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# **PRIORITIES FOR SMALL DIAMETER UTILIZATION IN SOUTHERN OREGON: Moving to the Landscape Scale**

**Thursday, November 19, 2009 7 PM**  
OSU Extension, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point

Speakers: *George McKinley, Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative, Ed Reilly, BLM and Marty Main, Small Woodland Services, Inc.*

The Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative is a diverse group of stakeholders - from environmentalists to community members to forest industry representatives - who share a goal of increasing the removal of small diameter trees from overly dense Rogue Basin forests to improve forest health, reduce fire hazards, and stimulate the local economy. The Collaborative is completing an assessment of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management forests that identifies areas most in need of thinning that meet the integrated ecological, economic, and social criteria of the Collaborative. The intent of the assessment is to help the agencies "scale up" to landscape-level treatments that enjoy broad community support.

At the core of the presentation will be a series of very interesting maps. These will provide not only a general introduction to the region's communities and forests, but will also show stands and acres most at risk from fire, insects and other forest health stressors. The assessment will provide an up-to-date estimate of the volume of material which could be removed from at-risk stands if treated in a manner that both reduces the risk of catastrophic fire and improves forest health. An economic feasibility portion of the assessment shows which areas make the most sense to treat from an economic, or cost, perspective. The presenters welcome the opportunity to share findings, as well as gain insights and feedback from Small Woodlands members.

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