As we enter the New Year, there are many exciting events and activities already planned for woodland owners and Christmas tree growers in Clackamas County. Here are just a few highlights of what’s coming…

- **Tree School 2010**: look for your 40-page registration catalog featuring 68 classes that will be out the week of January 11. Sign up early.

  We expect to have up to 600 attendees and lots of special activities for our 20th anniversary event—yes, it’s been 20 years! Tree School 2010 will be Saturday, March 20 at Clackamas Community College.

- **The Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association**, in conjunction with the OSU Extension Service, is currently planning more than 30 woodland owner and Christmas tree education programs for 2010. These will include indoor presentations, twilight tours and field programs on a wide variety of topics. See page 10 for your personal calendar.

- **The Oregon Small Woodland Association (OSWA)** is holding its annual convention in Clackamas County April 30-May 1. This will be OSWA’s 50th anniversary. The event will include a day-long indoor program with excellent speakers, an auction fundraiser, a special celebration dinner, and a full day of field tours. Don’t miss this opportunity. Let’s set a new attendance record for an OSWA Convention!

- **The Forest Landowner Association (FLA)** is the largest family forest owner member organization in the U.S. The group has been in existence for almost 60 years and plays an active role in representing landowner interests on the political scene nationally. Although historically based in the southeastern U.S., the FLA is spreading its membership nationally. The group is coming to the Pacific Northwest for their annual convention June 2-4 at Skamania Lodge. Clackamas County will be hosting the field tours for this meeting.

- **Forests Forever** will erect its historic lookout tower at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Construction permits have been approved and the foundation for the tower is already underway. See how you can help make this special project a reality. See page 7 for more information.

- **Will 2010 be the year to get the classroom built at Hopkins?** We are closing in on the first funding target of $180,000 for the weather tight phase with only about $20,000 more to go. A final push toward this goal could see us start construction by June 1st.

This is just a partial list of what will be going on in 2010. Let’s all get involved and have a great year for learning and doing in the woods and on the farm.

Michael C. Bondi, Staff Chair
Extension Agent—Forestry and Christmas Trees
Upcoming Education Programs

Community Forestry Day

Saturday, January 9 (8:30am-4:00pm)
Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek, OR

December’s Community Forestry Day was “froze” out. So it’s back to work in January – the final push to getting ready for tree planting time. There will be brush clearing, pile burning (as permitted), and dormant winter brush control.

And, with the tree planting season just around the corner, we’ll be training helpers for several major tree planting projects at Hopkins during February and March. So, if you’d like to teach others how to properly plant a tree, let us know and find out what’s planned this winter at Hopkins.

Contact Tim DeLano at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest to let him know you’re coming and find out if there is any special equipment needed. Also, reserve your place at the lunch table. Call 503-632-2150.

Tax Management Tips for Woodland Owners

~what you can do to minimize the taxes you owe~

Monday, January 25 (7:00-8:45pm)
Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street, Oregon City

Clint Bentz, Linn County Master Woodland Manager and certified public accountant, is well-known to tree farmers in the Willamette Valley. Clint has taught at Tree Schools in past years and with his family, is a former national Tree Farmer of the Year. Also, Clint was recently elected Chair of the American Forest Foundation’s Board of Trustees – the first time a tree farmer from Oregon has held this important position on the national stage!

We are excited to start the year off with a special tax update presentation from Clint. Included will be taxation tips that woodland owners need to know as we approach tax season. Clint will familiarize you with the latest information dealing with income taxation of timber sales, how to handle cost-share payments, changes in depreciation allowances, and what’s ahead for the estate taxation exemption.

If you do your own taxes, don’t miss what Clint will share. If you have your taxes prepared, make sure you know the terms and provisions of the law that can help minimize your taxes.

Registration is REQUIRED. Program fee is $5 per person and covers room rental fees. This presentation is sponsored by the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association and the OSU Extension Service. The registration form is included at the end of this newsletter. For more information, contact the Extension office at 503-655-8631.

Also, don’t miss the news story about Clint starting on page 9 of this newsletter.
Plant Your Trees Right  
- a reforestation short course -

Wednesday, February 3 (7:00-9:00pm) and Saturday, February 6 (8:30am-Noon)
Oregon Department of Forestry, 14995 S Highway 211, Molalla
Use side entrance door from parking lot

This is Extension’s annual tree planting workshop. We begin with an evening session that covers site preparation methods and then move on to tree seedling information such as stock types, seed sources, and nursery availability.

The class reconvenes on Saturday morning for a field handling and planting demonstration. You’ll learn about different kinds of planting equipment and their applications, proper tree seedling handling and storage, planting techniques, and finish up with animal damage protection methods.

Cost is $20 per family. Registration is required. Use the form at the end of this newsletter to register.

Christmas Tree Acquaintance Class...
So, you think you want to be a Christmas tree grower?

Friday, February 5 (1:00-4:30pm)
OSU Extension Office, 200 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City
Use Meeting Room entrance in rear of building

This class is designed to help you understand the Christmas tree industry, what it is and how it works. If you are thinking about becoming a grower, start with this class. You’ll learn about what it takes to be successful, the time, equipment and labor needed to produce quality trees--including production costs. Also, you’ll learn about Christmas tree production trends in Clackamas County, the Pacific Northwest and the nation. Finally, Christmas tree marketing will be discussed and highlight challenges in recent years.

Cost is $25 per family. Registration is required. Use the form at the end of this newsletter.
Community Forestry Day

Saturday, February 13 (8:30am-4:00pm)
Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek

Tree planting projects will be starting this month. These are great opportunities to help teach others what good tree planting is all about.

Also, we’ll be offering a Mountain Beaver Control Clinic from 10:00am until Noon. Include this as a part of your Community Forestry Day activities. The clinic will include information about the life history of the mountain beaver, trapping techniques, seedling protection and habitat management. Meet in the Hopkins parking lot for the clinic at 10:00am.

Contact Tim DeLano at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest to let him know you’re coming and find out if there is any special equipment needed. Also, reserve your place at the lunch table. Call 503-632-2150.

Managing Your Woodlands...a basic forestry short course

February 16, 17, 23, 24, March 2, 3 and 6
Sandy Historical Museum, 39345 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy

The basic forestry short course is Extension’s annual introduction to managing your woodlands. We cover the basics of planning, growing and caring for your forest. We’ll introduce you to important terms, services, supplies, and where to go to for help. We’ll discuss taxes and business management principles.

Start your new year by getting more actively involved in managing your forest property to meet your needs.

Cost is $35 per family for one set of handout materials. Bring the entire family! Use the form at the end of this newsletter to sign up. Registration in advance is required.

Tuesday, February 16: Introduction and Overview
- Intro to woodland management: what, why and how
- How to plan for your property’s productive future

Wednesday, February 17: Growing Trees and Forests
- How trees grow: the basics
- Forest management: thinning, pruning, inventory

Tuesday, February 23: Planting Trees and Protecting Forests
- Reforestation: site preparation, tree planting, weed and animal damage control
- Preventing fire, disease and trespass

Wednesday, February 24: Making Logs from Trees
- Harvesting: Knowing the rules and hiring loggers
- Marketing: What’s your wood worth and who’s buying?

Tuesday, March 2: Multiple Uses of Your Forest
- Forest resources beyond the trees: floral greens, mushrooms, native plants, recreation
- Streams, wetlands, water resources, fish and wildlife
- Agro-forestry and multi-cropping systems

Wednesday, March 3: Taxing Questions…and where to go for help
- Forest Taxation: income, property & estate taxes: what you need to know to save money
- Assistance: where to go for the help you need

Saturday, March 6: Field Tour and Skill Building
- Meet woodland owners and see what they are doing
- Practice new skills discussed in the class
Tree School 2010...here’s what’s coming

By the time you receive this newsletter, your Tree School registration booklet for 2010 should be close behind. Our goal is to see the TS booklets in the mail by mid January. Be watching your mail box. Or, go on-line to OSU’s Clackamas County Extension website for the electronic version. The website is http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas. You will find the complete registration booklet and the registration information.

We will not be able to offer credit card or on-line registration. So, as in past years, you’ll need to download a registration form from the Extension website, make your class selections, and mail or deliver it, with your payment, to the Extension office. Payments can be made with check or cash.

You will notice that Tree School’s registration fee has been reduced by $10 for Clackamas County residents and property owners. This year’s $45 registration fee recognizes the commitment Clackamas County voters made to Extension programs when they approved the formation of the new Extension and 4-H Service District in November 2008. The Tree School registration fee for non-Clackamas County people remains $55 per person.

Tree School 2010 will include 68 classes with 36 being new classes and/or new instructors. Besides another great Exhibit Area with more than 50 vendors, Tree School 2010 will include several new features. If you appreciate the kinds of products that come from the trees you grow, we feature a special art show, From Slash to Art, and demonstrations by local wood workers, carvers, turners and furniture makers.

The Tree School Auction benefit for Forests Forever, Inc. will include the usual great items such as a chainsaw donated by Clark’s Lawn and Garden in Oregon City. In addition, a special quilt auction will be held, too. A single bed quilt, handmade by Carol Schreiber, will raise funds for the new classroom at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Tickets will be available now until Tree School day to the Extension office in Oregon City.

All in all, Tree School 2010 should be a great event. Help us reach this year’s goal of 600 attendees. Invite your family members, neighbors and friends. See you there!

California Christmas Tree Market Outreach Report

2009 was the 3rd year for outreach education in the marketplace in California by the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. The following story appeared in the Lake Oswego Review last December. A wide variety of media outreach occurred during the harvest and tree sales season. Included were stories in the print media such as the Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Examiner, North Coast Times (San Diego), Palo Alto Weekly, San Diego Family Magazine, and Southwest Airlines in-flight magazine. Several radio interviews were done too, including a live interview on San Francisco’s KGO.

Lake Oswego Review newspaper article follows on next page.
Local informs Californians about sustainable Christmas trees

December 17, 2009

By Kimberly Jacobsen – Special to the Lake Oswego Review

Here in the Pacific Northwest it is easy to take for granted the ease of finding the perfect, fresh tree at a nearby Christmas tree lot. Throughout the year Christmas tree farms are a familiar green blur that dot our roadside landscapes.

But in places like California which gets 90 percent of its real Christmas trees from the Pacific Northwest, most people don’t have a clue what farm their Yule trees came from. That is why Lake Oswego’s Mike Bondi, Christmas tree expert from Oregon State University’s Extension Service in Clackamas County, was recently in Northern California helping tree shoppers have a more eco-friendly Christmas.

“San Francisco is hot for the inside story on Christmas trees,” according to Bondi who was interviewed by many Bay Area media outlets while he was there acting as the on-site Christmas tree expert at the Whole Foods Market in the Bay Area.

People want to know that their holiday trees are a renewable, 100 percent recyclable product, grown by local farmers in ways that protect the environment and the consumer.”

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The OSU Clackamas County Extension Service works with local private family Christmas tree growers to improve the productivity and profitability of their land. Extension’s Tree School, taught by Bondi, is the largest education program of its kind in the United States, teaching the wise use and management of forest and tree resources. Years of research and development by Bondi and his OSU colleagues have contributed to the success and greening of the Oregon Christmas tree industry.

It’s hard to believe that the tree you decide to put in your living room could have an effect on the environment for future generations, not to mention our local economy. According to Bondi, consumers help the local economy when they purchase a real tree each year, but the benefits continue when the holidays are over. Real trees are a recyclable product—fully decomposable with nothing that goes into the landfills. Even the collection of Christmas trees helps local communities with service groups like the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts performing curb side recycling for a small donation that supports their clubs, and tree recyclers who benefit from the increased business after the holidays.

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Christmas trees may be common place for Oregonians, but in Northern California Bondi has become somewhat of an on demand tree celebrity.

“Today I was interviewed by the Palo Alto Weekly for a news story in tomorrow’s paper. Tomorrow a local radio station is calling to tape an interview to be aired on Saturday morning and the San Francisco Examiner is calling for an interview too,” said Bondi, who plans to return to his hometown of Lake Oswego after the holiday media blitz if over for some welcome anonymity.
There’s a lot going on right now at Hopkins and with Forests Forever. This section updates you on important details.

Special quilt fundraiser for classroom
Carole Schreiber, Highland, has made a wonderful Pine Tree patterned quilt and has donated it for a special raffle to be held on Tree School day, Saturday, March 20. The quilt is 62” X 78” and fits a single bed.

Tickets are $5 each and only 600 will be sold. Tickets are available from Forests Forever, Inc. Board members and at the OSU Extension office in Oregon City.

Although the drawing will be during Tree School in March, you need not be present to win. So buy your tickets early…and often! In fact, tell your family members, friends and neighbors. This is a beautiful, all hand-made quilt that will be a treasured gift in any home – and all of the proceeds go to help raise the new classroom at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

Push on to build classroom in 2010
Let’s make 2010 the “Year of the Classroom” at Hopkins! Our current goal is to begin building the new classroom at Hopkins later this spring when the weather breaks. We still need to raise about $20,000 but we are closing in on the $180,000 needed to build the weather-tight shell. So what’s the plan?

First, the quilt raffle is the first effort and could raise $3,000.

Second, Forests Forever, Inc. received a pledge just before Christmas of $5,000 from a forest owner in Clackamas County who will match donations to the classroom building fund up to this amount…if made by January 31, 2010. If you or anyone you know is thinking about making a donation to the classroom during January, please do so now so we can “double” these gifts.

Third, we are still applying for various grants from local foundations for assistance. We are hopeful that something will break well before summer so we can be ready to go in the construction season. If you have suggestions of individuals, businesses or organizations that might be interested in helping make the classroom a reality, contact FFI President Ken Everett at 503-655-5524.

Fire tower permits approved & ready to go!
The historic Clatskanie Mountain Fire Lookout Tower will be going up during 2010—for sure. After months of work getting all of the engineering finalized and the permits approved by Clackamas County, the lookout will become a reality.

FFI President Ken Everett said, “This will be a great project. Yes, a long time in coming, but it will be well worth the effort. We are excited to have the tower available for teaching kids and adults about wildfire and fire protection, especially in the urban-rural interface.” Everett reports that the Oregon Department of Forestry is especially interested in working closely with Forests Forever to get messages about fire protection out to the public.

Concrete footers for the tower will be installed this winter. The 7′x7′ wooden cabin on the top of the 62′ tower needs to be fully restored and will be a priority project for this spring.

FFI is 20 years old in 2010
It was September 13, 1990 that Forests Forever, Inc. was incorporated in the state of Oregon. Margaret
Hopkins, Milwaukie, worked closely with forest consultant, Ken Everett, and OSU Extension Agent, Mike Bondi, to come up with the idea for a demonstration forest in Beavercreek. Margaret made her gift of the Grouse Hollow Tree Farm to form the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm (our former name) in late December, 1990.

During these past 20 years the steady growth of activities at the forest has been wonderful to watch. Hundreds of education activities have been delivered. In fact, during 2009 alone, 83 tours, classes, and other learning events were held at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. More than 1,800 participated in these sessions. When you add up all of the people coming to the Community Forestry Days—all of the youth involved in community service, service learning and internships, plus all of the hikers, runners, and casual visitors—we are seeing more than 5,000 people every year now.

Not bad for a volunteer non-profit community group of folks that came together with a vision inspired by a woodland owner family who wanted to leave a legacy that would endure for generations to come.

During 2010 we plan to commemorate the formation of Forests Forever with a special ceremony in September. Wouldn’t it be great to hold the event in our new classroom?

**Consortium funding grows 15% in past year**

In 2004 Forests Forever, Inc. launched an Education Consortium of community partners that would help provide a sustainable source of funding each year for the delivery of the education programs and outreach at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. In 2003 Clackamas County government awarded FFI a Title III grant (the old Secure Rural Schools federal timber offset payments) to fund our first full-time educator at the tree farm. Tim DeLano was hired and continues to work with us today.

Funding to support Tim’s position, his education program, and a variety of other operational costs at the farm operation are now funded by a Consortium of about a dozen businesses, agencies, tree farmers, and philanthropic organizations.

Fund raising during the difficult times in the economy over the past few years has not been easy. FFI Board members John Poppino and Mike Bondi provide leadership for this effort. Even in tough times of 2009 the support for Forests Forever and the Hopkins Demonstration Forest grew 15%.

“We want to really thank all of the core funders in the Consortium,” said Poppino. “It’s great to see this support even in very challenging times in the forest products sector of the economy.”

Mike Bondi reports that a new grant was received in December from the Katherine Bisbee Fund that will support research at the forest. “This is an exciting opportunity for us. We plan to take our Uneven Age Management Research and Demonstration area to the next level. We have plots that need re-measurement, stand marking for the next harvest entry, and pulling together the 15 years of growth data and activities that we can document. The Bisbee contribution will allow us to make the most of the work that has been going on here since the mid 1990s.”

The 2009 Education Consortium members are listed below--including the years of their commitment. If you know any of these organizations, please thank them for their dedication to Forests Forever and our education programs at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. We look forward to 2010 and growing our Consortium with new partners on our team.

**Consortium Members and Contributions 2009**

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This was a year when the “hopeful” plantings of noble fir in 2001 and 2002 caught up with the static market of 2009. In both 2001-2, tree planting levels (largely noble fir) exceeded the total market of all Oregon trees sold by around 2 million trees each year. So, something had to give. If markets did not expand, and it seems doubtful that they improved much, then both “homeless” and “discounted” noble fir seemed to be in the cards. Sadly, both cases—cheap trees and nice trees left standing—were common.

On the positive side, trucking seemed ample and quite competitive. One grower commented that his only calls about trees were from trucking firms (rather than buyers!) and his common refrain to the calls became, “If you can find somewhere to take the trees, I’ll increase the freight payment.” Sadly, no return calls. Also, the harvest weather was a nice change from last year. Cold and dry works well for tree harvests.

Exports seemed to move into Mexico despite fears of wholesale rejection at the border. A few containers were stopped from entering Japan and Hawaii due to weevils, wasps or slugs; but other containers did enter.

And looking “way out,” our current planting levels are below current harvest, so this current situation will turn. Getting from 2010 to the future “turnaround” will not happen in 2011, sadly (though I would love to be wrong). So keep your trees “short” and watch for a year when buyers are clamoring for more 5-6 foot noble fir than are available…this might be the turning point.

This article contributed by Chal Landgren, OSU Extension Christmas Tree Specialist. Chal provides leadership for Extension’s Christmas tree research and education programs in the state. His office is located at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Clackamas County. Contact Chal at 503-678-1264 (X-142) or at chal.landgren@oregonstate.edu.

Oregonian Elected to Lead American Forest Foundation

(adapted from an AFF news release)

Portland, OR-The American Forest Foundation (AFF) today announced the election of Clint Bentz, CPA and family forest landowner from Scio, Oregon, as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees. Bentz succeeds Colin Moseley, Chairman of Green Diamond Resource Company of Seattle, who has served on the AFF board since 2004.

Bentz said "I am honored to have this opportunity to lead the oldest and largest forest landowner group in the U.S, also a national leader in the field of environmental education, at a time of tremendous challenge in dealing with climate change, forest loss, landowner incentives, emerging forest markets, and other issues that can make or break the 10 million American woodland owners like me."

The Foundation is best known for its American Tree Farm System, which administers an internationally recognized forest certification program for its 90,000 members, and Project Learning Tree, which develops environmental education curriculum and trains 30,000 educators every year. AFF convened and leads the Forest Climate Working Group, a diverse coalition of woodland owners, timber companies, and conservation groups that is making policy recommendations to Congress on climate change remedies that help conserve our working woodlands.

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2010 EXTENSION FORESTRY/CCFFA PROGRAMS

JANUARY
• January 9: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  Dormant Forest Weed Control Workshop (Saturday)
• January 25: 2010 Tax Management Tips for
  Woodland Owners—simple things you can do to minimize the taxes you pay (Monday evening)

FEBRUARY
• February 3 & 6: Plant Your Trees Right
  (Wednesday evening and Saturday demo day)
• February 5: Christmas Tree Acquaintance Class
  (Friday afternoon class)
• Hopkins Community Forestry Day, February 13:
  Mountain Beaver Control Clinic during the day
  (Saturday)
• February 16, 17, 23, 24: Basic Forestry Short
  Course (Modules #1, #2, #3, and #4—Tuesday and
  Wednesday evenings; continues in March)

MARCH
• March 2, 3, and 6: Basic Forestry Short Course
  (Modules #5, #6 and #7—Tuesday and Wednesday
  evenings and Saturday field session)
• March 13: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  (Saturday)
• March 20: Tree School (Saturday)

APRIL
• April 10: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  (Saturday)
• April 15: CCFFA Annual Business Meeting and
  Program (Thursday)
• OSWA/CCFFA Annual Convention, April 30-May 1;
  (Friday-Saturday)
• Integrated Pest Management Workshop for
  Christmas Tree Growers and Managers

MAY
• May 8: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  (Saturday)
• May 27: CCFFA Summer Twilight Tour—Pleasant
  Valley Elementary School (Thursday evening)
• CCFFA Summer Program—Practical Wildlife
  Management on Your Tree Farm (Saturday; tentative)

JUNE
• June 12: Hopkins Community Forestry Day; Using
  a Compass in the Forest Workshop (Saturday)
• June 16: CCFFA Summer Twilight Tour—Tri-Pearl
  Family Forest, Mulino (Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm)
• June 26: CCFFA Summer Program—Equipment
  Options for Your Tree Farm; Loren and Sylvia
  Bowman's Tree Farm, Estacada (Saturday, 8:30am-
  Noon)

JULY
• July 10: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  (Saturday)
• July 21: CCFFA Christmas Tree Culturing Field
  Clinic (Wednesday evening)
• CCFFA Summer Twilight Tree Farm Tour, Redland
  (evening)
• CCFFA Summer Program: Western Redcedar
  Management (Saturday; tentative)

AUGUST
• August 7: CCFFA Summer Picnic and Woodland
  Farmer of Year Tour, Schenck Tree Farm, Molalla
  (Saturday)
• August 14: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  (Saturday)
• August 17-22: Clackamas County Fair, Canby
• August 25: CCFFA Christmas Tree Grading,
  Measuring and Marketing (Wednesday evening)
• August 28-September 7: Oregon State Fair, Salem

SEPTEMBER
• CCFFA Summer Program: Pole Management,
  Manufacturing and Marketing (Saturday; tentative)
• CCFFA Twilight Tour: Solar Kiln Tour (evening tour)
• September 11: Hopkins Community Forestry Day
  and 20th Anniversary Celebration of
  Forests Forever, Inc.

OCTOBER
• October 9: Community Forestry Day—CCFFA
  sponsored (Saturday)
• October 16: CCFFA Tree Farmer Recognition
  Banquet—Arrowhead Country Club, Molalla
  (Saturday, 6:00-9:00pm)
• Forests Forever Classroom Building Grand
  Opening/Fund Raising Auction (tentative)

NOVEMBER
• November 13: Community Forestry Day
  (Making Holiday Wreaths Workshop)

DECEMBER
• December 11: Community Forestry Day (Forest
  Pruning Workshop)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT OSU EXTENSION OFFICE
503-655-8631
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00AM - 4:30PM
Class Registrations

Please check class (s) attending:

☐ Tax Management Tips for Woodland Owners
class fee $5 per person
registration deadline is Wednesday, January 20, 2010

☐ Plant Your Trees Right
class fee $20 per family (one set of materials)
registration deadline is Wednesday, January 27, 2010

☐ Christmas Tree Acquaintance Class
class fee $25 per family (one set of materials),
registration deadline is Tuesday, February 2, 2010

☐ Managing Your Woodlands
class fee $35 per family (one set of materials)
registration deadline is Thursday, February 11, 2010

Total amount paid________

Names of all attending _____________________________________________________________
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Registration is required. Please mail this form and your payment in advance to OSU Extension Service, 200 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City 97045.

Make checks payable to "OSU Extension Service."

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Oregonian Elected to Lead American Forest Foundation (Continued from page 9)

"Clint is the perfect person for the post, bringing his diverse experience in business, finance, forestry extension, estate planning for woodland owners, community service, policy, and especially managing his own sustainable Tree Farm," said Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation. "We are also deeply grateful to our former Chair, Colin Moseley, who has ably shepherded the organization through its program growth at a time of tremendous challenge for the timber business."

Bentz and his parents, Ron and Barbara, were honored by the American Tree Farm System as the 2002 National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the year. Clint and his wife Maureen have six children and live next to their award-winning 700-acre Tree Farm in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains near Scio, Oregon. Clint is a partner with Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, LLC, a local CPA firm with offices in Salem, Stayton, and Albany, Oregon, where he specializes in estate and succession planning for family farm and forest owners.

Bentz previously served as the National Chairman of the American Tree Farm System, being the first private forest owner to serve in that capacity in its 68-year history. He is a nationally recognized leader in the field of intergenerational planning for family forest owners and is a popular speaker and author on this topic. He is the principal author of the award-winning "Ties to the Land" workbook and DVD curriculum, developed in partnership with the Austin Family Business Program and Oregon State University Forestry Extension. This program is currently being used in 22 states to help family forest landowners with the difficult process of handing the baton to the next generation. Bentz actively participated in developing, writing, passing, and implementing HB 2197, which was a complete re-write of the property tax system for small landowners in Oregon and is currently working on the overhaul of Oregon's estate tax system. Bentz and his parents were honored by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski for their participation in the Oregon Plan for Salmon Recovery.