting and available for immediate use while working on the operation.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (ORS 477.655, OAR 629-43-0025)
NEW IN 2017. Each internal combustion engine used in an operation, except power saws, shall be equipped with a chemical fire extinguisher rated as not less than 2A:10BC (5 pound).

POWER SAWS (ORS 477.640, OAR 629-043-0036)
Power saws must meet Spark Arrester Guide specifications - a stock exhaust system and screen with < .023 inch holes. The following shall be immediately available for prevention and suppression of fire:

- One gallon of water or pressurized container of fire suppressant of at least eight ounce capacity
- 1 round pointed shovel at least 8 inches wide with a handle at least 26 inches long
- The power saw must be moved at least 20' from the place of fueling before it is started.

FIRE TOOLS, EXTINGUISHERS FOR TRUCKS (ORS 477.655, OAR 629-043-0025)
Equip each truck driven in forest areas for industrial purposes with:

- 1 round pointed shovel at least 8 inches wide, with a handle at least 26 inches long
- 1 axe or Pulaski with 26 inch handle or longer
- 1 fire extinguisher rated not less than 2A:10BC (5 pound).

SPARK ARRESTERS AND MUFFLERS (ORS 477.645, OAR 629-043-0015)
All non-turbo charged engines must meet Spark Arrester Guide specifications except:

- Fully turbo charged engines.
- Engines in motor vehicles operating on improved roads equipped with an adequate muffler and exhaust system.
- Engines in light trucks (26,000 GVW or less) that are equipped with an adequate muffler and an exhaust system.
- Engines in heavy trucks (greater than 26,000 GVW) that are equipped with an adequate muffler and exhaust system.
- If a truck engine is not fully turbo-charged, then the exhaust must extend above the cab and discharge upward or to the rear, or to the end of the truck frame.
- Water pumping equipment used exclusively for fighting fire.
- Engines of 50 cubic inch displacement or less, except ATV’s and motorcycles, shall be equipped with an adequate muffler and an exhaust system.
- Engines in ATVs and motorcycles must be equipped with an adequate muffler and exhaust system or an approved screen, which completely encloses exhaust system.
- Power saws. (See power saw requirements)
PUMP, HOSE, AND WATER SUPPLY (ORS 477.650, 477.625, OAR 629-043-0026, 629-43-0020)

Supply a pump, hose and water supply for equipment used on an operation.

- **NEW IN 2017.** Pump must be maintained ready to operate and capable to provide a discharge of not less than 20 gallons per minute at 115 psi at pump level. Note: Volume pumps will not produce the necessary pressure to effectively attack a fire start. Pressure pumps are recommended.

- Water supply shall be a minimum of 300 gallons if a self-propelled engine.
  Water supply shall be a minimum of 500 gallons if not self-propelled (pond, stream, tank, sump, etc.)

- **NEW IN 2017.** One water supply is adequate as long as the operator can deliver water to the fire within 10 minutes

- **NEW IN 2017.** Provide enough hose (500 feet minimum) not less than 3/4" inside diameter to reach areas where power driven machinery has worked.

**Note:** Should a fire occur, the operator must be able to position the water supply in a location where enough hose is available to reach the area worked by power driven machinery. This includes mobile equipment as well as motorized carriages and their moving lines. Moving lines are defined as main lines and haul back lines. This can be achieved in many ways, including the practice of having a water tank and hose attached to a piece of equipment, like a skidgen or skidder, that can get the water to the fire.

- Water supply, pump, and at least 250’ of hose with nozzle must be maintained as a connected, operating unit ready for immediate use.

CABLE LOGGING OPERATIONS (ORS 477.625, 477.655, OAR 629-043-0026, 629-043-0025)

Clear the ground of flammable debris within a 10-foot radius around any block. This cleared area shall be kept free of flammable debris while the block is in use.

Provide at each block:

- 5 gallon pump can filled with water
- 1 round pointed shovel at least 8 inches wide with a handle at least 26 inches long.

FIRE WATCH SERVICE (477.665, 629-043-0030)

Each operation area is to have a Firewatch.

**NEW IN 2017.** Fire watch shall be on duty during any breaks (up to 3 hours) and for three hours after all power driven machinery used by the operator has been shut down for the day. **Note:** Some ODF districts waive this requirement based on the IFPL in place. Check with the district in which you are working.

Fire watch shall:

- Be physically capable and experienced to operate firefighting equipment.
- Have facilities for transportation and communications to summon assistance.
- Observe all portions of the operation on which activity occurred during the day.

**NEW IN 2017.** Upon discovery of a fire, Firewatch personnel must: First report the fire, summon any necessary firefighting assistance, describe intended fire suppression activities and agree on a checking system; then, after determining a safety zone and an escape route that will not be cut off if the fire increases or changes direction, immediately proceed to control and extinguish the fire, consistent with firefighting training and safety.

OPERATION AREA FIRE PREVENTION (477.625, 629-043-0026)

- Keep all power driven machinery free on excess flammable material which may create a risk of fire.
- Avoid line-rub on rock or woody material, which may result in sparks or sufficient heat to cause ignition of a fire.
- Disconnect main batteries from powered components (other than what may be necessary to retain computer memory) through a shut-off switch or other means or, leave equipment on ground cleared of flammable material.

**NOTICE:** These are minimum standards by law. Many landowners require additional requirements.
Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPLs) for Oregon Department of Forestry Protection West of the Cascades

NEW IN 2017

IFPL I. Fire Season
Fire season requirements are in effect. In addition to other fire prevention measures, a Firewatch is required at this and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

IFPL II. Limited Shutdown
The following may operate only between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.:
- Power saws except at loading sites;
- Feller-bunchers with rotary head saws;
- Cable yarding;
- Blasting;
- Welding, cutting, or grinding of metal.

IFPL III. Restricted Shutdown
The following is prohibited except as indicated:
- Cable yarding - except that gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages or approved motorized carriages (defined below), may operate between 8 P.M. and 1 P.M. when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers and during rigging.

The following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M. where mechanized equipment capable of constructing fire line is immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start:
- Ground-based operations (defined below);
- Power saws on ground-based operations;
- Rotary head saw feller-bunchers with a continuous Firewatch;
- Non-rotary head saw feller-bunchers;
- Tethered logging systems (defined below).

The following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M.:
- Power saws at loading sites;
- Loading or hauling of any product or material;
- Blasting;
- Welding, cutting, or grinding of metal;
- Any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

IFPL IV. Complete Shutdown
All operations are prohibited.

NOTE: Where hauling involves transit through more than one shutdown/regulated use area, the precaution level at the woods loading site shall govern the level of haul restriction, unless otherwise prohibited by other than the IFPL system. Under IFPL III, all trucks must be loaded and leaving the loading site no later than 1 P.M.
IFPL Definitions
Approved motorized carriage: a cable yarding system employing a motorized carriage with two fire extinguishers, each with at least a 5BC rating, mounted securely on opposite sides of the carriage, an emergency motor cutoff, and an approved exhaust system.

Cable yarding system: a yarding system employing cables, and winches in a fixed position.

Fire Season: that season of the year when a fire hazard exists as declared by the responsible agency official.

Ground-based operations: mobile and stationary equipment operations other than cable yarding systems, including but not limited to tractor/skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, processor, and shovel operations.

Loading sites: a place where any product or material (including, but not limited to logs, firewood, slash, soil, rock, poles, etc.) is placed in or upon a truck or other vehicle. Loading site shall govern the level of haul restriction, unless otherwise prohibited by other than the industrial precaution level system.

Tethered logging system: winch-assisted, cable-assisted, traction-assisted, etc., which enable ground-based timber harvesting machines to operate on steep slopes.

Waivers - Waivers, written in advance, may be used for any and all activities. Activities for which waivers may be issued include, but are not limited to:

- Road maintenance such as sprinkling, graveling, grading and paving.
- Cable yarding using gravity systems or suspended lines and blocks, or other yarding systems where extra prevention measures will significantly reduce the risk of fire.
- Power saws at loading sites or in felling and bucking where extra prevention measures will significantly reduce the risk of fire.
- Maintenance of equipment (other than metal cutting and welding) or improvements such as structures, fences and powerlines.
- Mechanized loading and hauling.

Best Management Practices for Forest Operations Checklist

- Assure good communications are established with protection district.
- Keep all equipment clean of flammable material and debris.
- Utilize and keep in good working condition manufacturer recommended non-sparking clamping jaws on braking systems on carriages.
- Clean out spark arrester ports.
- Hydraulic and fuel lines are in good condition.
- Battery hold-downs are in good repair and positive terminal is insulated;
- Electrical wiring and circuit breakers are in good working order according to manufacturer specifications;
- Pumps and fire trucks are in good working condition;
- Line rub is eliminated;
- Monitor relative humidity hourly and consider shut down when relative humidity drops below 30 percent.
- Where possible, and when not in use, park equipment overnight in location clear of flammable material.
June 12, 2017

Solar Eclipse Planning for Oregon Small Woodlands Association:

By now, many of you have heard that Oregon will serve as the prime viewing location for the “Great American (Solar) Eclipse” on August 21. While the “path of totality” (the area where the sun will be totally eclipsed by the moon) will run west to east from Lincoln City through Salem, Madras and Baker City, much of the state will be affected in some way.

This international event, which will occur during the heart of our fire season, will bring visitors from all over the world. In fact, some estimate that nearly one million people will descend upon our landscape.

So how does this affect you as a small woodland owner? Well, with campgrounds and hotels at capacity and travelers clogging every possible route, venturing off paved roads and into our forests and grasslands, fire prevention…and response…will be of the utmost importance.

First and foremost, please stay abreast of important fire season rules and restrictions that will be in effect in your area. Keep in mind that if you are hosting visitors and planning eclipse viewing activities that these restrictions apply to everyone.

To be clear, all open fires will most likely be prohibited. Approved campgrounds with fire rings may be the exception, but check first. Off-road driving, where vehicle exhaust coming into contact with dry grass can spark a fire, will not be allowed in most, if not all areas. Fireworks, exploding targets, tracer ammunition and sky lanterns are forbidden as well. Check with your local ODF or protective association office or log on to the Oregon Department of Forestry website for detailed fire regulations in your area.

Eclipse enthusiasts will be arriving the week prior to the event. We encourage you to patrol your property throughout the week spreading the fire prevention message. Should you need assistance, again, please contact your local ODF office.

Be part of the solution, not the problem. And remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.

Thank you,

Doug Grafe,
Chief of Fire Protection
Oregon Department of Forestry
Tree Farm Chair’s Message – Continued

Board members continued –

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Thomas Whittington Oregon Department of Forestry
Julie Woodward Oregon Forest Resources Institute

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the Oregon Tree Farm System, please contact any board member. See you at the Oregon Gardens in October!
Annual Meeting – Continued

Awards Banquet

2017 Chapter Outstanding Volunteers of the Year were as follows:

**Baker County – Randy Guyer** manages chapter funds, teaches classes on federal and state taxes and other financial considerations, served as Chapter President for several years, and regularly participates in all chapter executive meetings. He has assisted with planning, organizing and conducting Extension Forestry educational classes, workshops, field tours and conferences. Randy has devoted a great deal of time and energy into the chapter’s efforts to create value-added marketing opportunities for woodland owners which includes an extensive and intensive analysis of the potential for a small-scale sawmill operation, an integrated biomass facility, shavings for animal bedding operation and most recently, the Blue Mountain Forest Partners log marketing cooperative.

**Benton County - Greg Vollmer** has been a Master Woodland Manager since 2007 and active in the Benton County Chapter since 2008, serving as Program Chair and currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer. He does a lot of behind the scenes work at chapter annual meetings and other events and has hosted numerous tours on his tree farm. He and wife, Barb, were Benton County Tree Farmers of the Year in 2015. Greg served on the Benton County Extension Committee to promote a 2017 ballot measure for a Benton County Extension Service District.

**Clackamas County – Jim Schreiber** is an active member of the Clackamas County Board and chairs several committees. He serves as Chair of the Membership Committee and actively participates on the OSWA Membership Committee. He also chairs the Smoke Management Slash Burning Committee and volunteers on the Seedling Sales Committee. Jim is active in all chapter events and can be counted on to help whenever needed to do whatever is needed.

**Columbia County - Bill Hansen** is an active member of the Columbia County Chapter participating in the planning and participating in most chapter events. He can always be counted on to get things accomplished and actively participate when needed.

**Coos/Curry County – Cilde Grover** has been the chapter secretary for several years coming to all the meetings from a distance. She represents Coos/Curry County at a lot of statewide meetings, including the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) State Task Force. She always helps at the chapter annual meeting where needed and has had woods tours on her property.
Douglas County – Dale Cuyler has done a great job as President of the Douglas County Chapter 2014-2016 and has represented Douglas County at the state level consistently with conference calls and attending OSWA Board Meetings. Dale has worked hard on issues such as the Riparian Rule process where he testified to the Board of Forestry several times. He also represents Douglas County on several regional boards. Under his leadership, the Douglas County Chapter is back on track with quarterly newsletters, following up on issues, and tracking progress on projects.

Jackson/Josephine County – Don Hamann is currently the President of Jackson/Josephine County. The Board recommend him for this award. He is a true leader focusing on chapter educational efforts to benefit its members. He is furthering the chapter’s efforts to be active in the community and leads by example.

Lane County - Alan & Joan Petersen come from a rich family heritage of ranchers and tree farmers. Both raised in the Camp Creek valley they have a deep commitment to their community. Alan has numerous years of serving on the Lane County Small Woodlands Board, with Joan by his side. Over this past year they have provided exemplary service helping the Lane County Chapter to sponsor, plan for and provide tree farm tours within Lane County. Always present at board meetings they are a positive presence providing productive input and always ready to take on a new challenge. Alan and Joan are outstanding supporters of LCSWA.

Linn County - Lee Peterman is the Vice President of the Linn County Chapter. He Chairs the Events Committee and assists in all chapter activities. Lee is a familiar face at all chapter events and takes an active role in making sure chapter events are successful.

Lincoln County – Judy Pelletier is the Secretary of the Lincoln County Chapter and is active in all events. Her administrative duties help make chapter events more successful. She is one of the jewels of the Lincoln County Chapter.
Yamhill County – Susan Watkins is very active in the Yamhill Chapter and is recognized again as Volunteer of the Year. She serves on the Chapter Board of Directors and has given countless updates at chapter meetings on various forest and important local issues. She was a member of the Board of Forestry’s Committee for Family Forestlands from 2008-2015 advising the Board of Forestry on family forest issues. She was a co-author of the "Ties to the Land" succession planning program, which has been in use in Oregon and across the country for the past decade. Susan has testified at a number of Board of Forestry and State Legislative hearings on behalf of small forest owners. She and her husband, Arnie Hollander were Yamhill County's Tree Farmers of the Year in 2016. The chapter is indebted to them both for their service.

Washington County - John and Cathy Dummer were Co-Presidents for four years prior to 2017. They both serve on the Washington County Board, the Program Committee and help with the annual plant sale. They are always willing to help where needed and have been great leaders of the Washington County Chapter.

Riggin’ Slinger Award

Steve Cafferata received the 2017 Riggin’ Slinger Award. Steve represents family forest owners on the Emergency Fire Fund Committee (EFFC). This three-person committee, made up of forest landowner representatives, allocates funds from the Emergency Fire Fund to pay private landowners share of emergency fire costs. The committee collaborates with ODF on fire cost issues and oversees the implementation of the Wildfire Protection Act. Steve and wife Wylda are active members of the Lane County Chapter and served on the Annual Meeting Committee. They have also made multiple trips to Salem during Legislative Sessions to provide support for OSWA’s positions on legislation. Steve is an active member of the Governmental Advisory Committee. He is also an American Tree Farm System (ATFS) inspector who contributes hours of volunteer time to benefit family forest owners.

Outstanding Oregon Tree Farm System Volunteer of the Year

Connie Atkinson was recognized by the Oregon Tree Farm System as Volunteer of the Year. Connie puts in countless hours assisting her husband Michael in managing the OTFS national certification program and interfacing with the OTFS Inspectors. She keeps the OTFS database up to date and is a valuable resource to OTFS.
Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year Woods Tour

On Saturday June 17th, 150 participants visited the Rankin Woodlands, LLC. Hosts Dave and Dianne Rankin and OSU Extension Forester Lauren Grand made presentations on operating a portable sawmill, managing a coastal forest using unevenaged management, and strategies in thinning young stands of Douglas fir. Participants learned about the history of the property and how the Rankin’s management strategy provides a multitude of economical, environmental, and social values on their property.

Dianne Rankin discusses forest management

Dave Rankin tells the history of the Rankin Woodlands LLC

Dick Couter presents the Rankin Family with an Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Plaque. From left to right. Dick Courter, Grandson Henry Rankin, Dianne Rankin, Son Dan Rankin, Dave Rankin, Daugherty-in-law Vicki Rankin, Dianne’s sister Donna Love, Dave’s nephew Matt Love, and Dianne’s Cousin Mary McKrola

Dave Rankin demonstrates operating a portable sawmill

Lauren Grand discusses forest thinning
2017 Legislative Update Recap
By Jim James

The 2017 Legislature wrapped up on July 7th. The budgets for Oregon Department of Forestry and the Statewide budget that funds Extension were some of the last items passed. OSWA’s efforts to lobby for full funding of the Department of Forestry budget were mostly successful. Fire was fully funded and no Stewardship Foresters will be cut in the Private Forest Division. Two ODF disappointments were $500,00 missing from the Eastside fire funding tax relief, that was part of the Wildfire Protection Act in 2013 and Sudden Oak Death (SOD) did not get the extra funding proposed by the SOD Task Force. SOD did get the funding in the original ODF budget, before the governor made her recommended cuts to the budget.

The governor’s budget was $9,000,000 short of maintaining all the programs in the Statewide budget that funds Extension. $5.8 MM was added back by the legislature. At this level, no Extension Forester positions will be cut but we are disappointed the entire $9MM did not get funded.

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) was busy in 2017. There were many bills being proposed that would have been devastating to family forest owners. OSWA and our natural resource allies were able to stop these bills by reaching out to our legislators to explain their flaws and by showing up at the Capitol to testify against them.

Left – Rick Barnes, Douglas County and OSWA President; Center – Mike Barnes, Yamhill County and Right – Marsha Carr, Benton County testifying against HB 2859

2017 Successes include:

- Convincing the House Revenue Committee to remove all natural resource tax credits from HB 2859 that would have sunset all special tax assessments by 2020 including all special assessments on forestland. The 20+ OSWA members and 80+ members of the Farm Bureau presented a solid voice. Our testimony clearly demonstrated how important the existing special tax assessments, in place today, are in allowing forest owners and farmers to grow and harvest trees and to produce agricultural crops and livestock that benefits Oregon.

- Convincing the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee to drop SB892 and SB500. SB892 would limit scheduling for aerial applications of herbicides on forestland. Applicators would need to pick a five-day window to spray when they do a notification then reapply if they miss that window. SB500 would eliminate the 60-day limit to when a party could file a lawsuit against any party who uses pesticides. Current law requires a party to file a suit within 60 days of knowing of a pesticide trespass, if they feel they have been harmed. This allows the party being accused to collect information to defend themselves, in a timely manner. SB500 would have
eliminated the 60-day requirement. A party could file a lawsuit, years after the pesticide application, eliminating the ability of the party accused of the trespass to investigate the claim in a timely manner. Following the testimony of five OSWA members and others plus emails from constituents the committee took no action and these bills died in committee.

- Convincing the House Natural Resource Committee to oppose HB 2466. It would have created a $10/MBF harvest tax to help fund general fund obligations for fire protection, watershed conservation, and some county general funds. OSWA and others testified against this unreasonable bill and it eventually died in committee. A similar bill surfaces every year from Lane County, Representative Holvey. We will likely see it again in a future session.

- Convincing the House Natural Resource Committee HB3226 had no merit. It would have changed Oregon’s Forest Practices Act to look like California’s FPA, with many harvest restrictions and an expensive permitting system. Several OSWA members testified against the bill. Over 100 forestland owners went to the Capitol including 40+ OSWA members to show opposition to the bill. This was a fantastic effort with excellent results. It died in committee. However, like the Holvey bills, we can expect this issue to resurface in future sessions and possibly in a statewide initiative petition.

- OSWA had a successful Day at the Capitol on May 5th with partners Society of American Foresters and Associated Oregon Loggers. Over 75 participants met with invited legislative leaders during a morning session, then visited their own legislator’s offices in the afternoon. OSWA has a Day at the Capitol every odd year during a long session.

OSWA did make a difference in the outcomes of the 2017 Legislative Session because members were engaged, contacted their legislators, and went to the Capitol to voice their positions. Roger Beyer, OSWA’s Lobbyist, did an outstanding job of representing our interests in Salem. He is well respected at the Capitol. The Governmental Advisory Committee will reconvene in September to begin preparing for the 2018 Legislative Session. On our agenda will be recover the $500,000 missing from the Eastside fire funding tax relief and providing
Newton Family Forest, LLC Woods Tour

By Jim James

On June 24th, 60 participants visited the Newton Family Forest, LLC in Lincoln County a few miles East of Eddyville. Hosts Mike Newton, son Tom Newton, son Dan Newton, daughter Linda Hanratty, and Wildlife Biologist Fran Cafferata Coe treated the participants to the history of the property, succession planning activities, age distribution across the forest, the story behind converting a brushy understocked forest, at time of purchase, to a healthy productive forest, how to use herbicides effectively, and the wildlife one can expect in a healthy second growth forest.

The Newtons are Lincoln County’s 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year.

Following the tour, the participants were treated to a BBQ lunch and presentations by Oregon Forest and Industries Council’s Seth Barnes who discussed the ramifications of the ban on aerial applications of herbicides on forest land in Lincoln County from a ballet initiative. It passed by 62 votes. And Walter Chuck from the Port of Newport.
Mountain Springs Tree Farm Linn County Tour

By Jim James

On July 8th 90 participants toured the Mountain Springs Tree Farm in Linn County belonging to Ivan and Rebecca Wolthuis. They are Linn County’s 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. The property was purchased in 2010. It was agricultural property that had been used for the Sweet Home Mountain Mudfest Racing in the mid-2000s. It had been abused. Ivan and Rebecca have transformed the property into a healthy young forest. The tour focused on converting farm land into forest land, use of herbicides to control unwanted vegetation, thinning strategies, harvesting strategies in mature understocked areas, and wildlife within a working forest.

Ivan Wolthuis discussing pre-commercial and commercial thinning options

Left to right; Brad, Jenna, Sean, Mark, Ivan and Rebecca Wolthuis. Sign presented by Joe Holmberg.
OSWA News

Scotch-Berry Tree Farm Washington County Tour

By Jim James

On July 15th, 98 participants visited the Scotch-Berry Tree Farm in Washington County, the County’s 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. Hosts Lynn and Steve Harrel, Washington County’s 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, along with Contractor Ken Nygren, Forest Pathologist Dave Shaw, and Wildlife Biologist Fran Cafferata Coe discussed the history of the property, thinning, tree diseases, and wildlife. Twenty five years ago, Lynn and Steve converted their farm land into a Douglas fir forest. Today they just completed their first commercial thinning.

Following the walking tour and before lunch, a panel of Washington County forest owners, Doug Eddy, Marc Ahrendt, and Bill Triest and Extension Forester Amy Grotta discussed the topic “Now I own forestland, What do I do?” They provided insights to some of the challenges in managing forest land and where to go to get advice and assistance such as neighbors, friends, Extension Agents, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Tree Farm System, and Oregon Small Woodlands Association.
Thank You Dave Schmidt for Your Service

By Jim James

Dave Schmidt has been a member of the leadership of OSWA for many years. Recently he stepped down as Second Vice President on the Executive Committee (EC) after many years of service. I want to personally thank him for his leadership and guidance. Dave has been very active on the EC since I became Executive Director in 2010 and has been someone I could always count on for good council and to always be there when I needed him to show up at the Capitol, a Board of Forestry meeting, Oregon Department of Forestry event, Executive Committee or Board meetings, or other activity needing an OSWA presence. Dave received OSWA’s Riggin’ Slinger Award in 2013.

He is not alone in the organizations great leaders. OSWA is blessed with many volunteers who live and breathe the success of the organization and serve the organization relentlessly. It is the reason OSWA has been and will continue to be successful. I do want to specifically thank Dave now that he is stepping down from a leadership position. I have known Dave for a long time and he was the one who informed me that OSWA was looking for a part time Executive Director in 2010 and served actively on the Executive Committee along with then President Nancy Hathaway to educate me on OSWA and the family forest landowner community. I consider him one of my major mentors. I know Dave will continue to be an active member, but I want to give him a Thank You now for everything he has done for me as an OSWA leader and will continue to do as an active member.

OSWA is lucky, we have dozens and dozens and dozens of members, just like Dave, in our organization.
Planning for the Future Generations – Plus
By Jim Schreiber, Clackamas County Member

From the article heading, one would assume that we are going to talk about succession planning and woodland management plans, well we are and we’re not. We are not going to talk about your succession or management plan(s) specifically; you do have one or both of those don’t you? If not, you should have them, even if it’s just one that is penciled into a notebook. We have one that covers both our farm and timberlands. It started as a handwritten, very basic, guideline for both the near and future needs of the properties; it’s now, like a lot of things, computerized. Why farms you ask? Well a lot of our members have other hobbies, like raising cattle, Christmas trees, row crops, etc., while they wait for the trees to grow; hopefully they can make coffee money.

Like a lot of people, we have a combined succession/management plan; one section for each property. So when I refer to management plan, it’s both. They were made, based on experience and education, with some extended family input. We have, at least, annual discussions and updates for all involved; it covers five properties and four families. Everyone listens to the progress on achievement of goals and the completion of action items; goals are modified, new action items are added and suggested completion dates assigned. A hearty meal is enjoyed by all, visiting occurs and everybody goes home; except for the two people most responsible for making things happen.

The implementation of the action items falls to those two people. Don’t get me wrong, if we need help, the word goes out and the help comes in. The task is completed and the help leaves and goes home; yes we are back to the two people again. I know that the members of the families hear what we are telling and showing them, and they do provide bodies for projects, but the question is, do they really know what is happening on a day-to-day basis? The answer, as we are finding out is, probably not and that is what this article is about.

About a year ago, I began having some medical problems which precluded me from doing real, by my standards, physical labor; I had to pack a lunch to walk 100 yards. Multitudes of tests were run, short hospital stays occurred and operations fell to my brother-in-law who basically runs the farming operations. Things were working OK until early one Saturday morning, he experienced a stroke, a trip to the ER room, 3 weeks in the stroke care unit and he is now at a stroke rehab center, where the hope is for 70 – 80% recovery. In short, his days of moving cattle, running and repairing hay equipment and fences are over. Me, I’m getting better, still getting older, and we seem to be making headway with the blood problems.

With haying season upon us and a patch cut logging operation underway, things became a little chaotic around Whispering winds & Cedar Dell Farms. Yes, family members know how to run the hay mower, the rakes and the baler, but do they know how to fix them and keep them running. I personally have not dissected a baler problem and fixed it for, oh, some 25 years or so. I keep the brush equipment working, the tractors and backhoe operating, the woodland roads in shape, got the 2017 seedlings planted, and maintained the riparian areas up to our goals and objectives.

With how things stand at present, the family members are now confronted with making the farm and woodlands function on a more day-to-day basis. It’s not that the two of us never taught them how to do things, we both enjoyed imparting our knowledge, it’s just that they would go home and get on with careers and family life.

Now, with the two patriarchs out of the picture, that will happen to all of us sooner or later, who is prepared and capable to step in and take our places? Yes you can hire maintenance work done, contract out cutting, raking and bailing, marketing the cattle and nursery stock, and hire a forest manager to take care of your woodlands. It’s being done all the time, but it cuts into your profits and oh yes, “I can’t work on your baler until next week,” and you have half of a twenty acre field baled.

I guess that is the intent of this article. Succession is important, and you should have a plan for it. However, you should also be planning for how day-to-day operations will be carried out when the people who are currently doing so are not around to continue.

While the extended family has talked about this potential, we didn’t do it in earnest. Yes, we discussed what to do with this piece of pasture, put it back into forest production where it was originally 65 years ago, contract out the rest of the pasture land for grazing or other crops; Christmas trees or the current choices, Hazel nuts or Mustard. We can increase the patch logging practice; increase the size
of the cuts and shorten the frequency from the current 10 year cycle. This would mean the woodland manager would need to update the plans and, in some instances, make adjustments to riparian protections more quickly.

Most importantly, are all participants listening, do they understand what it takes to run the properties at the operational level and are they willing to take on more of a participation role. What skills can they bring to the table? My son-in-law, whom we love dearly, has decided to refresh his memory and operational skills with the tractors, brush mowers and the maintenance of the power hand tools. A niece and her husband are going to take on the task of haying and storing some 3,000 bales of hay. A nephew is working with the logging contractor and will help with some of the on-going woodland management tasks. It’s a good start and now it’s up to us old geezers to bring them along and teach them the things that we have learned over the past 65 years or so.

We will, within the next couple of months, begin incorporating the handoff of some of these duties into our plans. I guess we will need to add another tab or maybe just an addendum. We have asked family members what skills they are comfortable bringing to the table; we mostly know but putting it in writing keeps us all in the loop. We have already added a column to our “action items” area of the plans that will be for family members to sign up to work on. We have a way to go, but everyone is on board to keep the family operations working together.

We have discussed the current joint operation of the properties with the family’s only member of the law profession and things like LLC’s are not a direction we want to pursue at this time. He, along with a granddaughter will also start looking into some of the tax benefits of programs such as wildlife habitats, etc.

The National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) calculated that 70% of privately owned woodlands will be turned over to either new owners or to the heirs of your estate, within the next 20 years. A check of our members in Clackamas County found the average age of woodland owners was mid-sixties. You have a few years to institute changes that will make for an easier transition regardless of which direction you take.

If you haven’t given some thought to the transition of duties, or have them in your plans, you are already running behind.

A good, simple, place to start is at the beginning and that can be made easier if you get the OSU Ties to the Land; Your Family Forest Heritage workbook; just include operational duties as part of it.

With my Clackamas County Membership Committee hat on, I also ask, have you told your family members about the value of OSWA membership? Do they know about the representation that protects your right to farm and forest, that it keeps you informed on topics of interest, and of course gives you access to a group of friends and neighbors with similar interests and challenges? Way too often, the next generation fails to understand the value of being engaged with others with common interests.

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A sensible sign spotted by member Gary Betts
New Stream Rules

By Jim James

New Forest Practices Stream Rules became effective on July 1, 2017. Small and Medium Streams that have Salmon, Steelhead, or Bull Trout (SSBT) present will have wider buffers and additional basal area requirements. In June, State Forester, Peter Daugherty sent a post card to landowners who own property within 100 feet of a SSBT stream. It contains information about the new rules and identifies ways to get additional information. Here is his message:

Dear Friend,

I write to update you about changes to the Forest Practices Act Water Protection Rules. New rules to protect cold water streams that support salmon, steelhead or bull trout are effective July 1, 2017.

The Oregon Board of Forestry added the salmon, steelhead and bull trout stream classification, known as SSBT. It made this change based on science and public input.

These rules changed:

- Division 600: Definitions
- Division 635: Water Protection Rules: Purpose, Goals, Classification and Riparian Management Areas
- Division 640: was deleted and replaced by Division 642
- Division 642: Water Protection Rules: Vegetation along Streams

The changes may impact your forest management plans. If you have questions, please contact your local office for help using the Find a Forester tool: [http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/FindAForester.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/FindAForester.aspx).

To check on stream classifications go to LocatOR: [https://gisonline.odf.state.or.us/LocatOR/](https://gisonline.odf.state.or.us/LocatOR/).

To learn more about submitting a notification of operation or subscribing to receive information about potential forestry work go to E-Notification: [http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/working/pages/ENotification.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/working/pages/ENotification.aspx).

Thank you for your time and help managing forests in Oregon for their many benefits!

Sincerely,

Peter Daugherty
Oregon State Forester

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Mike Johnson
Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Update
By Sarah Navarro, ODF Forest Pathologist

Since 2001, landowners and an interagency team have worked to slow the spread of sudden oak death, also known as SOD, in Curry County. SOD is caused by the invasive non-native pathogen, Phytophthora ramorum. This disease has affected activities ranging from timber harvest, collecting special forest products, to ornamental nursery production. To help control the spread of P. ramorum on state and private lands the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the agency with authority to do so, designated a SOD quarantine area. Recently, the SOD spread rates increased and a new strain of the pathogen has been detected. The disease is still confined to Curry County.

Early detection is critical to the current slow the spread program. The program uses a three-pronged approach of aerial detection, water sampling and ground-based surveys to detect new SOD infestations. The interagency team continues to slow the spread of SOD by cutting and burning the infected trees and surrounding area. The program prioritizes treatment on outlying new sites to provide the greatest return on investment. Treating an infested site consists of cutting, piling and burning infected plants and nearby host plant material within the treatment buffer around infected plants. Monitoring studies have shown that treatment within a 300 foot buffer done right after detection can eliminate the pathogen from the site and slow the spread.

In early 2015, another strain of P. ramorum (EU1) was detected on a tanoak tree near the Pistol River. This is the first report of the EU1 strain in US forests. This finding raises concern because in Europe the EU1 strain kills or damages several conifer tree species and is considered more aggressive than the North American strain, NA1. If the EU1 strain becomes established in Oregon’s forests, it would create the potential for sexual reproduction and increased variability in the pathogen population. In 2016, ODF conducted a 52 acre eradication treatment for a second EU1 infestation detected through water sampling and follow up ground surveys near the Pistol River.

In 2017, 22 new infestations have been detected within the SOD Quarantine area, three were the EU1 strain. Work is being done to determine the extent of the infestations and the proper boundaries for the eradication treatment area necessary. During the dry summer months, ODF conducts the bulk of the SOD survey and detection work. Eradication treatments occur in the fall through spring when burning is allowed and work crews are available. In the coming months, ODF will continue survey and detection work, including aerial surveys, and plan for eradication treatments. EU1 infestations will be given top priority for treatment to help contain the new strain and slow the spread of the disease.
Nine Nominated for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

By Dick Courter

Nine Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) members have been nominated for 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. Inspectors are visiting these nominees this summer and the selection of Oregon’s 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year will be made at the OTFS Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21st at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. All family forest landowners are invited to participate in the meeting program and awards luncheon.

County nominees are:

- Clackamas County – Bob and Marianne Kahl – Conerstone Farm
  *nominated by OSWA’s Clackamas County Chapter*

- Columbia County – Eve Lonnquist – Cedar Row Farm, LLC
  *nominated by OSWA’s Columbia County Chapter*

- Klamath County – Ken and Linda Dollinger – The South 40
  *nominated by Oregon Department of Forestry Stewardship Forester and OSWA member Kellie Carlsen*

- Lane County – Steve and Wyllda Cafferata – Cafferatta Family Forest
  *nominated by OSWA’s Lane County Chapter*

- Lincoln County – Mike Newton – Newton Family Forest, Eddyville
  *nominated by OSWA’s Lincoln County Chapter*

- Linn County – Ivan and Rebecca Wolthuis – Mountain Springs Tree Farm
  *nominated by OSWA’s Linn County Chapter*

- Polk County – David Hibbs and Sarah Karr – Cedar Spring Tree Farm
  *nominated by OSWA’s Benton County Chapter*

- Washington County – Steve and Lynn Harrel – Scotch-Berry Tree Farm
  *nominated by OSWA’s Washington County Chapter*

- Yamhill County – Edward and Patricia Zakocs – Rocking EZ Acres
  *nominated by OSWA’s Yamhill County Chapter*

The nominating chapter of the 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year will be asked to sponsor OSWA’s 2018 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year woods tour.

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The Oregon Community Foundation is very pleased to announce that Carol Jeanne, advisor to the Donwood Fund, has directed $10,000 to the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund to sustain support for forest-based natural resource education in Oregon high schools in honor and memory of her partner Donald H. Sparks who was passionate about planting and managing his family forest.

The Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund (ONREF) is a community field-of-interest fund administered through the Oregon Community Foundation. ONREF was created in 2001 to help sustain forest-related natural resource education in Oregon high schools. Since then, over $80,000 in ONREF grants have helped thousands of students pursue their interest in natural resources through the acquisition of forestry instruments, tools, equipment, and other learning resources including portable sawmills and even a drone. In addition to private individuals, families, and companies, ONREF is supported by the Society of American Foresters, Oregon State University, and the Oregon Department of Education.

OCF is available to help plan similar gifts to ONREF, either now or through your estate. Please feel free to contact Sara Brandt at 541-431-7099 sbrandt@oregoncf.org
OREGON TREE FARM SYSTEM, INC

Annual Meeting, Workshop and Recognition Luncheon

Date: Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Place: The Oregon Garden
Oregon Garden Resort
985 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
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EMPHASIZING THE “FAMILY” OF FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS

Connecting families and the tree farm
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Place: The Rediscovery Forest in the Oregon Garden
Focus: Families are invited to participate in three 30-minute concurrent sessions in the Rediscovery Forest.
1. How to determine density management with Mike Cloughesy, OFRI, and Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Extension
2. Being successful with reforestation with Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension

Connecting families and forest fun
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Place: The Discovery Pavilion
Focus: Forest discovery station for young family members. Hands-on fun and learning with Rikki Heath, OFRI
Families are also welcome to tour The Oregon Garden on their own or ride the tram before or after the luncheon! Admission is included in registration.

INSPECTORS
New this year! Inspector annual meeting and workshop. Inspectors that attend workshop do not have to pay for luncheon. Hosted by Tamara Cushing, OSU; Lauren Grand, OSU; and Mike and Connie Atkinson, OTFS inspection coordinators.
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Place: Oregon Garden Resort
Focus: We will explore the wealth of information from the national woodland owner survey and discuss approaches for engaging more family forest owners in a meaningful conversation about their woods. Also, updates on certification requirements.

TREE FARM RECOGNITION LUNCHEON
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 (awards)
Place: Oregon Garden Resort

The sessions will be followed by a brief Oregon Tree Farm System business meeting and then a lunch (pricing on back) honoring the County Tree Farmers of the Year. The high point of the day will be a video featuring all the County Tree Farmers of the Year and the announcement of the Inspector of the Year and the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year for 2017.

For more information, contact Jim James at 503-588-1813 or jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com.
Send your completed registration, along with fees, to the address on the back.
8:30  Registration and refreshment *(Oregon Garden Resort, Trillium Room)*

9:00 – 11:00  Hands-on field workshop in Rediscovery Forest *(Short walk from Oregon Garden Resort)*

9:30 – 11:00  Inspectors annual meeting and workshop *(Oregon Garden Resort, Lotus Room)*

11:00  OTFS annual business meeting *(Oregon Garden Resort, Orchid Room)*

11:45  Tree farm recognition luncheon *(Oregon Garden Resort, Orchid Room)*

   Menu (subject to change): marinated tri-tip, chicken (gluten-free), stuffed Portobello mushroom, green salad, potatoes, fruit and dessert table
   Kids’ plates: chicken strips or macaroni and cheese with fruit and dessert

1:00  Oregon Tree Farm System annual awards banquet

   Jim Pena, 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
   • Hagenstein Award

2:00  Conclude

2:00 – 4:00  Oregon Tree Farm System board meeting *(Oregon Garden Resort, Trillium Room)*

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**ANNUAL TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON 2017**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name(s) ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone ______________________________  Need receipt? yes / no

_______ Adults at $30 each

_______ Kids and additional family at $15 each

_______ OTFS Inspector at $0 each

The 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:

   Chicken strip basket # ________________
   Mac-n-cheese # ______________________

Registration and payment is due by Oct. 11, 2017. Please send your registration form and check, payable to OTFS, to:

Oregon Tree Farm System

c/o Jim James, 187 High Street NE, Suite 208, Salem, OR 97301

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**LODGING:**

A block of guest rooms has been reserved for Friday, Oct. 20, 2017, at Oregon Garden Resort. Group rate is $109 plus tax. Rooms will be held until Sept. 20, 2017. Rooms include breakfast and entry into The Oregon Garden. Register at www.oregongardenresort.com or 503-874-2500 and use group login code “ORTREE.”
An Educational Symposium for Landowners

Landowners log their property for a number of reasons. For some it’s the culmination of decades of planning and hard work to produce a valuable crop. For others it might be a liquidation of an asset to meet a sudden financial need. Still, others might be undertaking a thinning operation to improve forest health and habitat. Whatever your reason or goal, selling logs is a high-stakes endeavor, and mistakes can be costly—this is not a time to cut corners! Make sure your property looks how you want it to when the job is done and don’t risk unnecessary damage to your property that could take decades to restore.

Save the Date:

Classroom sessions: Friday Evening, October 27th & Saturday Morning, October 28th
Field Trip: Afternoon, Saturday October 28th, 2017

Where: Lane County, OR

Information and Registration:
Lauren Grand: (541) 579-2150 or lauren.grand@oregonstate.edu

Topics we’ll address include:

- Timber sale fundamentals
- Fair value for your logs
- Rights and responsibilities
- Benefits of a forestry consultant
- Protecting yourself from liability
- Inventory and marketing
- How to select a logger
- Notifications and harvest regulations
- Harvest Taxes
- cost share programs
- Logging roads & operational logistics
- Portable sawmilling

What’s Included:

- Classroom sessions and panel discussions
- Saturday afternoon field trip (bus transportation provided)
- Dinner on Friday & Lunch on Saturday
Upcoming Events

September 6, 2017
Board of Forestry Meeting

September 8, 2017
OTFS Board Meeting

September 29, 2017
OSWA Board Meeting

October 11, 2017
Board of Forestry Meeting

October 21, 2017
OTFS Annual Meeting

November 1-2, 2017
Board of Forestry Meeting