Hello!

This is a special double edition of the Woods News which includes a newsletter insert from the Coos/ Curry Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodland Association. For those of you who aren’t members, OSWA is a great way to network with other forest owners, both locally and statewide. Also, OSWA does a great job representing the interests of small woodland owners to lawmakers in Salem. This duel mailing is just one example of the cooperation that exists between OSU Extension and OSWA. If you are interested in more information on OSWA you can contact me or a representative of the local chapter (contact information is in the OSWA insert). Also, attending the upcoming annual meeting in Coos Bay would be a worthwhile way to meet fellow forest owners and see what the group is all about.

Another upcoming event that might be of interest to you is a workshop on property taxes and assessments relevant to tree farmers and agricultural producers (details inside).

You’ll also want to check out the deal OSWA is offering on high-quality seedlings hauled up to Coos Bay from Hastings Nursery.

As always, feel free to call or stop by forestry questions or suggestions for workshop topics.

Thanks!

Federal Program Doubles Price of Biomass Material

If you have been looking for a way to unload small diameter trees or clear a slope of hardwoods, a new government incentive program might make these operations more feasible. The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) matches the price paid by buyers of biomass material, essentially doubling the price to you. For forest owners, biomass will usually mean small or low quality trees that are sold as hog fuel to local mills. You’ll want to work with your forestry consultant to help determine prices and harvesting options.

Buyers must be certified through the Farm Service Agency; locally, Roseburg Forest Products qualifies and a list of other certified buyers is at the website below or by asking me. Additionally, to receive this price match, you must have a management plan for your forest that’s approved by the Farm Service Agency, usually an ODF stewardship plan (although equivalent plans may suffice).

For more information on this program you can contact me or Bret Harris, the FSA County Executive Director directly using the info below. There is also more information on the BCAP program online at the web address below.

Coos County Farm Service Agency
376 N Central Blvd.
Coquille, OR
(541) 396-2841
Log Prices

Below are recent and past domestic prices for delivered logs in Coos/Curry Counties. All values are averages of quotes from sawmills and are reported in $/MBF (thousand board feet). Keep in mind that each mill will have a different price and different grading practices. These values, however, are good measures of general price trends. Last year’s values are not adjusted for inflation. Prices are reported by Oregon Department of Forestry and can be found online at:


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All values reported are in $/MBF (thousand board feet)

2S = No. 2 Sawmill (Logs suitable for the manufacture of Construction & Better lumber grades - 65%)
3S = No. 3 Sawmill (Logs suitable for the manufacture of Standard & Better lumber grades- 33%)
CR = Camp Run (Log production from the forest of the species or group of species being logged, that are better than Cull grade)

Property Tax Workshops

In the last edition of Woods News, I discussed the different tax programs available to forest land owners. There may be significant tax benefits to changing how the county assesses your property and these changes need to be made by April 1st in order to affect 2010 property taxes. OSU Extension is partnering with your County Assessor to offer a tax workshop discussing the intricacies of tax laws and the assessment programs relevant to forest land owners. You might want to review the publication below to give some background on the topics before the talk and to inspire questions you might have. There is no cost for these workshops.

EC 1151- Taxes and Assessments on Oregon Forestland and Timber:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1151.pdf

Please RSVP by calling 541-572-5263 or emailing me at tristan.huff@oregonstate.edu

Coos County Tax Workshop
March 2, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM
Coquille, Venue TBD

Curry Tax Workshop
March 10, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM
Gold Beach, Venue TBD
The following is an article from the News-Review in Roseburg released 1/20/10

House Passes Bill Allowing BLM Timber Contract Extensions

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday unanimously approved a bill authored by Rep. Peter DeFazio to give the Department of the Interior authority to grant one-time contract extensions to buyers of timber on Bureau of Land Management forests.

With demand for wood products low, along with prices, many timber buyers have had to decide whether to honor their contracts at an economic loss or default on them. Companies that default face a fine and would have trouble securing future contracts.

The U.S. Forest Service already has the authority to extend its contracts. The legislation approved by the House would provide the BLM with similar authority.

In June, DeFazio, U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader of Salem and U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon asked Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to grant extensions. Salazar replied that he lacked the authority to do so.

Under the legislation, 50 Oregon companies with 90 contracts would be eligible to have their contracts extended. It would also apply retroactively to contracts executed by Dec. 31, 2008, that expired over the past year.

Timber Species Performance Ratings

Are you having trouble decide what species of trees to plant on a certain site? Use the table below to help determine what species does best where. Remember that these are rough estimates of how trees will do and you need to carefully weigh all the factors affecting your site.

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<th>Region and species</th>
<th>Level of use⁴</th>
<th>Growth ³</th>
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<td>Good on most forest sites with good soil and drainage. Control brush before it overtops seedlings.</td>
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<td>grand fir</td>
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<td>Good on moist sites.</td>
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<td>Used in riparian and root-rot areas.</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>Good only near coast. Spruce tip weevil is a serious pest.</td>
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<td>shore pine</td>
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<td>Grows on droughy sand or hardpan sites. Good early growth but slower long term.</td>
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<td>Will tolerate more brush competition than Douglas-fir.</td>
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<td>Good in areas with high water table. Can be browsed heavily. Fast early growth. High value if markets become available.</td>
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<td>Note: Port-Orford-cedar has similar characteristics to western redcedar</td>
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¹Level of reforestation use  5 = planted on more than 90% of the sites; 1 = infrequently planted
²Height and volume growth  5 = superior; 1 = slow/poor
³Shade tolerance  5 = able to grow well with overstory shade; 1 = requires full sunlight
⁴Big game damage  5 = infrequently browsed by deer or elk; 1 = frequently browsed
⁵Frost resistance  5 = high resistance to low temperatures; 1 = easily damaged by frost
⁶Drainage  5 = tolerates poor drainage or some standing water for short periods; 1 = requires well-drained soils
Coos and Curry Woods News

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Special Duel Edition with Coos/Curry Small Woodlands Association!
Coos Curry
Small Woodlands Association
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2010 Annual Dinner & Meeting
Friday, February 19th

You are invited to the 2010 Annual Dinner and Meeting on February 19th at the Red Lion Hotel in Coos Bay! It will be a great evening to socialize with other tree farmers, get updated on current markets, enjoy a program of interesting speakers and have dinner out. The Dinner and Meeting is open to both members and non-members.

With the current traditional markets still down, the program will focus on alternative markets for forest products and tree farm certification.

Gary Haga
Economically Utilizing Biomass
(“What to do with those slash piles?”)

Ken Tresidder
Coos/Curry Tree Farmer of the Year

Oregon Tree Farm System Video
2009 Tree Farmer of the Year

David Ford & Greg Stone
New Tree Farm Certification Standards

David Ford
Update on OSWA State Activities

The Annual Meeting, although brief, will include an update to members, a report from the Scholarship Committee and 2010 elections for positions on the Board of Directors.

The Red Lion has reduced room rates for OSWA guests attending the Annual Meeting. Please call in advance (541-267-4141) to reserve your room. Be sure to mention the OSWA special rates ($84.24 with breakfast or $78.84 without).

Annual Meeting & Dinner Details

Date: Friday, February 19th, 2010
Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Location: Red Lion Hotel, Coos Bay, OR
Cost: $20 (members) $25 (non-members)
RSVP: If you want to eat, RSVP by Sunday, February 14th!
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Tresidder Tree Farm Tour

Kent Tresidder, owner of the Tresidder Tree Farm, won the Coos/Curry Tree Farm of the Year for 2009. Kent very generously opened his tree farm for an informal tour and lunch in September.

About 20 people attended, all interested in getting more information about how Kent manages his Tree Farm. Attendees saw on-the-ground examples of his past activities and got an overview of what he has planned for the future.

When everyone arrived, some time was spent getting acquainted (or catching up with friends). Historical aerial photos of the property going back nearly 50 years showed the progression of changes to the land and timber stands. Kent spent a little time talking about the challenges and opportunities he has had with the property and answered questions from the attendees.

After eating lunch, attendees set off in three rigs for a tour of the property. Kent had arranged specific stops to view and talk about the different stands and activities. Each stop addressed a different aspect of tree farming and what had been done.

During the tour, Kent shared information and took plenty of time to answer detailed questions. Attendees were able to see recently logged areas, observe the difference between stands that had different types of site preps and releasing, and look at different ways that leave trees were chosen. Kent also talked about the sequence of logging the different areas, and how he had prepared for future logging access.

Of quite some interest were the spectacular roads that Kent had, and there was much discussion about the reasons for investing in an extensive rocked road system throughout the property. All the areas viewed were very accessible, and the road system certainly made the tour easier!

All in all, it was a great day - even the weather cooperated. Everyone had a good time and came away with more information and a greater understanding of the ways in which a tree farm could be managed.

Thank you, Kent, for being such a gracious host and generously sharing your knowledge and experience!

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Board of Director Nominations

This year we will be having elections for positions on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is made up of Jim Boniface (Curry), Chuck Calley (Coos) and the Board of Directors.

Several of our existing board members have agreed to run again for another term. However, we're looking for more members who would be interested in serving on the Coos/Curry Chapter Board of Directors.

If you are interested, please email the chapter President, Marie Gale (president@cooscurrysmallwoodlands.com) or call her at (541) 572-4039.

Ron Stuntzner on ORFI Board

Ron Stuntzner, of Stuntzner Engineering & Forestry LLC in Coos Bay, has been appointed to the Board of the Oregon Forest Resource Institute by Oregon State Forester Marvin Brown. Ron’s term starts January 1, 2010 and will expire in 3 years.

Oregon law stipulates that each of three producer classes be represented by three board members. Stuntzner is filling one of the three Class 1 representatives, defined by rule as those paying harvest tax on 20 million board feet or less per year.

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute was created by the Oregon Legislature 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.

We congratulate Ron on his appointment!
Tree Seedling Sale  
Pony Village Mall, March 13th

The Coos Curry Chapter will be holding our Annual Tree Sale on March 13th at the Pony Village Mall (North Bend). Hastings Nursery has agreed to provide several different species of trees at discounted pricing, and we expect donated trees from other sources as well.

This is an annual fundraiser for the chapter, and also a great way to get low-cost trees to plant. In addition, it brings up public awareness of tree farmers and our chapter, often resulting in new members!

You can help!

As with any project, volunteers are needed! We can use people at the sale to help with the tables and the trees. If you are interested in spending a couple of hours helping out, please contact Marie Gale, Chapter President (541-572-4039 or President@cooscurryssmallwooldlands.org).

Advance Orders

To be sure you get the seedlings you want, you can place an advance order. Just fill in the form below, cut where marked, and mail to:

Roy Hendrick  
20820 Carpenterville Rd.  
Brookings, OR 97415

Advance orders must be received by February 23, 2010.

Questions? Contact Roy at:  
(541) 469-6254  
milepost@harborside.com

Trees will be delivered to the Pony Village Mall on March 13th.

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Tree Seedling Advance Order Form

Name: _________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
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Phone: _________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________

Minimum Order is 50 trees per species.

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<td>COAST REDWOOD (3 yr old - these are big!)</td>
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Order Total: $ _________

Payment with your order would be appreciated, but is not necessary; payment may be made when you pick up your trees. Checks should be made out to Coos-Curry Small Woodlands Association.

Trees must be picked up at the Annual Tree Sale,  
Pony Village Mall, March 13th, 10am - 1pm.