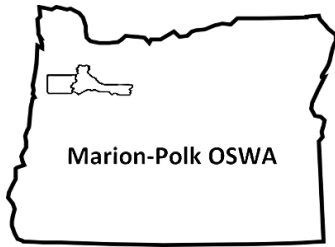


March 2024 Newsletter



*An Association of Small Woodland Owners
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Hello Marion/Polk OSWA members, we have 3 events planned in March, April and May.

First, Taylor Kittell from Breakwater Law, will give her excellent presentation on **“Estate Planning for Woodland Owners”**, that will include information on SB 498, which passed in the 2023 Oregon legislative session. SB 498 raises the estate Natural Resource Credit from \$1 million to \$15 million-this will have huge implications for many woodland and farm owners.

When: Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 -8:00 PM
Where: OSU Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas

Next, will be a tour discussing and showing which trees would likely be cut in a **pre-commercial thinning, and in a commercial thinning operation**. We will look at areas where pre-commercial and commercial thinning have recently been completed. Discussion will be focused on tree selection criteria, methods and machines used and the reasons for thinning. We might even stop at some of our Coast Redwood stands! There will be ample time to answer any questions you may have. Some walking in the woods will be necessary so dress accordingly.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:30-noon.
Where: Lamers Forests property, 11400 Monmouth Hwy, Monmouth, OR 97361

Next, Bruce Kelsas, now retired, but previously with several firms specializing in pesticide products, including 14 years with Helena Chemical, will talk about **“Invasive Plant Control and Eradication.”** He is also the editor of the forestry section of the Pacific Northwest Weed Management Handbook. Included will be a discussion on site prep and herbicide application after seedlings are planted.

When: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 6:30 to 8 PM
Where: Polk County Courthouse, Use east entrance on Jefferson St. Conference Room on the 1st floor.

For all three events, please RSVP to Lorelle Sherman at lorelle.sherman@oregonstate.edu It is important that we have your phone number and email so that if an event is cancelled, we can notify you, to save you a wasted trip. The Taylor Kittell event was cancelled from the original January scheduled time because of ice and snow. She could not get out of her driveway, and I and several board members couldn't either!

Hope to see you at these events!

Your President, Terry Lamers