learn how to live more responsibly

ON THE LAND

The Jackson County OSU Extension Service is pleased to offer the new Master Land Steward program. The course is targeting landowners who want to learn how to balance sustainability with their rural lifestyles. The Land Steward training will help small-acreage landowners learn about ways to create a healthy environment on their property through classroom sessions, field trips and the creation of a personal management plan for their property.

Applications due: August 24, 2009  
Program Dates: Sept 9 - Nov 23

Land Stewards will be equipped to design and implement programs to help people:

- live safely in wildfire-prone areas
- reduce yard waste and woody biomass
- identify and eradicate noxious weeds
- make their own mulch and compost
- promote and develop wildlife habitat
- maintain healthy trees and forests
- conserve water and reduce runoff

The 10-week training course will provide training for 40 southern Oregon residents on topics such as local ecology, tree care, fire hazard reduction, pasture management, biomass utilization, maintaining & improving water quality, dealing with noxious weeds, encouraging wildlife on your property, and much more. The course includes an extensive training manual, discussion-based classes, and presentations from local and regional natural resources professionals. Field trips will include visits to small acreage properties in and adjacent to forests that are implementing sustainable management practices. The Master Land Steward Program classes will be held in the early evening at the OSU Extension Service in Central Point from September 9th through November 23rd.

To fulfill program commitments, Master Land Stewards will be required to invest 30 service hours to support and expand local efforts to promote a healthy local environment. The volunteers will be encouraged to work within their communities to cultivate public awareness and support projects of local agencies and non-profit organizations in any of the above topics. Service activities might include the development of displays and informational brochures, presentations to student groups, work with neighborhood coalitions, public education efforts at local events, and many other activities.

More information and applications are available through the Jackson County OSU Extension Service at 541-776-7371, or by email: rhianna.simes@oregonstate.edu.
Jackson County residents are sought for participation in new land steward program promoting responsible land management.