The Oregon Department of Forestry established in 1911 is under the direction of the appointed State Forester who acts on all matters pertaining to forestry, including collecting and sharing information about the conditions of Oregon's forests, protecting forestlands and conserving forest resources. Specific activities include: fire protection for private, state and federal forests; regulation of forest practices (under the Oregon Forest Practices Act) and promotion of forest stewardship; implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds; detection and control of harmful forest insect pests and forest tree diseases on state and private lands; management of 780,000 acres of state-owned forestlands; operation of a forest nursery; forestry assistance to Oregon's non-industrial private woodland owners; forest resource planning, and, community and urban forestry assistance.

**Stewardship Foresters**

Stewardship Foresters offer assistance to private forest landowners in terms of technical advice, incentive programs and education in forest land management, Forest Practices Act statutes and administrative rules. Major duties include:

- Administers the Oregon Forest Practice act and associated administrative rules including pre-operation activities, field inspections to insure compliance, assistance to landowners and operators, regulatory activities, complaint investigations, post-operation surveys and training programs.

- Technical advice consistent with landowner objects with respect to stand management activities, site preparation, reforestation, conversion, release, pre-commercial thinning and fertilization. Provides technical stewardship advice to improve fish and wildlife habitat, soil conservation, agro-forestry and recreation. Provides advice on land and timber, insect and disease prevention, timber salvage and Oregon Forest laws. Prepares or approves forest management plans to meet landowners’ objectives. Provides landowners with technical advice on protecting their lands from wildland fire.

- Administers cost-sharing programs

- Performs field examinations of reforestation projects and approves certificates for Underproductive Forest Land Conversion Tax Credit. Provides information and technical advice to landowners who want to qualify their property as Designated Forest Land for special assessment.

- Forest fire protection is the highest priority under forest fire emergencies.
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Oregon Department of Forestry District Offices

**Santiam Unit**
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Lyons, OR 97358  
Phone: (503) 859-2151  
Fax: (503) 859-2158  
Website: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/northcascade/santiam/index.shtml  
**Stewardship Forester:** Alan Brog

**Sweet Home Unit**
4690 HWY 20  
Sweet Home, OR 97386  
Phone: (541) 367-6108  
Fax: (541) 367-5613  
Website: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/SH/aboutus.shtml  
**Stewardship Forester:** Jim Ewing

**West Oregon District**
24533 Alsea Highway  
Philomath, Oregon 97370  
Phone: 541-929-3266  
Fax: 541-929-5549  
Website: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/PHIL/aboutus.shtml  
**Stewardship Forester:** Russ Anderson, Jason Hayzlett

**Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)**
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Portland OR 97204-1705  
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Fax: (971) 673-2946  
Website: http://www.oregonforests.org

The Oregon Legislature created OFRI in 1991 to improve public understanding of the state’s forest resources and to encourage environmentally sound forest management through training and other educational programs for forest landowners. OFRI is funded by a dedicated harvest tax on forest products producers.

Contact when you...  
• Need scientifically based materials for forestry education
Oregon State University Extension Service

Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals. The College of Forestry is committed to sustaining forests and the functions, products, and values they provide for current and future generations; to share a passion for learning through teaching, research, experience and extended education; to address complex forest resource challenges through collaboration across disciplines, institutions and perspectives.

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**Benton County Office**
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Corvallis OR 97330-2144
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Fax: (541) 766-3549
Website: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton

Oregon Wood Innovation Center
119 Richardson Hall
Corvallis, OR 97331-5751
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Website: http://owic.oregonstate.edu/

Oregon State University's College of Forestry and Extension Service have teamed up to create the Oregon Wood Innovation Center (OWIC). OWIC’s mission is to improve the competitiveness of Oregon’s wood products industry by fostering innovation in products, processes, and business systems. A key function of the Center is to serve as the primary link between university research and needs and opportunities in the forest industry.

- **Publications** cover a variety of topics including wood technology, operations research, quality and process control, marketing & business management, and lesser-known species utilization (primarily western juniper).

- **New product development** assistance through testing products for physical and mechanical properties (density, strength, shrinkage, etc.) and with market assessments.

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Oregon Wood Innovation Center

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- **Technical assistance** from a phone call to a visit, our Extension faculty are available to assist you with technical questions on a variety of topics related to wood products manufacturing and marketing.
- **Short courses & workshops** on topics such as business management, wood adhesion, plywood manufacturing, quality control, and dry kiln operation.
- **Short-term research** - Our students conduct senior projects to help companies solve pressing problems; students are also available for summer internships.
- **Longer-term research** - We can work with companies on longer-term research via sponsored research with our faculty and graduate students.

**Brokering/ "Market Connections"** - The most frequent requests we receive are related to **who buys** and **who sells** various types of wood products and industry-related services in Oregon. Our on-line Oregon Forest Industry Directory (http://www.orforestdirectory.com/) is designed to answer just those sorts of questions.

**USDA Forest Service - Pacific Northwest Region**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service is a Federal agency that manages public lands in national forests and grasslands. The Forest Service is also the largest forestry research organization in the world, and provides technical and financial assistance to state and private forestry agencies. Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service, summed up the purpose of the Forest Service—"to provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run."

The State and Private Forestry (S&PF) organization of the USDA Forest Service reaches across the boundaries of National Forests to States, Tribes, communities and non-industrial private landowners. S&PF is the federal leader in providing technical and financial assistance to landowners and resource

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managers to help sustain the Nation’s forests and protect communities and the environment from wildland fires.

State and Private Forestry programs bring forest management assistance and expertise to a diversity of landowners, including small woodlot, tribal, state, and federal, through cost-effective, non-regulatory partnerships. The staffs play a key role, along with others within the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, in implementing the National Fire Plan to manage the impacts of wildland fires on communities and the environment.

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**Siuslaw National Forest Stewardship Groups**
Grant funded public and private collaborative groups working to enhance the forest and watershed health of the Mary’s Peak area through stewardship, restoration, conservation and education projects.

More detailed information about the group can be found at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/projects/stewardship/index.shtml
- Alsea
- Mary’s Peak
- Siuslaw Basin

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