



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

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Greetings OSWA members, families and friends! Winter 2011 (Nov, Dec and Jan 2012)

Another quarter and we have some great things for our members to do. Later this winter, probably starting in Feb or March, we will have a session of the Ties to the Land program. This is very important to all of us that have forestland and families involved, or not, and are not immune to the passing of time. Please keep your eyes peeled for the announcement of that program and make plans to participate. This month and next we have two events that might pique your interest.

The first event is about mushrooms and Old Growth, This will be a walking day, so please be prepared to be outside with proper clothing and footwear. The Old Growth hike is wonderful yet more challenging, up a beautiful stream canyon. Please come to the Havel family forest near Willamina, on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 9am for this walking tour, looking for and discussing mushrooms. We will have Fred and Judith Shipley of the Oregon Mycological society bringing us some wisdom and good company. We'll spend an hour or so walking the trails of Mark's parks, discussing all things edible and then we'll carpool up into the hills for another hike into the old growth forests on some BLM land. To find the Havel property, look up 6955 Gold Creek Road,

Willamina OR 97396 on your internet map search, or flip the page for driving directions; travel 27 miles west from Salem on Hwy 22 to the Willamina jct. Go Straight through this flashing yellow light and another 2 ½ miles to exit 25. Take the exit and a right at the stop sign, over the highway and a left onto Yamhill River road at the T. Go about 2/3 mile and take a right onto Gold Creek road over a concrete bridge. Travel 1 mile up Gold Cr. to the first forest on your right and then about 1000 feet to the driveway, just after a small bridge over Gold Creek. Parking will be marked.

Photos from last week

and last time



The second event of the quarter has Timber taxes and Birds for its focus.

Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December at 7pm we will have presentations about forestland birds by Jonathan Pope and Kathy Patterson of the Oregon Audubon Society, as well as our own Terry Lamers speaking on forest and timber taxation. This will be held at the Salem Extension office at 2180 Center St, just east of the new construction on the State Hospital

This is one of our chapter's educational presentations and a really good way to broaden our interests. It will be a neat opportunity to meet some folks that most likely have similar interests to ours; being stewards of the land and appreciating it, and Birds! We can learn a lot from Jon and Kathy when they present the wonders of Oregon's forestland birds, giving us insights into what we can see at certain times of year. This will also be a good time for forestland owners and birders to interact and understand each other's goals. Our chapter has extended a welcome to other Audubon members to join us at this evening presentation as well as our mushroom and old growth tour.

For both of these presentations, bring your questions! You know that Terry has great experience in timber harvest and taxation and is fully versed in all of the peculiarities of the tax programs. What timber tax program are you enrolled in? Does it take anything to keep your status? How are harvests treated ...and so on.

Please contact the directors on the letterhead if you have questions, comments or suggestions. This is your organization and we welcome, and ask for, participation.