With the new year upon us there are many woodland projects to prepare for. Projects may include: planting, harvest taxes, cost-share programs, harvest planning, or inventorying to develop a weed management plan. During your planning, be sure to visit the OSU Extension Service office for information.

To continue your woodland education, we have planned a public information meeting in Brookings on Sudden Oak Death, programs on Forestland Taxes, Federal Timber Tax, and a tree care workshop.

Another event to look forward to is the Coos Curry Small Woodland Association Annual Meeting on January 26th. See inside for details.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at a future workshop.

Happy New Year!

Eva Bailey

The following is a seedling-care checklist to improve reforestation success:

- Handle seedlings carefully and as little as possible.
- Keep seedlings cool (34 to 36ºF) and protect them from freezing.
- At field sites, store seedlings in shade or under a reflective “space” blanket. Do not use canvas to protect seedlings from solar heating.
- Protect seedlings from desiccation (water loss) by reducing exposure to the drying air and by adding water during the processing. If temperatures climb and humidity drops, quit planting.
- Use bags and boxes that have a vapor barrier to restrict water loss during storage; keep these containers sealed (use tape for tears and rips).
- Dip seedlings in water for 1 minute before you place them in a moist planting bag.
- Don’t cram too many seedlings into your planting bag, and plant them as soon as possible.
- Keep seedling roots in the moist planting bag until you put them directly into the moist planting hole.
- Keep seedlings out of direct sunlight.

For more information, please see OSU Extension publication EC1095 or visit our office.

Lisa Clemo
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Oregon Forest Industry Directory—Updated

From the Oregon Wood Innovation Center

The Oregon Forest Industry Directory is helping to connect woodland owners, wood products manufacturers, industry consultants, and anyone else interested in Oregon’s forest industry. The directory receives between 30,000 and 40,000 hits each month for uses that include:

Woodland owners are finding:
  ● Log buyers that buy large and small diameter logs, nontraditional species, and buyers’ preferred diameters and lengths
  ● Niche markets by locating buyers of logs for log homes, utility poles, ‘character logs’ for furniture, and buyers for non-timber forest products

Sawmills are finding:
  ● Suppliers by locating the woodland owners in the region with logs for sale
  ● Customers interested in buying the type of lumber they produce
  ● Buyers for waste products/downfall such as sawdust, shavings, bark and low-grade lumber
  ● Service providers for custom lumber drying or machining

Furniture makers and Cabinetmakers are finding:
  ● Suppliers that have the sort of lumber they need
  ● Opportunities for outsourcing or partnerships such as custom machining, kiln drying, and finishing
  ● Buyers for waste products/downfall such as low-grade lumber or trim ends

Other Audiences:
  ● Architects can find firms that provide certified wood products or large timbers
  ● The general public can search for local custom sawyers (for example, for that downed walnut tree), furniture and cabinet makers, boughs for wreaths, etc.

Dozen of users have used the Classified Ads to post items they want to buy or have for sale.

User feedback has resulted in several recent upgrades:
  ● Streamlined searches– Users can now locate log buyers, sources of logs, custom sawyers, and cabinet and furniture makers in a single click.
  ● Hardcopy results– Results can be saved in a print-friendly format (PDF) or in a spreadsheet for later use.
  ● Inventory aggregation– Landowners can enter the volume of standing (i.e., potentially available) timber they have available for each species– confidentially if desired. Interested contact all the landowners in the region.

How is the information kept up-to-date?

The Oregon Forest Industry Directory allows users to update their own information; update reminders notices are sent every 6 months. Those not currently on the list sign-up by filling our an on-line form.

Contact the Oregon Wood Innovation Center (541-737-4212; Scott.Leavengood@oregonstate.edu) with comments, question or suggestions.

Woodland Assistance Workshop Review

Here’s a review of forestry workshops held in the past few months.

A Tree Identification Class was offered in October. This class provided key terms for plant identification, use of a dichotomous key, common characteristics for native species in our local area and a field trip to the Land Lab in Myrtle Point to test woodland owners newly gained knowledge.

In November, Steve Bowers from Lane County Extension Service presented information in Coos County on Selling Logs on the Southwest Coast. Steve covered topics ranging from road easements, purchase orders, selecting a logger and a log buyer, types of timber sales, contracts and much more.

We have a few remaining packets if you would like more information on the Selling Logs Workshop. Stop by and pick one up.

For information on workshops, contact eva.bailey@oregonstate.edu
Oregon’s current spate of rain and high winds could wreak havoc on many landscape trees, but arborists are advising homeowners and community leaders to exercise caution when dealing with a storm’s aftermath.

"Many people may be eager to have their trees looked at and get work done," observes Paul D. Ries, an urban forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry. "However, it’s often the case that more trees become damaged as a result of improper clean-up, than were damaged directly by a storm."

In other words: pruning a tree correctly is quite beneficial, but pruning it incorrectly can actually create future hazards.

Certified arborists throughout Oregon can attest that many of Oregon’s older landscape trees still bear the scars of the 1962 Columbus Day storm, which resulted in many trees being "topped" or improperly pruned as an over-reaction to tree damage. Topping - the practice of removing large branches and tops of trees - actually creates future hazards rather than eliminating them. That’s because a previously topped tree is much more likely to break or uproot in a storm than a tree that has a normal branch structure.

Best approach following storms
"Homeowners should use caution in selecting a tree service company," said Ries, who manages the state’s urban and community forestry program. Ries recommends using an arborist whose name and company are familiar to your community - even if that means waiting longer for service.

And, Ries says, "be careful about overreacting and removing large shade trees that may still be sound." Ries recommends that before home and property owners make decisions about removing a tree or trees from their property, they should have those trees evaluated by a certified arborist. Certified arborists must pass a certification exam administered by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the professional society for arborists. If you’re in doubt about credentials, the PNW-ISA maintains a list of certified arborists for hire on their website: www.pnwisa.org

Post-storm tips
For consumers seeking a tree service company to help them deal with downed or damaged trees, the Department of Forestry offers these additional tips:

- Hire a company that is bonded and insured. Although Oregon requires tree service companies to register with the state, they are not required to adhere to proper pruning standards or even demonstrate pruning knowledge in order to obtain a license. In short, the fact that someone has a business license doesn’t guarantee they have the tree knowledge required to do the job correctly – which is why you should hire a certified arborist.

- Beware of door-knockers, whose low prices may prove costly. Most reputable companies have business cards, truck signs, and even uniforms that represent a professional level of service.

- Ask for references. Take your time to select a reputable company, and avoid hiring anyone who will top a tree.

Don’t rush and be prepared for next time
"Arborists are often in great demand for several weeks following a storm," says Ries, "so if your tree isn't an immediate and visible hazard, it may be worth waiting a while." It’s also possible that the storm removed the weakest limbs in your trees and all you need to do now is make a clean pruning cut and clean up the debris.

Above all, while powerful storms like the one that ripped through Oregon this week remind us of the power of Mother Nature, they also serve as a good reminder that where trees are concerned, working with nature - rather than against it - is the best approach.

"Healthy, well-cared for trees are the best defense against tree damage when the next storm blows through the state," adds Ries.
Upcoming Events

SUDDEN OAK DEATH:
CURRENT LOCATIONS AND ERADICATION ACTIVITIES
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
CHETCO COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LARGE MEETING ROOM
405 ALDER STREET, BROOKINGS, OREGON

This public information meeting will provide the most current information on the survey, monitoring, and eradication efforts to control Phytophthora ramorum the cause of sudden oak death and Ramorum leaf and twig blight.

The topics covered will include:

- Background on sudden oak death including its biology and the threat it poses to Oregon,
- Current efforts to eradicate the disease near Brookings, and
- Regulations that have been established to help prevent the spread of this disease.

HOSTED BY:
David Shaw, Oregon State University Extension Forest Health Specialist

PRESENTATIONS BY:
Ellen Goheen, US FOREST SERVICE
Alan Kanaskie, Oregon Department of Forestry
Nancy Osterbauer, Oregon Department of Agriculture

For further information call: David Shaw 541-737-2845 in Corvallis, Frank Burris 541-247-6672 in Gold Beach.

Natural Resource Days 2007

The second annual Natural Resource Days needs volunteers to help lead local fifth grade classes in forestry education field trips using Project Learning Tree and Project Wild curriculum.

Coos Chapter of Society of American Foresters, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, The Oregon Forestry Education Program at OSU, Coos County OSU Extension, BLM Coos Bay District and other natural resource agencies are teaming up again to host field trips at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

There will be six stations that the students will tour that educate about historical perspectives, tree measurements, plant identification, elements affecting tree growth, soils, and wildlife and forests. The planning committee will be holding station training before the field trips, if you are interested in volunteering please email me at eva.bailey@oregonstate.edu or phone at 541-572-5263.
A Note From the OSWA Executive Director

Dear Woodland Owner Family,

I am writing to you today on behalf of The Committee for Family Forestland and Oregon Small Woodlands Association. The Committee and Association are looking forward to 2007 with excitement. In April there will be a Family Forestlands Symposium held in Corvallis. We need you to help us with ideas and comments on your experiences as woodland owners.

The event sees woodlanders from all over the state come together with others to develop a plan of action for family woodlands and their support programs into the future. The Committee and Association realize that not every woodland owner has the time or ability to come to Corvallis so they are holding a series of listening post events prior to the main conference. One of these events is the Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association meeting on January 26th, 2007.

I want to ask you to think about the questions below prior to the Coos Curry Meeting. The questions address both forestry issues (for example fire, forest health) and forestland owner issues (for example intergeneration transfer of land).

I will be at the Coos Curry event to capture your ideas and experiences via written notes and discussed comments on the night. On the evening we will have time to discuss 3 questions. We will take a hand count on the three questions that have received most attention and focus our discussion upon them. So please take a look at the questions below, write any comments you have on each, and bring them to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

Mike Gaudern
Executive Director
Oregon Small Woodlands Association

Please consider these questions prior to coming to the Annual Meeting:

How long have you been a family forestland owner?

What changes [+] have you experienced in your life as an FFL owner?

What concerns about your family forest lands keep you awake at night?

What are the biggest issues/problems facing FFLs – now, in 5-10 years, in 10-30 years?

What are some things that have worked for you to address these problems?

What are the social, economic and environmental benefits of your family’s forest lands? To you and your family? To the community?

What would you say… if you had 30 seconds to broadcast to the people of Oregon anything you want about family forestlands and FFL owners?
Presidents Message from the Coos Curry OSWA Chapter

Nothing stays the same. Trees grow, markets change, the weather changes; who knows what 2007 will bring?

We will have the Coos Curry Chapter OSWA Annual meeting on January 26, 2007 at the Red Lion. Send in your registration early. Space is limited. We had a big crowd last year so reserve your space early. We have a fun program with George Taylor, the Oregon State climatologist to give a fun presentation on the weather. And, the OSWA Executive Director, Mike Gaudern, wants 25-minutes to update us on Government Affairs, Policy and Family Forest for Oregon.

We are organizing our second annual Coos Curry Chapter tree sale for March at Pony Village Shopping Center. Look for details in the newspaper, radio and television for exact time and date.

Greg Stone

OSWA Membership Application

For New Membership

If you have any questions about OSWA, please contact us at (503) 588-1813 oswa@oswa.org www.oswa.org
Hello and Happy New Year! Once again, it is time for the Annual Meeting of Coos-Curry Small Woodlands Association! We have a very interesting program lined up for our program this year!!

- GEORGE TAYLOR, State Climatologist for the State of Oregon, will be our featured program. George has a very interesting and entertaining presentation regarding global warming, El Nino and myriad weather patterns that effect the residents of the Northwest. If you have never heard George speak you won’t want to miss him here!

- MIKE GAUDERN, Executive director of OSWA, will be another guest. Mike would like to talk with our members about Family Forest issues that particularly effect us tree growers on or near the coast. This is to help compile information and issues that will be addressed in a series of symposiums to be held later this year.

- Election of new Board of Directors members. Any one that is interested in being a board member or would like to nominate someone please contact Roy Hendrick, (541) 469-6254, milepost@harborside.com.

- A ton of door prizes, including, once again, some REALLY nice Coast Redwood seedlings, courtesy of member Bill Ross and Hastings Forest Nursery, Smith River, Ca. No one will go home without something!!! (The ubiquitous 2-cycle mix is still around)

- A sumptuous buffet dinner, something on the menu to please every palate.

As always, this will be a fun time to get together, enjoy good food, camaraderie and an excellent program. The chapter, as in the past, is subsidizing the cost for our members.

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY 23 JAN. 2007
Seating is Limited to 100 People: Register to Save Your Seat!!!
(but we usually can slide in a few late ones)

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E-mail reservations have worked very well in the past.

NAME: ____________________________________________

MEMBERS of Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association
NUMBER ATTENDING MEETING __________ X $20.00* = TOTAL $________

NON MEMBERS
NUMBER ATTENDING MEETING __________ X $25.00* = TOTAL $________
Upcoming Events & Workshops

- Sudden Oak Death Public Information Meeting
  
  **January 17th** in Brookings, OR
  
  *(See announcement in this newsletter)*

- Forestland Taxes Workshop: *Watch for Announcement*
  
  **January 24th** from 3 - 4:30 at OSU Extension Office in Myrtle Point
  
  **January 25th** from 6 - 7:30 at Bandon Community Center
  
  *(West Room)*

- Coos Curry Small Woodland Association Annual Meeting
  
  **January 26th** at 6pm at Red Lion in Coos Bay
  
  *(See announcement in this newsletter)*

- Timber-Related Federal Income Tax Workshop:
  
  *Watch for Announcement*

- **February 15th** from 2 - 4:00 at OSU Extension Office in Myrtle Point

- Tree Care Workshop: *Watch for Announcement*

  **February 17th**