OSWA Annual Meeting

By Jim James, Executive Director

OSWA’s Annual Meeting was held in Forest Grove on June 22nd at Pacific University. The theme was “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”. There were 141 participants at the event hosted by Washington County. Senator Betsey Johnson was the keynote speaker who focused on the role of small woodland owners in Oregon’s forests. The program included panels on Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Current Issues, How to Protect Your Investments, and Assistance to Landowners. The Dinner Speaker was Lena Tucker, Deputy Chief Private Forests Division, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) who updated the participants on changes at ODF with an emphasis on how ODF interacts with small woodland owners.

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Our Vision
To see privately owned family woodlands are a thriving part of Oregon's landscape in 2050.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
To provide opportunity to Family Woodland Owner by:

· Educating and informing the owners of forested tracts and the public regarding forestry and family forestland management issues.

· Providing a medium for the exchange of ideas about family forestland by land owners, public agencies, consultants and timber industry personnel.

· Serving as a forum to make recommendations for investigating and solving problems, and for improving forest management, harvesting, and marketing.

· Disseminating information on the establishment, growth, harvesting and marketing of forest crops produced on family forestlands, and to foster the wise use and protection of forests and encourage better forestry practices.

· Representing the owners of family forestlands to the general public and before legislative bodies and regulatory agencies.

· Complying with ORS Chapter 65 and as authorized by ORS 65.061.

A suggestion was made that my first note as president be one that presented my vision, and all that good stuff. But as of this writing in early July, the wildfires in Colorado focus attention to rural resident threats during fire season: high temperatures, high winds and low humidities. So my vision is an Oregon August with cool temperatures and no winds! If you're a small woodland owner who lives on your forest, I'm sure you have prepared a defensible space around your home. More important, I hope you and your family have an evacuation plan.

Besides hoping for a mild fire season, during the next year I look forward to working with the board and membership committee to refine and implement a membership marketing strategy. Members at the annual meeting in Forest Grove saw a 'soft launch' of our Membership Sign campaign and our Got Forest? campaign. The purpose of the 2’x 3’ membership sign, which has our logo and the date a member joined, is to increase public awareness of OSWA. The signs will soon be available for sale from Awesome OSWA Products. The Got Forest? campaign is a 4” x 9” rigid card with the tag line and the OSWA logo on front. On the reverse are specific benefits a member gets with paid dues. The purpose of this card is to target potential new members.

The membership committee’s plan, developed with President Nancy Hathaway’s guidance last year, outlines four areas to grow membership. It’s a great basis for a marketing plan. But where do we focus our efforts? Oregon has about 7,000 forest landowners with over 100 acres. OSWA has about 700 members in this size class, or 10%. Our other 700 members, owning less than 100 acres, represent less than 1% of the 140,000 Oregon landowners in this size class. With OSWA's three-level dues structure, I’m convinced we can grow our membership in the smaller acreage classes.

Besides developing targeted marketing campaigns, OSWA will continue doing good things that attract and keep members active. Our strengths include relevant chapter meetings, tree and native plant sales, tree schools, mentoring, and forest tours. Chapters have experimented with ways to attract members, such as dues discounts and targeted mailings. And our website is being updated with financial help from Oregon Forest Resources Institute. These all point to success.

Finally, members with marketing and advertising experience can help OSWA. We can benefit from your counsel on selling our organization to new members. Your participation can be as easy as emailing me or board members your ideas or tips, or by becoming active on the membership committee.
MESSAGE FROM JIM JAMES

The Annual Meeting was a great success, thanks to all those OSWA members who made it happen. I really appreciate the support we received from our Washington County Chapter, for all the OSWA speakers during the meeting, and for all those who attended and participated in the three day event.

The OSWA Board met on Thursday, June 22nd. The Board approved 1) further implementation of the OSWA Membership Plan including introduction of Rack Cards to be used to promote OSWA membership and support for an OSWA sign program (See article below), 2) the Legislative Priorities recommended by the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and 3) changes to the bylaws to modify the timing of member termination for failure to pay dues from 90 days from invoice to the last day of the fourth month following an invoice, not to exceed 120 days; the day new officers take office from July 1st following the election to the day the election results are confirmed by the Executive Committee; and the number of advisory members on the board from five to six.

The Board delayed a decision to change OSWA’s membership dues structure to make up an anticipated $15,000 to $20,000 shortfall in OSWA’s 2011/2012 revenues. The anticipated shortfall results from 19% of the dues invoices sent out to date have not been returned. The Board recommended Chapters consider donating all or a part of their OSWA rebates back to OSWA and to put new emphasis on OSWA’s Patron Program to both OSWA members, OSWA allies, and industry partners. The rebates will be sent to chapters in July.

The board also approved in principle a change to the Bylaws that clarified the role of the Board and Executive Committee. This modification to the Bylaws and OSWA's dues structure will be on the agenda for the September 28th Board meeting.

There are several upcoming statewide events OSWA members need to know about. The Howdy Neighbor Woods Tour scheduled for August 25th (see article on page 4) and the Oregon Tree Farm System Awards Luncheon scheduled for November 19th at the World Forestry Center in Portland (see nominees for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year on page 11).

Soft Launch of Two Membership Marketing Campaigns

Membership signs and rack cards were introduced in the discussion during the annual meeting in Forest Grove. The purpose of the membership sign is to increase public awareness (and your neighbors) of OSWA. It will have the OSWA logo and a message “Member Since (year one joined)”. It will be a durable outdoor sign. The sign is not yet available but will be soon. Details for ordering signs will be sent to Chapter Presidents, will be on the website, and will be in the next edition of the Woodlander Update. The cost is expected to be about $45 per sign.

Got Forest? is the tag line on a rack card designed to attract new members. The back of the 3” x 9” rigid card lists the facts: dues, benefits and how to join OSWA by accessing the OSWA website. Chapter chairs were given these cards and plastic containers to display them at the annual meeting. Members can help distribute by 1) Placing cards in racks in local public places, such as OSU Extension, NRCS and ODF offices, and events like state and county fairs, 2) Putting stand-alone display boxes in hardware stores, chainsaw shops, and farm/forestry equipment dealers, with the permission of the manager, 3) Including cards in general mailings, or to potential landowners, and 4) Handing out cards at tours, chapter meetings, tree school, and special events.
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The Howdy Neighbor Tour August 25th in Lincoln County

In cooperation with OSWA’s Lincoln County Chapter, Oregon Forest Resource Institute, OSU Extension, and Oregon Tree Farm System, OSWA will conduct a woods tour on Gene and Jessie Cooper’s property near Burnt Woods on Saturday, August 25th. The tour will focus on forest management options to produce high quality timber while protecting our natural resources; riparian issues; animal (beaver, bear, and boomer) damage; an outdoor furnace house and heating system, a customized sawmill, and an active logging operation. It will showcase an intensively managed forest that has been managed since 1947 by now 91 year old Gene Cooper and his wife Jessie.

The tour is open to the public and will begin at 9:30 am and conclude with Lunch. The tour is free and lunch will be provided for all tour participants. Registration is required. Contact Jen Rains jenerains@gmail.com or (503) 588-1813 to register. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting and informational tour.

Directions to Cooper property are as follows.

Directions: From Newport east on Hwy 20 to Burnt Woods. From Philomath west on Hwy 20 to Burnt Woods. Turn south on Harlan-Burnt Woods County Road and travel 3.5 miles – Cooper’s home is on west (right) side. Look for signs on the road.

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Oregon's 2011 Outstanding Tree Farmers Host Tour

Oregon's 2011 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, Jim and Phyllis Dahm, hosted the Tree Farm Summer Tour on their property June 30th. Approximately 60 people from throughout Oregon gathered on their tree farm southwest of Sprague River to see the many management activities that singled them out as Oregon's Tree Farmers of the Year.

Participants saw thinning and fuels reduction, major activities in forest that are under constant threat from insects and wildfire. They also saw how young forests can regenerate when cattle are exclusion in open range country. Jim and Phyllis installed a four-mile long, solar powered electric fence around their forest and increased natural pine regeneration was evident as well as meadows resplendent with native grasses and wildflowers.

A wildlife guzzler and other cost-share projects were visited and an ODF fire crew did an initial attack demonstration.

The tour doubled as an Oregon Forest Resources Institute/Oregon Small Woodlands Association Howdy Neighbor tour.

Phyllis and Jim Dahm receive their Oregon 2011 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year plaque for Oregon Tree Farm System Chair Joe Holmberg.
OSU names Thomas Maness dean of College of Forestry

By Mark Floyd

Thomas Maness, a forest economist who specializes in developing innovative forest policies and practices to balance traditional production with ecosystem services, has been named dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University.

Maness has been a professor and head of the Department of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management at OSU since 2009. He succeeds Hal Salwasser, who earlier this year announced his decision to step down as dean. Maness will begin his new duties as dean on Aug. 1.

As the Cheryl Ramberg and Allyn C. Ford Dean of Forestry – and director of the Oregon Forest Research Laboratory – Maness will assume leadership of one of the world’s leading forestry programs. With nearly a thousand undergraduate and graduate students, an annual budget of $25 million, and a robust research program, the OSU College of Forestry is a vital resource for managers of forests in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

“Dr. Maness is passionate about the College of Forestry and he has extensive industry and academic experience,” said Sabah Randhawa, OSU provost and executive vice president. “He is a broad thinker and understands sustainable, long-term management of forests and the resulting implications for forestry education, research and outreach.

“His vision and experience will help us further advance the college and its contributions to the university's signature area of advancing the science of sustainable earth ecosystems,” Randhawa added.

Maness has worked for Weyerhaeuser Company as a forest engineer in the Klamath Falls region, where he developed strategic forest planning models and manufacturing optimization systems for West Coast sawmills. He returned to school and earned his Ph.D. in forest economics from the University of Washington in 1989, and joined the faculty of the University of British Columbia. Maness earned a B.S. in forest management from Western Virginia University and an M.S. in forest operations from Virginia Tech.
Oregon Department of Forestry Prepares to Audit BMP Compliance

By Paul Clements, ODF Compliance & Training Coordinator

In a 2011 Budget Note, the Oregon Legislature instructed the Private Forests Program of the Department of Forestry to contract out an audit of compliance with the Forest Practices Act (FPA). The Agency was instructed to report to the 2013 Legislative Joint Committee on Ways and Means (January 2013) on the process and results of compliance monitoring, with specific instructions that private contractors were to be employed in the effort.

ODF’s Private Forests program is developing a process of sampling to determine state-wide rates of compliance with standards of the Forest Practices Act. The initial “Forest Practices Compliance Audit” will provide an opportunity for Oregonians to reflect on the results of a statistically valid sampling process that seeks to answer questions about rates of compliance for industrial, private non-industrial and other (county, state) ownerships of lands from which timber was harvested during 2010 and 2011. The initial effort will focus on standards of practice for roads and timber harvesting. Additional audits are planned for subsequent years and other rule sections.

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House Passes County Payments Extension

From Congressman Greg Walden’s Office

House passes extension on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis as part of transportation agreement; funding provides help for rural communities while Congress works on long-term solution to create jobs.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) applauded House passage of a one year extension of county payments that he helped secure in the transportation agreement.

“The House today gave a lifeline to rural communities to keep essential services like law enforcement and schools up and running. The entire delegation worked together to get this done for Oregon,” Rep. Walden said. “We can’t rest now though—the clock is ticking.

We will continue our bipartisan work on a long-term solution to create jobs in the woods to make our federally-forested communities self reliant once more for the long term.”

Once passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President, the law will provide about $100 million for Oregon communities.

“This short-term funding will allow counties to serve the people while Congress works on a long-term solution. It’s getting harder and harder to eke out extensions of this program, though. There’s a better way. We need a sustainable policy that works in our communities, works for our forests, and puts people back to work,” Rep. Walden said. “With this one year funding approved, we can now focus our full attention on passing our Oregon forestry reform plan with Reps. DeFazio and Schrader and the Natural Resources Committee.”

Earlier this year, Rep. Walden received a commitment from the highest levels of the House Republican leadership to secure this one year extension of county payments.

Dollars Available to Assist Landowners in Writing First Time Forest Management Plans

By Steve Vaught, Incentives Coordinator, Private Forests Division, ODF

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has approximately $10,000 available to cost share forest management plans. ODF expects to receive the 2012 Stewardship Grant from the USFS sometime in the next two-three months. This grant will provide ODF with an additional $41,000 for cost share of management plans.

These funds are for 1st time management plans not for updates/revisions of existing plans. Interested woodland owners should apply for these funds directly through their local ODF Stewardship Forester.

Application, template, and guidelines are available on the ODF home page (http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/ --> Landowner Assistance --> Incentive Programs) or from the local ODF Stewardship Forester.
Mother Nature Has Last Word

By Tom Fields, Fire Prevention Coordinator, Oregon Department of Forestry

I just returned from the High Park Fire in Fort Collins, Colorado, where I served for 11 days as a fire information officer (FIO). It was my responsibility to keep the public, media and cooperating agencies informed on the fire suppression efforts as well as evacuations and resources people could tap into to meet their needs. The fire was devastating: more than 87,000 acres burned and at least 250 homes lost (at last count). One of the FIO’s assigned to our team was local and had been evacuated the day I arrived. Two days later, his home was added to the list of casualties.

As I drove the perimeter of the fire my fire prevention instincts began to kick in. While this fire was caused by lightning, I felt there had to have been something that could have been done to prevent such destruction. Some created defensible space, which helped in a few cases. But when a true firestorm hits, there's not much that can be done to stop it. I noticed many had built homes in precarious areas, such as mid slope within box canyons. Scrub Oak, Lodge Pole Pine, and other dry vegetation dominated the landscape. And combined with 90-100 degree temperatures, humidity in the single digits, and winds gusting near 50 miles per hour, Mother Nature was surely going to have the last word.

So how does this relate to the small woodland owners of Oregon? First, it speaks volumes to people living in forested areas. Take a look around the perimeter of your property. Do you have at least 30 feet of defensible space in an attempt to keep the fire out? What about things around the home that invite fire brands, like wood piles, pine needles in gutters and on rooftops, flammables under decks, etc. Second, when conditions become such that you or your contractor should call it a day (temps, humidity, winds), then shut things down. The slightest spark under extreme conditions can turn your tree farm and your personal property (as well as your neighbors) into a moonscape.

One final note: While Oregon may not be currently experiencing record fire weather conditions, it’s important to point out that we still live in a fire environment capable of producing large fires. This time of year is perhaps just as critical as say, August, because we tend to let our guard down and become a bit more complacent. Keep up your vigilance by meeting and exceeding fire season requirements and prevention laws. Don't be the one that says “I had no idea that things were that dry” as a retardant packing air tanker flies over. Stay the course and have a safe summer.

Fire Season

By Mike Dykzeul, Oregon Forest Industries Council

Fire season 2012 appears to have great potential, but thankfully it is off to a somewhat slow start. This slow start is allowing seasonal crews to get their training completed while other, more seasoned veterans are helping other states in their efforts to control some serious wildfires.

Predictions – made by scientific methods, almanac, or years of experience – all appear to agree that late August and into September are shaping up to be a challenge for Oregon and our neighbors. As of June 27, there have been a total of 126 fires burning 184 acres. Only eight fires burning one acre are due to lightning strikes, while the remaining 118 fires are human caused (all varieties).
Forest Owners Applaud Supreme Court Decision to Review Forest Roads Case

Press Release from National Alliance of Forest Owners

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) responded enthusiastically to news that the U.S. Supreme Court will review the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court’s ruling in NEDC v. Brown. The Ninth Circuit ruled last year that forest roads are “point sources” of water pollution requiring industrial discharge permits typically applied to factories and sewage plants, a decision that overturns EPA’s 35 years of successful regulation of forest roads under the Clean Water Act.”

“The Supreme Court’s decision to review this case is a welcome development for forest landowners across America, who for 35 years have contributed to one of the nation’s best success stories under the Clean Water Act,” said Dave Tenny, NAFO President and CEO. “It validates the opinions of the Solicitor General, 29 state attorneys general and forest owners and operators across the country who all agree that the Ninth Circuit’s decision was wrong.”

Although the Solicitor General in his May 24 brief to the Supreme Court acknowledged that the Ninth Circuit ruling was wrong, he recommended the Court not review the case urging that “the complex regulatory issues can be addressed more definitively and in a more nuanced fashion by Congress and [EPA].”

Congress and the Administration joined forest owners to support EPA’s historical treatment of forestry and forest roads as non-point sources by taking action last December in the Fiscal Year 2012 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The effort, achieved with bipartisan support in both the Senate and House, prevented the Ninth Circuit’s misinterpretation of the Clean Water Act from taking effect but expires September 30, 2012.

“The Supreme Court’s decision raises a significant question regarding the need for further administrative action by the EPA pending a final decision by the Court,” Tenny continued. “At this point undertaking an administrative process without knowing the legal context would be a questionable use of time and resources.”
New Tools Available for Writing Management Plans

By Joe Holmberg - Chair Oregon Tree Farm System

For those with management plans or thinking that you should probably have a plan, three new tools are available. Management planning can be an onerous process because of the need to gather extensive information on your forestland. The new tools capture these sources enabling you to access the information and download it for your plan. Plan writing remains onerous but absent or not locatable resource information is no longer the excuse.

The first tool is the Oregon Uniform Management Plan Template which resides http://outreach.oregonstate.edu/programs/forestry/oregon-forest-management-planning. This website has a management plan template which is accepted by most natural resources agencies and organizations in Oregon. Links on the website connect with explanations, definitions and data specific to your forestland.

As an example, clicking on integrated pest management will let you know what this term means and how you might practice IPM on your forestland.

Completing a management plan using this template should qualify you for certification and enable access to various pots of cost-share funding.

Another tool resides on the Oregon Department of Forestry’s webpage http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/GIS/gis_home.shtml#LocatOR. This site provides 6th order watershed data and might require a bit more tech knowledge on the part of the user but there is a web video demonstration on the webpage that will guide you.

The last tool has been developed by the American Forest Foundation and can be accessed at http://www.myland-plan.org/. This tool is national in scope whereas the first tool is specific to Oregon and was developed for Oregon situations.

It might be a long winter’s night project but try these sites and see how they might assist should you be updating or needing to start your management plan. You will need to come up with a new excuse because lack of data access won’t work anymore (unless you don’t have a computer or your computer has crashed). All three tools are in or just completing their beta tests and the authors welcome any feedback.

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Local Tree Farmers Honored

Nine Tree Farmers have been selected by their local Oregon Small Woodlands Association chapters as County Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year.

This special recognition is for their active forest management and promotion of sound, sustainable forest management amongst their neighbors. Each will be honored at Oregon Tree Farm System’s Annual Awards Luncheon held at the World Forestry Center November 19th.

Oregon’s 2012 County Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year are:

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Weyerhaeuser announces preference for Tree Farm Certified Wood

Weyerhaeuser, one of the world’s largest forest products companies, announced it will be giving a preference for certified material from the American Tree Farm System® (ATFS).

Forest Certification assures the public that the forests are managed in a sustainable manner.

Having Weyerhaeuser give Tree Farm timber a market preference provides an economic incentive for family forest landowners to join the Tree Farm Certification Program.

“Weyerhaeuser’s announcement is just what certified Tree Farmers have been waiting for,” said Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation. “These landowners are hardworking people who want to keep their forests, as forests, and keep them in their family” he added.

“Most of our customers want certified wood. There’s a widespread understanding of the value of certification—encouraging corporate best practices remains by far the most important role for certification. Buyers want to know their wood comes from sustainably managed forests,” said Dan Fulton, President and CEO of Weyerhaeuser Company.

There are more than 89,000 family forest owners sustainably managing 27 million acres of forestland in America. Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) has 760 Certified Tree Farmers managing 826,270 acres. Weyerhaeuser preference for their certified wood can make a real difference in the viability of the Tree Farms and the economic health of rural communities.

The preference for ATFS wood will be implemented at Weyerhaeuser through a number of measures, including:

- Incentives – Such as maintaining a priority market for Tree Farm certified material, especially when suppliers are put on quotas.
- Procurement decisions – Where a Vendor Management Plan is used (which scores wood suppliers on a number of metrics) Tree Farm certification will be added as a positive attribute. A Vendor Mgt. Plan can be a forest management plan that has activities defined by time and/or sequence.
- Policy – Declaring support for Tree Farm in the company’s Wood Procurement Policy and tracking Tree Farm wood use.
- Support expansion of the American Tree Farm System – Offering landowner assistance to encourage Tree Farm certification and management to ATFS Standards of Sustainability.

“America’s forests need strong industry players like Weyerhaeuser to recognize the value that family forest owners are contributing to sustainable forestry. Giving preference to wood from ATFS certified land means more woodland owners have the financial resources to continue their hard work and on-the-ground stewardship,” said Martin.

Weyerhaeuser’s Clemons Tree Farm was the first ATFS Tree Farm. For more information on Tree Farm certification, contact OTFS office at (503) 362-0242.
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THANKS FOR HELPING MAKE THE 2012 OSWA ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS!


The Exhibitors: Boise Cascade, Forest Seedling Network, IFA Nurseries, JD Fulwiler Company Insurance, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Forest Resource Institute, Oregonians for Common Sense, and Oregon Tree Farm System.

OSWA’s Washington County Chapter, Pam & Peter Hayes, the Build Local Alliance, and all the OSWA members who were there as speakers and participants.
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Past President Nancy Hathaway received OSWA’s “Rigging Slinger” award for her leadership and activities in support of OSWA and nominees for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year were recognized. On June 23rd a Howdy Neighbor woods tour was held at Peter and Pam Hayes’ Hyla Woods property near Timber. It was co-sponsored by Washington County Chapter, OSU Extension, Oregon Forest Resource Institute, Oregon Tree Farm System, Build Local Alliance, and OSWA.

During the Membership Meeting on June 22nd, Scott Hanson (Clackamas County) was nominated for President-Elect and Elizabeth Mottner (Benton County) was nominated as Secretary.

These new officers will replace Ken Faulk and Katie Kohl whose terms as OSWA officers have expired. Both Katie and Ken were recognized for their service to OSWA. The members present also approved in principle a board recommendation to modify the OSWA Bylaws as outlined in the Executive Director’s report on page 3. A membership vote-by-mail is required to elect the officer candidates and to approve the Bylaw changes. Election forms are included in this Woodlander Update along with a survey to determine the interest of OSWA members in a unique Resource Value Insurance policy specifically for OSWA members.

A speaker on the “Protect Your Investment” panel at the annual meeting was Joe Luchsinger from Willis of Oregon. Willis is working on an insurance option for OSWA members to insure the value of their timber resources for damage caused by fire or other natural disasters.

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Annual meeting pictures: Below- A smiling Ilene Waldorf

Right- Roger Beyer taking it easy in Scott Hayes’ chair

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The last agency effort of a similar nature was carried out in 2002. At that time compliance rates at the harvest unit level were 96%. This Audit should provide useful information. The process will likely identify areas where training for landowners, operators and others might be focused.

The Audit is not about individual circumstances, or individual ownerships. Only sites for which landowners give permission for consideration will be included. Published results will be at a statewide scale; landowners will not be named. The early phases of the project are underway. Data gathering is expected to begin later this year. Small woodland owners may be asked to allow data gathering to occur on their lands. Local ODF Stewardship Foresters will be the local point of contact for the Audit. Support of the effort will enable the entire forest products community to gather the strength that knowledge affords, and will provide credibility in ongoing discussions regarding natural resource management.

Questions about the 2012 Forest Practices Act Compliance Audit can be directed to Paul Clements, ODF Compliance & Training Coordinator at 503-945-7475.

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The survey is designed to assist Willis in the development of the insurance policy. At this time no such policy exists in the US where a landowner can insure for the loss of timber values from fire. In Oregon, landowners can only insure themselves from the cost of fighting a fire on the landowner’s property due to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Please return the election forms and insurance survey as soon as possible.
NW Woodlands Magazine Survey due by August 13th

By Jim James

OSWA members with email addresses have received an email requesting they complete a NW Woodlands magazine survey. The requested reply deadline is August 13th. It will help OSWA make sure the NW Woodlands magazine is meeting member needs. If you have not yet completed the survey, please complete it now. If you did not receive a survey, here is the survey link: