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Salem - August 3

Full Spectrum Forestry Tours:
Clackamas - September 15
Yamhill - September 29
Polk - October 6

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www.oregonforests.org

WWW.OSWA.ORG

Chapter news, local, state, and national issues, grants, marketing tips, educational opportunities, & helpful management techniques.

LEADERSHIP

Hendrick, Heffernan and Schmidt win election races

by Mike Gaudern

It is official. Your votes are tallied and new leadership volunteers are ready for action. On all members behalf, I would like to thank all who ran and our two outgoing executive committee members, Al Thayer and Bert Vanderwall.

Roy Hendrick III, who ran unopposed, is selected as the 2nd Vice President position 1.

Dave Schmidt won the race for 2nd Vice President position 2 from Joe Steere.

Donna Heffernan won the race for 2nd Vice President position 3 outpacing Bert Vanderwall.

OSWA's Executive Committee Members for 2007-2008 are:

Mike Barnes, President
Mark Copland, 1st Vice President
John Poppino, President Emeritus
Roy Hendrick, 2nd Vice President
Dave Schmidt, 2nd Vice President
Donna Heffernan, 2nd Vice President
Nancy Hathaway, 2nd Vice President

DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

2007 OSWA Survey

Thank you to all who took time to complete the OSWA 2007 survey. At time of press, a few responses were still being tallied. However, the messages sent by you are clear.

2007 survey results show support for leadership decisions, a thirst for information and a will to try new ideas that could bring value, even at a cost!

As new ideas, such as payment for ecosystem services, take real shape, most are supportive and/or show a thirst for information from OSWA. There also appears to be willingness to investigate the idea of "blanket" fire liability insurance.

The one challenge we, as an organization face, along with the rest of Oregon is how to tackle the issues raised by Measure 37. Comments from both sides of the debate are very clearly stated in your replies. Based upon funding by the State, we will continue with our efforts at the Big Look Committee (see April 2007 Update) and see how we can find a fair solution that allows viable family forestlands in Oregon to survive.
The OSWA Vision
To strive to be an influential and proactive organization which is united in its efforts to represent the diverse objectives of family forestland owners who practice and promote good forest stewardship.

Our Mission Statement
Oregon Small Woodlands Association shall be an effective force in addressing statewide forestry issues that are critical to family forestland owners by:

- Communicating with woodland owners and the public in a timely and concise manner.
- Working with natural resource agencies, organizations, and other forestland owners.
- Advocating the interests of family forestland owners.
- Promoting forestland stewardship.
- Sponsoring programs, activities and publications which inform members and the public about forestland stewardship.

President’s Message...

by Mike Barnes

There have been a few changes since I last wrote an article. I suppose you all missed me in the last issue of The Update. I now know how those weekly writers feel when they have to produce something that will hold the interest of the readers. So, follow along as I entertain and inform you with the following words.

This past spring has been a busy one for me as I have worked with landowners in a variety of harvest operations. The market conditions are proving to be very unstable as housing starts decrease, interest rates rise and the Canadians send lumber over the border in great quantities. I have been around long enough to have seen ups and downs so I expect that this too will change. A few bright spots are evident, such as the crazy value of Alder. When I was employed by ODF many years ago, we tried our best to rid the forest of those invading alders. Times, they do change.

By the time this reaches your home, the legislative session will have ended. This has been an interesting session with democratic control of the entire process. I trust the “people” have received what they wanted. I know we will need to watch our pockets a little more because the need for our money by our government has increased. I am always a little saddened that I can not be trusted to spend the money I earned as well as my government can.

Watch for announcements for some very good programs being sponsored by OSWA concerning forest practices that are of interest to all of us. These workshops are in response to the OSWA surveys. They are planned for this fall and will be held in three locations. Please take a close look and attend. We need the support of the members to make this type of program a success.

This and future issues of The Update will have a little different look. Most of you are aware of the passing of Arlene Whalen. She did an outstanding job of keeping The Update going and provided a direct connection between OSWA and ODF. We will certainly miss her expertise and support. The Update will continue and I am certain that the information you receive will be of value.

As I look out the window on this last Sunday morning of June, it is raining. That too is a change. It will water the seedlings planted in January but slow the flow of logs from dirt roads in July. Until next time....
These answers help us shape OSWA policy and advocate for our common future. So, for your information, here are the questions and the tallied responses to date, as well as a few select written comments.

2007 OSWA SURVEY RESULTS

Forests and Payments for Environmental Services

OSWA Directors recently adopted a Family Forests and Carbon Policy. The aim of the policy is to allow us to more effectively engage with the current debates around payments for public environmental services coming from family forests.

Do you support the policy of family forest landowners being compensated for the public environmental services they provide?

Are you interested in OSWA pursuing carbon credits payments for Tree Farm Certified association members?
Yes [ 236 ] No [ 53 ] More information needed [ 200 ]

Environmental Services Questions: Text Responses

* I think this is basically phoney but I'll take the money from the believers.
* I don't believe the tree farm certification system is adequate or sufficiently above the industrial model.
* Possibly tax credits instead of direct compensation.
* Carbon credits must be sure not to tie land up for a long time.

See Survey/4
2007 OSWA SURVEY RESULTS

Environmental Services Questions: Text Responses Cont...

* Be aware of unintended consequences.
* The largest landowners would find a way to exploit the system and get all of the revenue.
* Am concerned carbon credit would draw OSWA’s attention away from core issues, on the other hand, who knows, the credits may revitalize OSWA.

Measure 37

OSWA would like to better understand our member’s position on Measure 37. We have a number of positions on issues that relate, such as fire safe dwellings in forestlands and regulatory certainties related to the Forest Practices Act, but have purposely steered away from taking a position related to the measure.

Have you made a Measure 37 claim?

Yes [ 63 ] No [ 421 ]

If Yes, what is the primary reason for this claim?

[ 2 ] To provide regulatory certainty to the forest practices act.
[ 20 ] To allow development of a stewardship dwelling on your property to assist in the maintenance of your family forest operations.
[ 12 ] To allow full maximization of development on your property to other uses.
[ 34 ] Other

Measure 37: Text Responses

* One dwelling for son to carry ownership of family
* We want to use our rightful rights (5 acre tracts platted in 1913) to gain resources to build a family camp on another 150 acres.
* We have a non-farmable 138 acre farm we want to create into mini-farms for families to market farm crops.  We can't farm it ourselves.  Leave M37 as it was originally.  Keep it transferable.  Keep it under unlimited time to do it. Wells are no problem most places.  Building homes so families can grow good children.
* I didn’t qualify as I purchased my property in 1991.  Had I qualified, I would have filed a claim.  I support those who qualified and did file a claim.
* Resist any form of uncompensated eminent domain.
* To be able to make my own decisions about what and how to do things without a braying underachieving bureaucrat quoting the Bible to me.  I doubt I will ever use M37 but chose to pursue it in case I need to enlarge my woodshed. It has cost me just under $8K so far.
* Forest regulations change too often for a 60 year crop. Business planning requires certainty.
* I’m fundamentally opposed to M37 as a land-grab by people who have sold M37 under one set of values while privately profiting from M37 under a set of values that has nothing to do with how M37 was sold.
* We haven’t filed a claim because we didn’t want to develop now and pay the increased taxes.  We would still like to do some responsible development.
* I don’t think that M37 is a good piece of legislation.  I’m sorry that it passed and I don’t know what can be done to fix it.

Forest Fires, Fire Management and Fire Insurance

Did you know of Oregon law that allows up to $300,000 fire fighting costs to be recovered from a landowner, if a non-negligent fire that starts on their property grows to a size where non “local district” resources are brought to the area to control it?

Yes [ 297 ] No [ 169 ]

If yes, have you purchased OSWA member discounted non negligible fire fighting expense liability insurance & general timberland liability insurance from our carrier JD Fulwiler?

Yes [ 103 ] No [ 258 ]

Would you accept a moderate increase in dues if everyone in the Association were covered by insurance for the non-negligent maximum fire cost?

Yes [ 357 ] No [ 54 ]

Firefighting: Text Responses

* Had Fulwiler insurance, then cancelled because premium was too high to carry when not actively conducting operations.
* I would support dues increase if I wouldn’t need to purchase a separate liability insurance policy. Now my current cost for this policy is $665.00 annually.
* I would support a dues increase if I was given written proof of issued insurance.
* Firefighting law is a trick to take forestland from people.
* Would support dues increase if it was under $50.00.
* I am a life member so increase would not affect me personally.


**2007 OSWA SURVEY RESULTS**

**General Responses**

* Thank you for all the hard work and hours devoted by the Chairman, directors and others to keep us informed and represented.

* I think the association should continue to work on obtaining a secure fair market for timber products we produce. Expansion of markets and utilize both small diameter thinnings and large logs premium. I would be very willing to pay for a small increase in dues to pay for insurance as we have eastern Oregon timberland where fires are a serious consideration.

* Very happy with OSWA and with Kristina’s work in Salem.

* The last dues increase apparently went to finance lobbying efforts with which I don’t agree. I stay an OSWA member only because of the local education programs not because of the larger M37 agenda with which I vehemently disagree.

**Editor in Chiefs Note:** OSWA has never taken an official position on M37, we have offered help to members who wish to testify on either side of the debate.

* Appreciate OSWA's conducting regular phone conferences on governmental affairs. I wish OSWA could help counties in Oregon and elsewhere deal with public perception of PILT.

* We do not have a free state or federal government anymore. We now have a godless socialist government and believe me, as we move away from God our creator, our country is going to be in greater trouble.

* You guys do a good job. I wish I had the time to become more involved. Wave your wand and get the price of timber up high enough that I can at least pay the price of harvesting it.

* Individuals must paddle their own canoes.

* Many are suggesting that OSWA is becoming more distant and detached from the ranks with the exception of the legislative program.

* Increase in dues OK but watch out for universal fire insurance. Current system encourages careful burning and really paying attention to the ODF burning prescription.

* Keep working closely with Natural Resources community. There is strength in numbers.

* Stop making or allowing the worthless dollar to be used as the basis of all value.

* One of the greatest things our group has to offer to potential members is what has been called fellowship, sharing with neighbors, keying in to what other forest landowners are doing on their property, networking. We should provide opportunities to enhance this OSWA strength in everything we do. Even though we are separated by geography our tree farms aren’t next door to each other it is getting easier and easier to connect with each other via email, etc. We should spend more money and energy in building these connections which tree farmers find useful than in doing our business in the same old way. Our materials should have the option of being delivered to members electronically. Mike’s woodlander should be improved.

**Editors in Chiefs Note:** I’ll do my best!

* Umatilla County needs to have a chapter again but we are so spread out in county that attendance would be a problem.

* I think you all are doing a good job. I don’t know if my interests have changed or your magazines and newsletters have changed, but I find myself reading more of them. Thanks.

* The Association is doing a fine job.

* Need to keep up effort to beat back estate taxes.

* OSWA members have a broad variety of management strategies and goals. I appreciate seeing this diversity of opinion in the newsletter and educational material. Forest management can no longer be focused on just harvesting logs, sustainability requires attention to ecosystems too.

**And one final thought that gives us all hope!**

* No big concerns. I’m happy growing trees.
Howdy, Neighbor!

Do you have a question about the wonderful forests of Oregon just outside your doorstep? Then come to a …

Full Spectrum Forestry Field Tour

Open to the Public - bring your family and neighbors

Free and Fun for the entire family!!!

Three groundbreaking events are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at family forests in Clackamas (September 15th), Yamhill (September 29th) and Polk (October 6th) Counties.

Each tour will start with an interactive question and answer session about full spectrum forestry, hosted by Forest Dan! Bring your questions about the wonderful forests of Oregon and be prepared for a fun-packed four hours. Every aspect of forestland ownership will be touched upon, including best practices in planting, wildlife management, streams and water protection, with references to further information, as well as the combined knowledge of the helpful volunteer members to help guide you on your quest.

So, if you have any interest in supporting family forests, where to find out something about forests, or want to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the family forests these are events for you!!!

Come join us for a blast of information, experiences and vision, for the wonderful family forests of Oregon. To register visit www.oswa.org, email Mike Gaudern at oswaed@oswa.org or call 503-588-1813. Please state your name, contact details, number of attendees and tour you wish to attend.

Please let your neighbors know of these FREE and FUN events. What a great way to introduce new folks to OSWA and Family Forests. Just tear out the registration form and hand it to them with a personal invitation.

Hosted By Volunteers of Oregon Small Woodlands Association

Supported by OSWA State Office, Family Forests Of Oregon, and Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

Providing Opportunity to Family Forest Land Owners via Networking, Education, Idea Generation and Advocacy

www.oswa.org
Registration Form
Yippee, It’s Free!

I / we want to register for Full Spectrum Forestry Field Tour

Saturday 15th September
Clackamas County
Belton Family Forest,
SE Webber Road, 5 miles east of Sandy, off Hwy 26

Saturday 29th September
Yamhill County
Tour location near McMinnville to be confirmed
visit www.oswa.org after Sept 1

Saturday 6th October
Polk County
Havel Family Forest
6995 Gold Creek Road, Willamina

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Contact _____________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________________________
Phone/Fax ___________________________________________________ 

I / we would like to receive regular updates on Oregon Small Woodlands Association and Family Forests of Oregon’s activities at the following email address:
_________________________________________________________________

Please mail to OSWA State Office 1775 32nd Place NE Suite C, Salem, OR 97301

Thank you for your support

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In what has become a typical ordeal, the budget for the Oregon Department of Forestry was negotiated very late in session. While the final result did yield a solid budget with restorations to critical programs, the gyrations required to get there were disturbing and unprecedented.

The budget started out badly. Throughout last fall, the Department worked closely with the Governor’s Office to prepare a recommended budget. Through outright oversight or misunderstanding between the two, the resulting Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) revealed in January did not include “special purpose allocations” for either fire insurance costs or severity (pre-positioning) resources. This left a cavernous $6 million plus hole in the budget.

To fill the hole, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means revealed their counter budget that did fund insurance and severity resources, but at the expense of other funding restorations recommended in the GRB. And later, publicly revealed just before a work session vote, $3.65 million was proposed to be “recovered” through a cost shift to landowners. The cost-shift would have charged the administrative overhead of the fire protection program at ODF Salem headquarters to landowners through their local forest patrol assessments. These costs have been fully funded by the General Fund, but were now proposed to be paid “50-50” in the base funding level at the local protection district level. Calculations showed an average increase to landowners of 11%.

The proposed cost-shift was very surprising, but the shocking aspect was the fact that central administrative costs had been discussed at length during the 2004 effort to review and restructure statewide fire funding. The General Fund portion paid for administration was explicitly acknowledged and agreed to by the “Budget Note #3” interim committee in recognition of the in-kind fire contributions provided by landowners in the form of fixed wing planes, water tankers, firefighting equipment, etc.

Through vociferous opposition provided by both OSWA and OFIC – and hugely assisted by grassroots calls and letters to legislators – a loose coalition of 8 to 10 Democrats pressured their respective caucuses to reconfigure the ODF budget and the cost shift. The effort forced the committee to pull the budget from the immediate agenda and about 10 days of daily negotiations followed.

What followed was an agreement brokered largely by Chair Devlin and Rep. Arnie Roblan, in cooperation with the counties, to utilize proceeds of state timber sale receipts to pay for the $3.65 cost shift in return for counties receiving the balance of contested funds and statutory language regarding the future use of the same monies.

What was not ultimately resolved is the very bedrock question of who pays for the administrative costs of the fire program. Indeed, the legislature’s budget writers, the Legislative Fiscal Office, attached some stringent “notes” to the Department’s budget requiring a review of Department performance measures, quarterly, third-party auditing, and a revisit of this very question next budget cycle.

To me, the difficult budget and active intervention of Legislative Fiscal is an indication the Department of Forestry no longer enjoys the leadership, relationships or rock-solid reputation it has traditionally earned at the legislature.

While landowners dodged the first bullet, we stand with a gun still directly pointed at us.

While it is true that groups like OSWA and OFIC need to be advocates, it is also true that the Department needs to actively provide direction and strong leadership to the legislature when involving negotiated agreements and complicated funding relationships like fire. We all spent a lot of time reversing a problem that should never have flared up. It’s a shame to waste resources playing defense rather than advocating for more stewardship foresters. Ultimately, we all lose.

Special thank you to legislators who really pressed hard to correct this budget:
Rep Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie)
Rep Chuck Burley (R-Bend)
Rep Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay)
Sen Richard Devlin (D-Lake Oswego)
Sen Brad Avakian (D-Portland)
and Mike Carrier from the Governor’s Office.
The Spotted Owl Recovery Plan and Private Landowners

June 4, 2007

by Bill Arsenault
OSWA Douglas County Member

A draft recovery plan for the Northern Spotted Owl was released April 26, 2007 (http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/NSORecoveryPlanning.htm). The United States Fish and Wildlife Service and a recovery team that included members from the Oregon Department of Forestry contributed to this draft plan. The plan includes: (1) a description of site-specific management actions necessary for conservation and survival of the species; (2) criteria that, when met, will allow the species to be de-listed; and (3) estimates of the time and funding required to achieve the plan’s goals and intermediate steps.

This Recovery Plan presents 37 actions that address overall recovery. Of particular interest to family forestland owners are those that call for cooperation in the recovery effort. Recovery Action 12: Using a collaborative process including landowners and land managers, create incentives to encourage the development and support of spotted owl habitat, and develop mechanisms so that there is not an incentive for landowners to oppose barred owl management. Recovery Action 19: Encourage applicants to develop Habitat Conservation Plans/Safe Harbor Agreements that are consistent with the recovery objectives.

Given the dire consequences of a Spotted Owl showing up in one’s forest, it is difficult to see how cooperation with the proposed recovery plan can be obtained from family forestland owners. These consequences are acerbated by the fact that over the years, in spite of pleas and proposals, there has been no interest in mitigating the impact.

The FPA sets up a 70 acre core area around a nesting site and addresses disturbance. Since the owls like only the best habitat, this turns out to be a very expensive impact. Such land can easily contain 30 mbf/acre and at a delivered price of $700/mbf, the cost represents over $20,000/acre or over $1 million per site. A recent example was discussed at a Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) meeting where a family forestland owner had 25 acres of his land included in a core area where the owl nest was on adjacent BLM land. His estimate was that this was a $300,000 take by the State.

For several years a subcommittee on incentives of the CFF met to try to develop some method(s) of mitigating the impact of regulations, including those of the Spotted Owl Core Areas. One specific proposal was to set up a loan program that an impacted landowner could draw on if he or she needed. This would ultimately be no cost to the State as the loan would be secured by a lien on the trees and the State could harvest the trees to recover the loan principle, if necessary. It was felt that this proposal would lower the tension and reduce the unintended negative consequences of the regulation. We received NO interest from either the Department or the Board of Forestry.

On a personal note, I have real problems with biologists making value judgments on one native species over another. I also have problems with shooting a beautiful, innocent owl. Appendix G, Spotted Owl Recovery Plan, reads: “Removal would be accomplished by luring territorial barred owls into close range (<30 m) using recorded calls and an owl decoy. Following visual and auditory confirmation of species identification, barred owls would be collected. A shotgun would be used to prevent wounding and ensure rapid and humane death”. Can you imagine this happening throughout the forests? How many (trained?) people with shot guns will it take to reduce the Barred Owl population to a target level and how long will the shooting go on? Forever?

Interestingly, I was reviewing the Spotted Owl and the Barred Owl in Peterson’s Field Guide to Western Birds, copyright 1990. In the section on the Spotted Owl it says “--- which may eventually be displaced by the Barred Owl”. Likewise in the section on the Barred Owl it says “--- this combination separates it from the Spotted Owl, which it might eventually displace in the Northwest”. Apparently the situation was recognized by knowledgeable people.
by Mike Gaudern and Scott Leavengood

A couple of years ago OSWA volunteers and staff, working closely with our partners at Oregon State University, developed a tool to improve marketing and educational opportunity to woodland owners.

The fruit of our labor is the Oregon Forest Industry Directory: http://www.orforestdirectory.com

The Directory is helping to connect woodland owners, wood products manufacturers, industry consultants and anyone else interested in Oregon’s forest industry. The directory receives between 30,000 and 40,000 hits each month.

Woodland owners are finding:
- Log buyers that buy large and small diameter logs, non-traditional species, and buyers’ preferred diameters and lengths.
- Niche markets by locating buyers of logs for log homes, utility poles, ‘character logs’ for furniture, and buyers for non-timber forest products.

Sawmills are finding:
- Suppliers by locating the woodland owners in the region with logs for sale.
- Customers interested in buying the type of lumber they produce.
- Buyers for waste products/ downfall such as sawdust, shavings, bark and low-grade lumber.
- Service providers for custom lumber drying or machining.

Furniture makers and Cabinetmakers are finding:
- Suppliers that have the sort of lumber they need.
- Opportunities for outsourcing or partnerships such as custom machining, kiln drying and finishing.
- Buyers for waste products/ downfall such as low-grade lumber or trim ends.

Other Audiences:
- Architects can find firms that provide certified wood products or large timbers.
- The general public can search for local custom sawyers (for example, for that downed walnut tree), furniture and cabinet makers, boughs for wreaths, etc.
- Dozens of users have used the Classified Ads to post items they want to buy or have for sale. For example, someone recently posted an ad looking for big logs. See Classified Ads section for big logs: http://www.orforestdirectory.com/classified_ads/view/92

User feedback has resulted in several recent upgrades:
- Streamlined searches - Users can now locate log buyers, sources of logs, custom sawyers, and cabinet and furniture makers in a single click.
- Hardcopy results - Results can be saved in a print-friendly format (PDF) or in a spreadsheet for later use.
- New user accounts - The process by which new users establish a user log-in and enter their information has been greatly streamlined and simplified.
- Inventory aggregation - Landowners can enter the volume of standing (i.e., potentially available) timber they have available for each species - confidentially if desired. Interested buyers see the total inventory volume by species in each region and can fill out a form to contact all the landowners in the region.

How is the information kept up-to-date? The Oregon Forest Industry Directory allows users to update their own information. Update reminder notices are sent every six months. Those not currently on the list sign-up by filling out an on-line form. Contact the Oregon Wood Innovation Center (541-737-4212; Scott.Leavengood@oregonstate.edu) with comments, questions or suggestions.

Oregon Wood Innovation Center

Along side the directory and based upon OSWA and others requests for usable information from the research at OSU the college has developed the Oregon Wood Innovation Center whose purpose is to connect people, ideas, and resources

As part of that effort a newsletter is sent out by the center. Below are some extracts from the Ask the Expert section.

Question: We are building a replica of Otto Lilienthal's glider of 1894. Lilienthal used Willow because of its ability to bend and its strength to weight ratio. We are in the Seattle area and have had no luck finding a source. Could you suggest what kind of willow it might be? Is it available commercially? If not, is there a place we could go and cut some ourselves? We asked another replica builder in Germany. He responded that the species of willow is not important and suggested cutting in spring so that you can peel the bark very easy without tools.

Answer: Regarding which species of willow it might be, I just found a reference to Salix pentandra (laurel or bay willow) on the Otto Lilienthal Museum website. See http://www.lilienthal-museum.de/olma/dreh.htm at the bottom of the page.

The page is in German and I find no reference to Salix or willow on the English version. There is infor-
Question: I live on the coast, and have a problem with mold on the north side of our house. Every year I spray with a Jomax/chlorine, solution, brush the surface and rinse with a power washer. I then have to reapply stain to my redwood siding. What is the best way to deal with this condition, and do you have recommendations about what products are most effective for dealing with it, including stains that might inhibit/prevent mold growth? Thanks for your help.

Answer: Are you sure what you’re seeing is mold? Redwood is also known to experience extractive bleed and iron stain. Extractives give highly colored woods like redwood their color, however they can leach with changes in moisture content, migrate to the surface, and thus discolor light colored finishes. The extractives would be similar in color to the wood - i.e., reddish for redwood.

Iron stain is common in woods such as redwood and cedar that contain a lot of tannin. The stain is usually black and often occurs around nail heads. However, if you’re using a wire brush to clean the siding, the metal from the brush can also cause iron stain on the wood. Iron stain from a wire brush would look black and blotchy - much like mold.

If the discoloration is due to mold, a stain that also contained a mildewcide might do the trick. The US Forest Products Lab in Madison, WI is a good source for information on finishing, including how to address the different sources of stain (mold vs. iron stain vs. extractive bleed). See for example:


Have questions related to wood? The faculty of the Wood Science and Engineering Department at OSU have the expertise to handle almost any question about wood. Simply submit your question using the Ask the Expert form at: http://owic.oregonstate.edu/askexpert.php.
Are you interested in managing your forest with wildlife in mind? Have a special interest in bats, eagles or ospreys? How about wild turkeys, grouse, quail, deer or elk? Or maybe you have issues with beavers, muskrats, or nutria? Nearly 20 years ago a group of Pacific Northwest agencies and organizations got together to pool their resources and talents to create a series of publications oriented to these topics and more. Furthermore, these publications were written specifically for you … the small woodland owner and manager.

Created in 1988, the Woodland Fish & Wildlife Group has been coming together about three times a year to plan and write a series of brief informational bulletins on, what else, fish and wildlife on small woodlands in Washington and Oregon. The Group averages one new publication per year, and currently has a portfolio of 20 available publications (see Table 1 for a current list of titles). Each publication is designed to provide a blend of background scientific information, as well as current management recommendations. Publications are updated as necessary to keep them current. They are written by members of the participating organizations (see Table 2 for a list of participating organizations), and then reviewed and edited. Over the past 19 years over 60,000 copies have been distributed within Washington and Oregon and beyond.

If you are interested in obtaining copies of current Woodland Fish & Wildlife Group publications you have two choices. All publications are available for free by downloading them from the Woodland Fish & Wildlife website at www.woodlandfishandwildlife.org. If you do not have internet access, and/or would like a hardcopy mailed to you, please contact Washington State University Extension at:

Extension Publications
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Pullman, WA 99164-5912

Phone: (509) 335-2857
Fax: (509) 335-3006
Email: ext.pubs@wsu.edu

Hard copies are available for $1.00 each.

Table 1. Current publication titles in the Woodland Fish & Wildlife Series

- Beaver, Muskrat, and Nutria on Small Woodlands
- Coastal Douglas-fir Forests and Wildlife
- Habitat Management for Bats on Small Woodlands
- Habitat Management for Turkeys on Small Woodlands
- Hawk, Eagle, and Osprey Management of Small Woodlands
- Is There a Place for Fish and Wildlife in Your Woodland?
- Managing Deer on Small Woodlands
- Managing Forest Habitats for Migrant Songbirds
- Managing Ponderosa Pine Woodlands for Fish and Wildlife
- Managing Small Woodlands for Cavity Nesting Birds
- Managing Small Woodlands for Elk
- Managing Small Woodlands for Grouse
- Managing Western Juniper for Wildlife
- Quail on Small Woodlands
- Riparian Areas: Fish and Wildlife Havens
- Trout in Small Wooded Areas
- Wetlands as Varied as our Region
- Wildlife in Broadleaf Woodlands in Oregon and Washington
- Wildlife in White Oak Woodlands in Oregon and Washington
- Wood Ducks on Small Woodlands

Table 2. Current cooperators in the Woodland Fish & Wildlife Group

- World Forestry Center
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- University of Washington College of Forest Resources
- Oregon State University Extension Service
- Washington State University Extension
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- Washington Farm Forestry Association
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Forest Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Western Forestry and Conservation Association
- Washington Association of Conservation Districts
Board of Forestry

2007 Issue Scan

by Dan Postrel

Department of Forestry

The Board of Forestry periodically asks the public to suggest priorities to help shape the Board’s future work. The comment period for the “current issue” scan will remain open until July 31. Your input makes a difference. Here are a few examples of Board work that aligns with suggestions from the last issue scan in 2005.

* **Invasive species.** Many commenters raised this as an issue in need of Board attention. The Board’s subsequent work in this area included directing the Department of Forestry to ask the 2007 Legislature for funding to continue the fight against Sudden Oak Death, and to provide Department representation on the state’s Invasive Species Council. The Legislature granted both requests.

* **Certification.** The 2005 issue scan also indicated interest in forest certification. Questions included whether wood harvested under the Oregon Forest Practices Act would qualify for certification under one of the current, broadly recognized certification systems. The Board commissioned a study that helped to show where the Forest Practices Act’s requirements are consistent with those of major certification systems, and where forestland owners may need to take additional steps to attain certification.

* **Industry infrastructure in Eastern Oregon.** The loss of this infrastructure is tied largely to declines in harvest on federal lands. Input during the 2005 issue scan confirmed the importance of Board involvement in helping Oregonians develop a common vision that can be used to help shape federal management decisions. The Board has brought together a diverse group, which has begun to craft that vision.

Volunteers Needed for Oregon State Fair!

This year the Oregon State Fair runs from August 24 through Labor Day, Sept 3rd. OSWA is again planning a booth with the cooperation of ODF, OTFS and SAF and looking for volunteers to help staff it. One huge change is that our booth will be located in the Natural area, in the ODF building. This will be a permanent location so that we will not have to set up a new booth each year, although we’ll need new ideas to Keep our booth fresh and interesting.

Because the building will be locked up each night at 8 PM, our staffing day will be shorter with fewer shifts. If your county is not listed here, call Nancy Hathaway (541) 758-5510 to secure a day for your members to volunteer.

Volunteers receive free parking, free entry, and the rest of the day to have fun!

- Benton — August 25
- Clackamas — August 24
- Columbia — August 31
- Lane — September 2
- Lincoln — August 30
- Washington — August 28
- Yamhill — August 29

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OSWA Member Services and Programs

**Fire and General Liability Insurance**

In the recent Survey many OSWA members asked for more information about the exposure of all Oregon woodland owners to fire fighting liability and OSWA programs that help reduce the insurance cost of Fire and Woodland liability.

OSWA members have access to special discounted fire fighting insurance. Given the state laws regarding liability for fire fighting costs, this is a valuable benefit.

Under Oregon law, you are liable for the expense of fighting certain fires. Oregon law establishes a $300,000 potential liability for fire fighting costs. The insurance program offered provides a limit of $300,000 coverage per occurrence for damage to the property of others along with coverage of fire suppression costs in non-negligent fires as defined by law. In addition, comprehensive general liability is provided for your operations on timberland you own or manage. This includes, but is not limited to, the ownership and/or management of timberlands, logging, slash burning, road building and maintenance, plus extends coverage when visitors to your property (invited or not) subject you to legal liability.

Insurance is available to provide coverage for this and your general liability exposures as an owner or manager of timberland. This insurance is available to OSWA members at a special discounted premium from J.D. Fulwiler & Co., P.O. Box 69508, Portland, OR 97201. Our contact there is Jan Oyala and she can be reached at (800) 735-8325 or (503) 977-5854 and at her email: joyala@jdfulwiler.com

Currently, J.D. Fulwiler & Co. offers two options as follows:

**Option 1 Limits:**
- General Liability Bodily Injury & Property Damage Damage: Per Occurrence $1,000,000; Per Year Aggregate $2,000,000.
- Fire Legal Liability: $300,000
- Loggers Broad Form PD: 300,000
- Medical Payments: $5,000
- Deductible Loss Not to Autos: $500
- Deductible Loss to Autos: $10,000

**Option 2 Limits:**
- General Liability Bodily Injury & Property Damage Damage: Per Occurrence $300,000; Per Year Aggregate $600,000.
- Fire Legal Liability: $300,000
- Loggers Broad Form PD: 300,000
- Medical Payments: $5,000
- Deductible Loss Not to Autos: $500
- Deductible Loss to Autos: $10,000

The coverage also includes the cost to defend a claim. This insurance does not provide coverage for standing timber. In the event of a fire, this insurance will not indemnify you for the value of your trees.

Volunteer Opportunity

**by Mike Gaudern**

Hello members:

In our continuing efforts to provide you with opportunity to help your fellow family woodland owners and community we have a number of volunteer positions that we are looking to fill. Time donated can be used as credit toward Master Woodland Manager training hours.

**Education:**

**Grant Writers**

Based upon family woodland owner needs, OSWA and Family Forests of Oregon have developed a list of new education projects we could provide members and other woodland owners if we could raise the funds. If you have grant writing experience for both governmental and private foundation grants and have time and services to donate please help us with this valuable project.

**Publications and Website Volunteers**

Do you enjoy and have experience in writing newsletters, collecting stories and leading communication efforts? If so we have opportunity to help lead our voluntary communications. Working with OSWA staff and contactors editors of the Update, Website and Northwest Woodlands, you would mine for stories that add value to our communications efforts and help raise advertising dollars.

**Administrative:**

**Office Administration**

I could always use help with office administration. If you have experience at running an office filing system and have 4 hours a month you could donate to the OSWA office please let me know.

**Advocacy:**

**Silent Auction**

Silent Auction volunteers are needed for next years annual meeting. Please contact the state office if you can help run the silent auction.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Mike Gaudern at oswaed@oswa.org or call 503-588-1813
Hi Mike,

I just dug my April issue of the Update out of my in-basket and went through it. I wanted to tell you that I really liked the Legislative Update. It was very informative to see each different bill, a brief summary and the OSWA position on it. I will be checking on the bills that particularly affect me and will send a letter to my state rep/senator.

Please continue to include a similar listing in issues of the Update. It would help me keep in touch and active on these important issues.

Marie Gale
OSWA Member

Mike,

Thank you for the enormous amount of work you are doing on the subject of making sure we get value out of our Carbon solution and educating those in Salem and around Oregon. I must stress this is a global opportunity for Oregon forest land owners that must not be taken lightly.

As a small land holder (150 acres) I will need cash flow from carbon credits to make the long-term holding of forest land be financially viable given our current and future regulatory out-look and location of mills along the central Oregon coast. Please do not give away the most valuable renewable resource we have for a simple tax credit or some other baseless incentive.

CASH TALKS, BULL%#!T WALKS!! Income determines the outcome when managing timberlands! We must treat the forest products in Oregon similar to a Monet, there are plenty of famous Artists in the world market of paintings, but only one Monet!

I would like everyone to compare what we as a state/region/nation spend on Salmon recovery and habitat and what we spend on progressive/proactive fire management. We are most likely setting ourselves up to lose our carbon sink on the Westside and eastside rather then see the full historical or planned recovery of salmon runs in the PNW. While we chase this running rabbit of Carbon credits and Pacific Salmon around we have to be very mindful of the known tinder smoldering in our forests( poor fire management planning). This directly affects ALL timber interest. It directly impacts our air quality Carbon VALUE and short-term habitat VALUE on a global scale.

I still have a contact in Costa Rica that developed their Carbon Plan. We may be able to have him visit or visit them in the future.

Thanks, and please do not forget about us small guys...

Andrew Kittel
Portsmouth, RI

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**Welcome New OSWA Members!**

We encourage you to take full advantage of your local chapter activities and share your experiences with your new friends and neighbors. And, remember to have fun as you protect, manage, use and enhance your family forest resources!

- **Benton Chapter**
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