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Family Forestlands Symposium, Corvallis, April 26 & 27

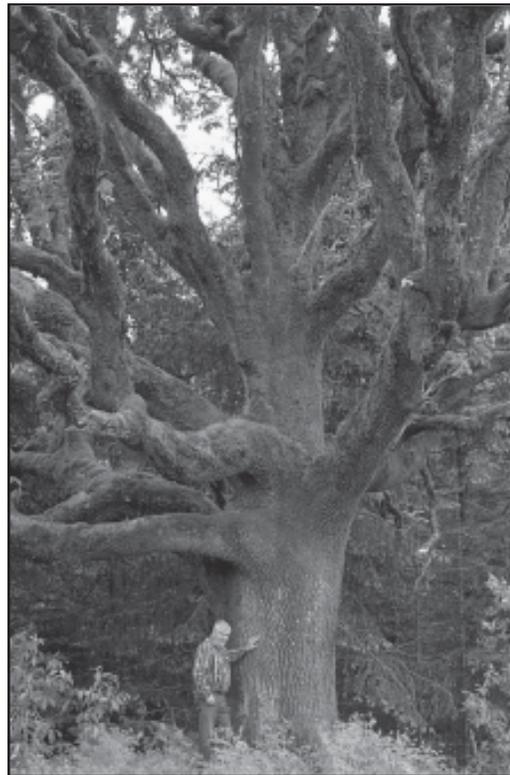
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## How OSWA Members Could Choose to Support the Oregon Conservation Strategy

by Peg Boulay and Meg Kanagy (Reprinted from Endangered Species Bulletin. Photo of Ken Faulk by Robert Petit)



Ken and Karin Faulk, Benton County OSWA members, have a vision for their land, one that allows them to meet a variety of management objectives while making a real difference for wildlife. It is a vision shared by the Oregon Conservation Strategy.

The Faulks are successfully weaving conservation into their land management to meet both conservation and economic goals. As Ken explains, "In some areas, our primary objective is Douglas-fir production. But in areas with unique habitat values, our objective is to provide quality habitat for a wider range of wildlife species. Without losing very much value in timber production, we can add a lot of value in wildlife habitat by picking areas that are special and where a little bit

of work can make a big difference."

These habitats are identified as a priority target in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. The Faulks have completed restoration on 5 acres (2 hectares) of oak woodlands and are hard at work on a 3-acre (1.2-ha) upland prairie enhancement. They are taking conservation actions such as removing competing conifers, controlling an invasive non-native grass, and seeding native grasses and wildflowers. Their work will benefit declining species like the western gray squirrel, slender-billed nuthatch, Lewis' woodpecker, western bluebird, wayside aster, and many others.

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## 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...

### Do YOU Care?

by Mike Barnes



As I write another brilliant President's Message, I wondered if anyone out there in reader land really cares about some of the issues I describe? Once again, I sit in front of my computer screen hammering on the keys with chainsaw weary fingers to relay thoughts for your careful consideration.

A few things grabbed my attention as I sat down to read the Sunday Oregonian, because they are critical to many of us as family forest owners. The lead article on the Opinion page was devoted to one of our favorite issues; land use planning and, specifically, Measure 37. Measure 37 is in the news a lot these days with the Governor sponsoring legislation, the Senate conducting hearings and the work of the Big Look Committee. In this article written by Mary Pitman Kitch, one line was of particular interest; "Oregon belongs to all of us, not just those people." This statement causes me concern, not just because of measure 37, but because of the general attitude of many in our state. I have never seen "all of us" slaving in the pouring rain to plant some seedlings or sweating in the summer sun controlling invasive species or harvesting a few logs to keep Oregon working. This attitude of Oregon belonging to all of us will continue to erode the options you and I, and, more importantly, those that follow us will have in managing the forests we own.

Another topic of current interest is the buzz around the state to create energy-positive industries, such as biomass power generation. The crowded and fire-prone forests of the eastside seem to be candidates for such an industry. Recently, certain groups have stepped in to say that these projects must be limited to trees less than 12 inches in diameter. Studies have shown that for such projects to be financially viable, a portion of the material needs to be of saw log size. And so, what appeared an idea that would have broad-based support could be derailed by a few.

Now if you want to get real excited, take a look at the huge issue of the "State Climatologist." OSWA had George Taylor speak at the annual meeting a couple of years ago. He gave a very informative and entertaining presentation. It seems he is not in lock step with the current thinking of some, and now his prestigious title is in jeopardy. Crazy world we live in.

Well, do you care? What do you really care about? American Idol is running again. Perhaps that will solve the problems of a hard day's work.

Until next time...

**Don't forget to register for the OSWA Annual Meeting and the Family Forestlands Symposium in April!**  
**(See pages 11&12)**

*Faulk, con't.*

The Faulks were selected as Benton County's 2006 Tree Farmer of the Year for the sustainable management of their timber operation and for the work they have done restoring habitats. They have gone on to win the State award.

The Faulks recently shared with other landowners their knowledge about forest management and restoration through a field tour organized by Benton County Oregon State University Extension. OSWA members can visit the Faulks property as part of the 2007 State Annual Meeting tours. You can register using the form in this month's Update.

The Faulk's restoration work is also exciting because their property is part of the larger Cardwell Hill Regional Conservation Planning project area. The Cardwell Hill project is a cooperative, voluntary, landscape-scale planning and restoration effort. It involves over 30 landowners and 2,000 acres (810 ha). Much of the area is contiguous, allowing participating landowners to work for conservation across property lines. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Mary's River Watershed Council, Institute for Applied Ecology, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and many other partners have provided technical and financial assistance to landowners in the project area.

"The idea of neighbors working with neighbors across property lines is great," says Ken. "One person might have a pond where western pond turtles live, and his neighbor might have some nesting habitat. By working together, you can make a difference for the turtle. This kind of work is going to catch on, and it can do what state conservation strategies hope to do. It can happen even with small properties if landowners compare notes and get a little help from biologists."

The Faulk's property is also located in one of the Oregon Conservation Strategy's "Conservation Opportunity Areas," which are prioritized landscapes where broad fish and wildlife conservation goals can best be achieved. Conservation Opportunity Areas can help focus investments on priority landscapes, increase the likelihood of long-term success over larger areas, improve funding efficiency, and promote cooperation across land ownership boundaries. The Strategy profiles each area, describing the special features, key habitats and species, and some recommended actions. The Faulk's restoration efforts are implementing many of the actions identified for their area.

Ken and Karin's vision can be felt in the Strategy, since Ken served on the stakeholder advisory committee that helped develop Oregon's conservation approach. The committee was a diverse coalition including scientists, conservation groups, landowners, extension services, anglers, hunters, and representatives from agriculture, forestry, and rangelands.

As Ken sums it up, "This tree farmer is proud to have worked with other landowners and conservationists on Oregon's Strategy. Until past the 10 years, there was very little guidance or assistance for tree farmers working towards conservation goals. But now with the Tree Farm System, OSWA, the Service's USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife, and ODFW's Conservation Strategy providing guidance and financial help, a lot of projects will be accomplished. As more projects happen, the word will get out, and more people will come to the table. Hopefully, it will snowball."

## Resources

[www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org)

Your connection to the most recent news and information affecting family forestland owners, including technical assistance, legislation and stories on great stewardship.

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## Issues Corner – Legislative Update

by Kristina McNitt



### Land Use

No single issue is as divisive among Oregonians, and within our own OSWA membership, as the issue of land use. It's equally divisive in Salem, where a joint committee of both House and Senate members meets every Tuesday and Thursday

night to hear from the public. And boy, have they.

Hearing after hearing, people stream into Salem from all corners of the state to share their personal feelings about land use in general, their interpretations and expectations related to the passage of Ballot Measure 37, and their positions on SB 505 – the Governor's bill that would establish an express line and a 4 month freeze of BM37 claims.

Most evenings the Capitol opens as many as three additional hearing rooms to contain the overflow of people – some of whom have to make the trip more than once to get to testify. For two minutes. I've never seen such a consistent level of interest on an issue, night after night, by ordinary Oregonians making extraordinary efforts to participate in the process. Listening to the personal testimony from people on both sides of the debate has reminded me of my trip to the Klamath Basin for the organized Bucket Brigade following the federal decision to shut off project water to farmers in 2001. It's that heartfelt.

### Conspicuously absent from the witness stand is OSWA.

From a representative organizational perspective, that's probably the right thing to do. But, it does leave a policy void on an issue that will directly affect all of our members. Recently, your Government Advisory Committee was privileged to be joined by Senator Roger Beyer at one of our regular Tuesday morning meetings. Senator Beyer is a long-time Clackamas County Chapter member, state Senator, and member of the Joint Committee on Land Use and Fairness. He asked us to think outside the constraints and politics of SB 505 and truly seek out suggestions about how a post-measure 37 Oregon ought to look. So, I toss the challenge out to you: if you ran the world, what would you do?

- How are Oregonians encouraged to keep land in timber production?
- If land is in production, how is it protected to remain in production? How are operations protected?
- What forces influence management/conversion decisions?
- Is it really all about land planning or are there other drivers?
- Does the so-called implied social contract protect rural and urban expectations and experiences?

Enough theory. Email me.  
[Kristina@klmconsulting.biz](mailto:Kristina@klmconsulting.biz).

Remember, the OSWA GAC meets every Tuesday at 7:30 (note updated time). New this year is conference call capability. Try it! Log on [www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org), go to the calendar selection for the phone number. From there, click to a link and view the legislation we talk about. You'll miss the donuts, but we'd like to have you anyway.

*Note from Editor in Chief – Yamhill County member Susan Watkins recently appeared before the "Big Look" Committee as part of a forestry sector panel. She has written a draft report and we will be sharing that with members in the next month's Update. Susan spoke on her own behalf, having talked to a number of OSWA members who have expressed a wide range of opinions on this issue. On behalf of the family forest community, I would like to thank Susan for her professional approach to this subject and her sensitivity to that diversity when speaking to the panel. I would echo Kristina's thoughts and encourage OSWA members to appear and testify. As staff, we would be happy to help you prepare for the experience of talking in front of a committee.*

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# Oregon Tree Farm News

## Nominations for County Tree Farmer of the Year

by Dick Courter, OTFS & Consulting Forester

The Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) has been recognizing outstanding Tree Farmers at the County and State level since 1966. For most of that time OTFS has looked to County Chapters of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) with the help of County Extension agents, Oregon Department of Forestry Service Foresters, Consulting Foresters, Industry Foresters and many others working together to help select candidates. OTFS has encouraged OSWA chapters to take the lead by forming selection committees to include all the above mentioned representatives, plus others they wish to involve. We are very proud of that long historical working relationship. Thanks to all Chapters and to all individuals involved during the past 40 years for helping.

The time of year has approached for each OSWA Chapter to consider selecting a candidate for County recognition and to submit to OTFS Oregon Tree Farmer of The Year. For many years OTFS has been encouraging candidate selection to be completed at least one year in advance. Few Counties select candidates early, but be aware that OTFS may begin requiring nominations earlier than August 15 simply because it has become very difficult to complete all phases of selection required at the State level between August 15 and early November to meet a completion deadline before the Annual Awards Luncheon honoring all candidates. That being the case, it may be necessary to select candidates at least one

year in advance to avoid last minute decisions. I certainly encourage all OSWA Chapters to consider selecting candidates at the earliest opportunity. Those that have selected candidates up to one year in advance tell us that pressure has been relieved.

It is important to emphasize that this recognition program begins at the County level. Every County has outstanding Tree Farmers deserving recognition. We encourage each County to submit a nominee. OSWA Chapters encompassing two or more Counties are permitted to select a candidate for each County within their Chapter. Candidate participation by each County is important to the strength of this recognition program.

Potential State candidates must be certifiable under standards established by the American Tree Farm System. Counties can and should recognize outstanding Tree Farmers not certified with the American Tree Farm System but prior to submitting their nomination for Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year they must be certified. Should a prospective candidate not be certified, contact OTFS to arrange for a professional forester to complete the certification process in a timely manner prior to submitting the candidate. A written forest management plan is required before becoming certified.

Remember November 19, 2007. Please plan to attend the Annual Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year Awards Luncheon to be held at the World Forestry Center in Portland.



For more information about the Oregon Tree Farm System:

**Oregon Tree Farm Systems**  
**P.O. Box 13556**  
**Salem, OR 97309-1556**

[www.otfs.org](http://www.otfs.org)



## Recent Blowdown in Western Oregon

*Tips from the Forest Health & Monitoring Unit, Oregon Department of Forestry*

The recent windstorms and unusual weather this winter have resulted in tremendous levels of blowdown in many areas of western Oregon. Bark beetle outbreaks often follow these events and can result in substantial damage to surrounding trees. The following information describes the nature of this relationship and addresses some of the questions that may arise when considering different treatment options.

### Tree Susceptibility

Douglas-fir is generally the most susceptible tree in Western Oregon to bark beetle outbreaks after storm events. Aerial survey records indicate that there is often a direct increase in Douglas fir mortality following significant wind events, but a similar pattern has not been observed for True fir, except in periods of sustained drought. Douglas fir susceptibility to beetle damage is largely determined by tree size, stand condition and recent moisture levels. Generally, only trees that are greater than 12-in dbh are vulnerable. If trees occur in relatively young, vigorous stands, there is usually low risk of beetle-caused tree mortality, unless drought or root diseases are involved.

### Douglas-fir Beetle

Douglas-fir beetle is often associated with tree mortality 1-2 years following large storm events. In Western Oregon, outbreaks are usually localized and can persist for 2-3 years. Down trees are colonized in early spring (late March-April) and brood develop over the next year. The following year, large numbers of beetles can emerge from these down materials and attack standing green trees such that host defenses are overcome. A general rule-of-thumb is that if you have more than 3 down trees/acre (greater than 14-in dbh) beetle populations will be sufficient to attack

standing trees, and can cause losses of between 30-60% of the blowdown volume. The greater intensity of large down materials, the more likely bark beetle caused tree mortality will occur. Because the beetles usually take a full year to mature, treatments do not have to occur immediately, but should be completed before spring of 2008 to prevent attacks on surrounding trees. If drought conditions occur during 2007, trees will become more susceptible and increased mortality may result.

### Treatment Options

#### *Salvage*

In many areas, salvaging materials is the most preferred course of action to capture wood value. If down trees are removed from the stand before April, it is unlikely that mortality of standing trees from Douglas fir beetle will occur, as populations are removed along with the materials. As warmer weather arrives in the spring, additional bark and wood-boring insects as well as fungal spores become more abundant and can cause significant wood damage and staining.

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blowdown

In wet sites with easily compacted soils, it may be best to delay operations until summer to avoid site damage. Also, Douglas fir that are larger than 24-in dbh do not appear to deteriorate significantly during the first year, and should remain merchantable if removed by the end of 2007. Overall, it is *MCH Pheromone*

There is also an anti-aggregation pheromone commercially available, which has been used successfully to reduce Douglas fir beetle caused tree mortality on sites of up to 300 acres. MCH protects stands by preventing beetles from initiating new attacks. By itself, it cannot reduce landscape level mortality during an outbreak, but does re-distribute mortality and can effectively protect stands that are of high value due to unique characteristics or special uses. It is formulated into bubble capsule packages that can be attached to down materials directly, to reduce the initial infestation, or to standing green trees, to protect them the following year. In either case, it should be applied by late March prior to the start of the beetle flight period. In Oregon, it has been used successfully to prevent additional mortality after blowdown in wildlife areas, campgrounds, riparian zones and timber production sites where salvage is not allowed or feasible. The cost is approximately \$80–100 per acre. Although this product is a pheromone, it is subject to the Forest Practices Act and a notification of operation should be submitted to the Oregon Department of Forestry prior to use on forestlands.

Overall, there are no simple answers for dealing with the potential for additional mortality from the blowdown that has occurred recently in Western Oregon. Each situation will likely require a unique approach that takes into consideration the particular objectives of the landowner. For some land managers, these events can be an opportunity to increase diversity and the presence of down materials, while others may want to salvage trees to capture value or protect older stands. On forestlands that possess a large component of mature Douglas fir, managing the accumulation of down materials is especially important when it occurs rapidly, as these events can accelerate the break up of stands and damage areas that have taken decades to develop into high-value sites or habitats for particular wildlife.

### MCH Pheromone Information Links

*MCH Brochure*

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r1-r4/spf/fhp/publications/MCH\\_brochure/MCH\\_online.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1-r4/spf/fhp/publications/MCH_brochure/MCH_online.pdf)

*MCH Fact Sheet – Application & Ordering Information*

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/resources/mch\\_douglas\\_fir.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/resources/mch_douglas_fir.pdf)

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### It's an Ill Wind That Blows No Good

by Monte Turner, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board,  
and Dan Knolls, ODFW

The adage that “It’s an ill wind that blows no good” applies to winter storms that brought down thousands of trees across Oregon.

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# OSWA's 2007 Annual Meeting

Prior to the Family Forestland 2007 Symposium on April 26th, OSWA's state office and Benton County Chapter will host the **2007 OSWA Annual Meeting**, "Beyond Sustainability-Enhancing our Woodland Neighborhoods," which will be held at the Officer's Club in Adair, OR. The day's activities will include family forestland field tours in Benton County (see page 13) and provide terrific networking opportunities for landowners, agency and industry representatives, policymakers and others. An awards presentation and reception will cap off the day. Get further details on OSWA's website ([www.oswa.org](http://www.oswa.org)). The annual meeting is sure to stimulate dialogue that will continue during the symposium, and public attendance is encouraged for both events. **Recruit a neighbor to attend with you!**

Thursday 26th	No. Attending	
8:30 - 11:30: Board of Director's Meeting	_____	Free
11:30 - noon: Sack Lunch (free for Board members)	_____	\$10/Person _____
Noon - 5:00: Benton County Field Tours	_____	\$20/Person _____
Includes: travel to and from Adair Officer's Club		
(Choose 1 tour - 1. North Benton County,	_____	\$20/Person _____
2. West Benton/East Lincoln County or	_____	\$20/Person _____
3. South Benton County (the easy walking tour)	_____	\$20/Person _____
<i>(See page 13 for a description of the field tours.)</i>		
5:00 No host bar with pretzels	_____	Free
6:00 OSWA Annual General Meeting, Banquet, Awards & Entertainment	_____	\$25/Person _____
8:00 Silent Auction Closes		
9:00 Close		

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Looking forward II

# Oregon Families & their Forestlands: What's at Stake?

April 27 - 28, 2007

Oregon State University, LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis, OR

Sponsored by the Oregon Board of Forestry &  
Committee for Family Forestlands

Oregon's forestry environment is changing and so are the challenges facing private family forest landowners. The forests we enjoy today aren't necessarily guaranteed to be here tomorrow. Join our collaborative effort to ensure they are!

## FAMILY FORESTLANDS SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 Registration/refreshments  
 9:00 Welcome & conference overview  
 -Anna Starker May, 4th generation landowner  
 -Justin Heffernan, 2nd generation landowner  
 9:20 Process overview  
 -Viviane Simon-Brown, Extension Forester, OSU  
 9:30 **GENERAL SESSION I: The Context**  
 -Tom Nygren, moderator, family forest landowner,  
*Facing the Future: What's at Stake?*  
 -Hal Salwasser, dean, College of Forestry, OSU,  
*Global, National & Regional Trends*  
 -Steve Hobbs, Chair, Board of Forestry, and Ron Cease, Chair,  
 Committee for Family Forestlands, *Public Policy Implications*  
 10:45 **BREAK**  
 11:15 **BREAKOUT SESSION I:**  
 Facilitated small group work about concerns identified at regional  
 roundtables  
 12:30 **LUNCH**  
 1:30 **GENERAL SESSION II: Strategies to Sustain Family  
 Forestlands**  
 -Gary Springer, forestland owner, moderator  
 -Clint Bentz, forestland owner, *Preserving our Ties to the Land:  
 Keeping Forestland in Family Ownership*  
 -Bettina von Hagen, Ecotrust, *Strategies of Conservation-based  
 Forestry*  
 -Ryan Temple, Sustainable Northwest, *Preserving Family Forests  
 Through New Market Opportunities*  
 2:45 **BREAK**  
 3:15 **BREAKOUT SESSION II**  
 Continue small group work on family forestlands issues  
 4:45 **RECEPTION (until 6:15 p.m.)**

- 7:00 Optional Workshop: Ties to the Land (until 8:30 p.m.)  
 -Clint Bentz, Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, CPAs  
 -Mark Green, Austin Family Business Program, OSU

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:30 Refreshments  
 8:00 Welcome back, agenda review  
 -Mike Cloughesy, Oregon Forest Resources Institute  
 8:15 **GENERAL SESSION III: Working & Gaining Support with the  
 Political Arena**  
 -Gail Achterman, OSU Institute for Natural Resources, moderator  
 -Jim Brown, retired State Forester, *Shifting Context*  
 -David Ford, Metafore, *Building Coalitions*  
 -Adam Davis, Davis, Hibbits & Midghall, *Public Communications*  
 9:15 **BREAK**  
 9:45 **BREAKOUT SESSION III:**  
 Each group identifies/develops best ideas to share with other  
 groups and prepares materials  
 11:30 Walkabout and Vote  
 Groups display their top recommendations. A representative from each  
 group answers questions. Viewers identify the most important actions  
 to forward to the Board of Forestry and Committee for Family  
 Forestlands.  
 12:15 **LUNCH**  
 1:15 **GENERAL SESSION IV: Moving Forward**  
 -Diane Snyder, Wallowa Resources/Board of Forestry, moderator  
 -Brenda Woodard, landowner  
 -Chris Heffernan, Board of Forestry/landowner  
 -Rick Sohn, Oregon Forest Industries Council/Lone Rock  
 Timber  
 -Russ Hoeflich, The Nature Conservancy  
 2:30 Voting results  
 2:40 Closing  
 -John Bliss, Starker chair for Family Forests, OSU

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## SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION:

**Directions/Parking:** Visit <http://oregonstate.edu/visitors/tour/directions.html> or call 541-737-2402 for directions to the OSU LaSells Stewart Center. Parking is \$5 per day.

**Lodging:** Rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Inn and Holiday Inn in Corvallis. Reduced rates available at \$84 per night, plus tax, until March 25th. Call: 541-752-5000 to make hotel reservations for either location.

**Registration Fee:** The \$50 fee includes handouts, refreshments, lunches and reception. No refunds for cancellations, but roundtable substitutions accepted.

**Society of American Foresters CFE credits:** Those who attend the conference are eligible for 8 CFE hours in Category 2. The program meets the SAF's Continuing Forestry Education guidelines/standards. A form will be available on-site.

**Oregon Professional Logger (OPL) regular credits:** For OSWA tours - 3 OPL credits each tour, the Symposium - 6 credits each day (12 total), and Roundtables - 2 credits each.

**QUESTIONS?** Call Arlene Whalen, 503-945-7427

**REGISTRATION FORM** -Looking forward II, Oregon Families & their Forestlands: What's at Stake  
April 27 & 28 – Oregon State University, LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis

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**TOTAL PAYMENT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Something for everyone – OSWA Annual Meeting Tours

The following forestry tours will visit family forestlands in three different areas of Benton and eastern Lincoln counties. Each tour will have its own unique focus, but they all represent some of the best multi-generational family forest management in the area. Each annual meeting attendee can sign up for one tour. Cost is \$20 per registrant.

### **Tour #1 – North Benton County**

This tour will go to the Wren-Kings Valley area and will focus on balancing multiple management goals and working across property lines with neighbors. One stop will introduce us to the Cardwell Hill Project, an innovative landowner cooperative designed to conserve oak savannah. A highlight here will be a visit with the 2006 State Tree Farmers of the Year, Ken and Karin Faulk. We will also see how local family forestland owners incorporate a variety of wildlife habitat objectives into their timber management practices. Finally, we will visit Beazell Forest, a family-owned forest that was recently donated to the citizens of Benton County. We will look at the challenge of Coast Range uneven-aged management at Beazell.

### **Tour #2 – West Benton/East Lincoln County**

This tour to the Burnt Woods-Eddyville area will focus on intensive timber and habitat management on Starker Forests land (business started by T. J. Starker in 1936). The Starker family owns some 68,000 acres in the Coast Range. We will look at how they are wrestling with forest health challenges, particularly Swiss Needle Cast. We will also see what's new in "rapid reforestation" techniques. Finally, a stop on this tour will focus on riparian management options: what can we do under current/new Forest Practices Act rules to protect and enhance riparian areas beyond simply roping off buffers and walking away?

### **Tour #3 – South Benton County (the easy walking tour)**

This tour will head down to the Bell Fountain area of the county. It will focus on tough site management and inter-generational ownership challenges. On one stop we will look at the challenges of managing young ponderosa pine (from a native Willamette Valley seed source) and hybrid poplar plantations on low-lying and poorly-drained soils. A second stop will be at the historic Hull-Oakes saw mill. This mill cuts big timber and is the last commercially operated steam-driven saw mill west of the Mississippi River. We will also be visiting the Oakes Family Tree Farm, which has been under multi-generational planning and management for 70 years. Handing over the reins to the "kids" will be a topic of discussion.

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR SILENT AUCTION

For the fifth consecutive year, the Coos-Curry Chapter is organizing a silent auction to be held on Thursday (26 April 2007) at the OSWA Annual General Meeting that will be in Corvallis.

Proceeds from the silent auction are used to cover the expense of our seat on AG-PAC (Agricultural Political Action Committee) which is \$3000 annually. Monies raised in excess of \$3000 are used to help pay for other expenses incurred with our political activities that help family forestland owners thrive. Last year, one of our most successful auctions raised \$3600.

In past years, we have asked that each chapter donate two items to the auction and most chapters have bent over backwards to contribute and are doing so again this year, however, the best support for the SILENT AUCTION has been from individual donors—that's right, YOU.

The most enjoyable part of organizing the silent auction is seeing the unique variety of items that OSWA members chose to donate to the cause and anticipating the reactions from bidders. The communication with all of you donors is also a very rewarding part of organizing this event.

Days in the woods with professional foresters, artwork, handmade items, antique tools, logging and forestry tools and many other things of interest to us "woody" people have been donated over the years and everything sells!! If you have something to contribute, no matter how silly or serious it may seem, don't hesitate to donate!

If you have never been to the Annual General Meeting or the Silent Auction, you definitely should try to attend this year as it is a most enjoyable event and a great place to network with other members from all parts of the state. We have high hopes that this year's AGM and silent auction will be the best ever.

If you wish to donate an item to the silent auction or would like more information about the silent auction, please contact ROY HENDRICK, 541.469.6254, [milepost@harborside.com](mailto:milepost@harborside.com)

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good for water and fish for decades to come through efforts of numerous agencies and organizations. If you are considering cleanup of some of these downed trees, check to see if they might be candidates for this undertaking.

The downed trees could be handled in several ways to improve water and fish conditions, such as:

- Leave the trees where they fell if they have fallen across a stream or along a river in spots that won't interfere with boats and other uses.
- Consider moving the trees for placement in a nearby stream or river.
- Consider donating the trees to be stockpiled for use this summer in other locations in your region.

Under the coordinated program, the downed trees will be placed in streams to slow the speed of flowing water and vary the water depth, to form pools, and to create calm areas away from main channels where fish can feed and rest. Placement also will encourage build-up of gravel areas where fish spawn.

Funding for some of the projects is provided by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, which uses Lottery Funds to restore native fish populations and develop healthy watersheds.

to get more information and find out what type of assistance is available, contact any of the following:

- Your local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office. Ask to speak to the fish biologist.
- The area watershed council. Call OWEB in Salem at 503-986-0178 or visit the Website at [www.oregon.gov/OWEB](http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB). Click on "Watershed Council Info" on the left menu.
- Your local soil and water conservation district. For a list of districts, visit the Oregon Association of Conservation District's Website at: [www.oacd.org](http://www.oacd.org). Click on "Conservation Districts" in the left menu.

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## Ilene Waldorf Receives Special Recognition

*(More info. on the OSWA.org website.)*

The members of the Oregon State Board of Forestry and its Committee for Family Forestlands dedicated a young Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine to **ILENE WALDORF** on the Oregon Department of Forestry grounds in recognition of her forestry leadership. She has provided many good services which have

enhanced forestry in Oregon and actively supported the state's community of family forest landowners.

Ilene was instrumental in getting the Board of Forestry to establish the standing Committee for Family Forestlands, and she became a charter member of the Committee. She was one of the chief organizers who provided valuable ideas that brought the successful 2001 symposium, "Sustaining Oregon's Family Forestlands," to fruition. Without her leadership, persistence, and hard work, the symposium would not have happened.

### Join Others as a Sponsor!

Please help support the April Family Forestland Symposium and OSWA Annual Meeting in April. Contact: Mike Gaudern, 503-588-1813

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Ilene

Ilene has been active in the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) for over two decades. She served two terms as president in the late 1990s, receiving the first of several awards from OSWA in 1984. In 1997, she received OSWA's prestigious Riggin' Slinger award. This award exemplifies the high regard of OSWA colleagues by recognizing her "exceptional leadership, dedicated service, uncommon vision, extraordinary effectiveness, and unceasing commitment." Ilene's father, Clyde Ramsay, was the first recipient of the award in 1982. "My dad," says Ilene, "was my model and inspiration."

Ilene, her husband, Monte, and daughter, Amy, are the owners and operators of the Windy Ridge Tree Farm near Molalla. The property was previously known as Ramsay Tree Farms.

The Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine is native to the Willamette Valley, but by the early 1900s it had all but disappeared as a major tree species within the area, due to early settlement land clearing. However, it is making a comeback in the valley, thanks mostly to private landowners who have shown interest in re-establishing the trees. "Valley Pine," as it is commonly called, will tolerate sites that are both too dry in the summer and too wet in the winter for other native conifers. It is a remarkably resilient tree—a very fitting choice for Ilene Waldorf!

## Director's Meeting Report: OSWA Adds Value to Membership and Encourages Volunteerism

by Nancy Hathaway, 2nd Vice President/Secretary

Actions taken at the OSWA Director's meeting February 2, 2007 at State Office in Salem:

President Barnes called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**Previous Business:** Four counties have contributed to supporting the increase in the Update budget—Coos—Curry, Columbia, Lincoln and Washington. Thank you, Chapters.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept minutes of Board meeting Nov. 3, 2006 and Executive meeting, Jan. 5, 2007.

### Memorandum of Understanding between OSWA and Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS):

The memorandum that had been ratified by the OTFS Director and this begins a new chapter in relations between OSWA and the certification group.



*OSWA's President, Mike Barnes, & OTFS Chair, Mike Barsotti, sign an Memorandum of Understanding between OSWA and the Oregon Tree Farm System*

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We are looking forward to building upon past successes and adding value to OSWA members and OTFS contributors.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between OSWA and Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) and authorize our President to sign. Mike Barnes and Mike Barsotti signed the document.

**By-Laws Revision**

As OSWA builds for the future, we have been considering a number of operational changes, based upon our 2006 membership survey and leadership plans. These are designed to help us add value to our members and work more effectively using our volunteer membership.

We have to provide our volunteer leadership, who donate countless hours of time, with clear direction and hold them accountable for their actions, while trusting their collective judgment. Within the bylaw review, we have aimed to improve our internal rules and processes to arrive at better decisions and create more valuable programs.

Now this might sound like a lot of internal nonsense, but given our experience, it is vital to keeping volunteers engaged and willing to donate time.

John Poppino, who has been chairing the Bylaws Review committee, led the Board through the proposed By-Laws.

Major changes include:

- \*adding additional five non-voting stakeholders to sit on the Board
- \*specified duties for the Executive Council
- \*directions for the Treasurer
- \*a new section on Governance
- \*Article IX itemizes the Annual Meeting agenda
- \*Article XI moves the resolution to the Executive Council
- \*The biggest change is to the Board of Directors. To make the board meetings more efficient, the board will set the priorities for the Exec. Council and then monitor the progress and adherence to goals, both internally and externally. This provides a system of checks and balances.

In line with current policy, the By-Law changes will be placed before members for comment and ratification at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to review the current and proposed changes, please visit <http://www.oswa.org/MinutesArchive.html>

Thanks to John Poppino, Paul Nys, Mark Copeland and Greg Stone for their effort.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the By-Law changes as revised.

**New Business**

**Introduction of Jim Johnson, Associate Dean of Extension Forestry**

Jim Johnson has been on the job for three months, after 18 years with Extension in Virginia. His career in the woods started at age ten, as his parents had a tree farm in New Hampshire and his grandfather was a logger. His formal training is in silviculture. While in Virginia, he tried to model their program after Oregon's. He plans to work closely with ODF and OSWA.

Discussion of OSU's College of Forestry's budget problems followed. OSU is being impacted on all sides: at the college, state and federal levels as the timber dollars have been zeroed out. OSU's provost is requiring all colleges to prioritize in preparation for cut-backs. The University and the public see the top priority being the undergraduate teaching program. Next is research, followed by the Extension programs. Specifically, the College of Forestry cut \$1 million last year and is due for a \$3.5 million cut this year (\$4.5 million out of a total budget of \$13 million.)

**Northwest Woodland Owners Council**

The Northwest Woodland Owners Council is a five- state group of Associations that advocates for Family Woodland Owner issues at the federal level.

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to release the OSWA mailing list to NWOC on a one-time basis for solicitation purposes.

**Organizational Updates**

**ODF: Introduction of Peter Daugherty, ODF Private Forest Program Director**

Peter is new to the state of Oregon, coming from Northern Arizona University where he worked in forest economics. He is currently working



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from regulations toward incentives and to generate rules from the field.

**OFRI: Mike Cloughsey reported on current and proposed OFRI projects:**

- \*Presentations available about woody biomass study and conference summary
- \*free conference at OSU on Feb. 13-14 about sequestering carbon
- \*support of Family Forestlands Conference in Corvallis, April 27 & 28
- \*Tree School in Clackamas March 24, in Jackson Co. June 2
- \*revise Illustrated Forest Protection Manual
- \*co-sponsor Best Management Practices workshops with OSWA

Mike also reported on the opportunity to locate the State Fair exhibit in an ODF building. This could be a coordinated educational effort by OSWA, OTFS, SAF, ODF, and OFRI.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to support the concept of the "Forestry in Oregon" building for the Oregon State Fair as presented by Mike Cloughsey.

**Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC)**

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to support the Government Affairs Committee legislative priorities.

*These can be found on OSWA's website.*

One key issue is the non-negligent fire liability cost. Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to take a stand opposing any increase to the non-negligent fire liability cost

for individuals until the GAC makes a recommendation. In addition, the GAC has been asked to draft a fire policy.

If you wish to give input to the GAC, the conference call number is 1-800-861-4084. The participant code is 1036304.

**Annual Meeting**

The OSWA State Annual Meeting will be held in Corvallis on April 26th, followed by the Family Forestland Symposium on April 27 and 28.

OSWA members are encouraged to attend both local listening posts and the events on the 26-28<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Family Forestlands of Oregon (FFO)**

Mike Gaudern has stepped down as volunteer Executive Director due to the work load at OSWA during the session. FFO's Board of Directors will continue to look for opportunities for the organization to fulfill its mission of educating Oregonians and public agencies about the value and contributions of family-owned forests throughout the state

**Nominating Committee for slate of new officers**

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the chair of every county chapter be appointed to the nominating committee. Please provide at least one name to John Poppino by March 15. John can be reached at john@lazyrb.com

The next Full Directors meeting will be April 26 in Corvallis and will focus on the Work Plan. Please study in preparation.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Besides extending a "Thanks!" to all who have supported OSWA through their dues renewal, those below deserve particular recognition for making additional sustainable contributions during January 2007.

- Steve Carter, Weyerhaeuser Hardwoods
- Donald Cameron, Christmas Tree Farms
- Paul McCracken, McCracken Woodlands LLC
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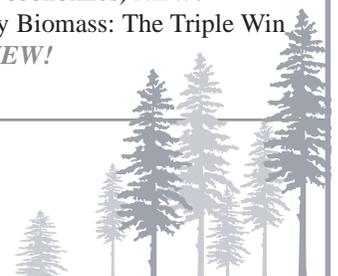
**January 19, 2007, 10 a.m. - Noon**

OFRI is looking for knowledgeable speakers to teach our neighbors about Oregon's forests. The training session is being held the morning of the SAF Leadership Conference in Hood River. If you would like to attend this training, please call Jordan Benner at 503-673-2951.

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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!

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