UPCOMING WOODLANDS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Do you have a few acres of woods, or a back-40? Are you interested in learning how to maintain or improve your woodland? Check out these educational programs.

- Forest Practices & Cost Share Update
- Woodland Management Workshop Series (Jackson County)
- Woodland Management Workshop Series (Josephine County)
- GPS Skills for Forest Owners (Jackson/Josephine Counties)
- Master Woodland Manager Training & Registration information

Details inside!
Jackson/Josephine Small Woodlands Association presents:
Forest Practices & Cost Share Update

Free and open to the public!

WHEN: Thursday, February 21, 7 PM

WHERE: OSU Extension Auditorium, 
569 Hanley Road, Central Point

SPEAKERS: Steve Wetmore & Lee Winslow, Oregon Department of Forestry, Nicola Giardina, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Do you know your responsibilities under the Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA)? If you don’t, you should – the OFPA regulates timber harvesting, road building, reforestation, and many other aspects of forest management on private lands in Oregon. We’ve invited Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) stewardship forester Steve Wetmore to tell us about the OFPA, including some recent rule changes. Also on hand will be Lee Winslow of ODF and Nicola Giardina of NRCS to bring us up to date on forestry assistance and cost share programs. If you’re looking for financial assistance to accomplish some on-the-ground projects, you’ll want to hear about their programs!

Pre-registration requested - Call 776-7371
Woodland Management Workshop Series

This workshop series provides an overview of concepts and practices for family forest owners and others who own large or small tracts of forest land. It’s a great starting point, skills, whether you are a new owner, one who has not been actively managing your woodland, or are just interested in the topics. You will learn new skills, get practical advice, and meet other experienced woodland owners.

Two versions of the workshop series are being offered, one in Jackson County and one in Josephine County. The content of each version will be similar, but the format will differ. The Jackson County version will be held Friday afternoons in various locations throughout the county. It will be primarily a field-based class, so dress for the outdoors. Standing and short walks on sometimes uneven terrain will be required. The Josephine County version will be held Wednesday evenings in the Josephine County Extension auditorium, 215 Ringuette, Grants Pass. There will be a field tour on Saturday, April 19th. See below for more information and descriptions of individual classes.

For those interested in Master Woodland Manager training starting in late spring 2008, this class or equivalent education and experience is a pre-requisite.

Pre-registration is required (see the registration form on page 7). Cost is $10/session per family (covers handouts & materials), or $40 for all five sessions. Directions to field locations and other details will be mailed or emailed to registrants.

Jackson County

Friday afternoons (3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18)

- Sustainable Management, Southern Oregon Style
  Friday, March 7, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm (class held in the field)
  Gold Hill area
  How do you get started? What does a healthy, sustainable forest look like, and what does it take to get there? See a great example of a well-managed mixed species forest that produces income for the owner. Get a first hand look at the various activities involved in woodland management including thinning, brushing, slash disposal, road maintenance, and fire protection. Plus, learn to how identify our main local tree species.

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• **Maintaining a Healthy Forest**  
  **Friday, March 21, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm (class held in the field)**  
  **Trail area**

A vigorous forest is a healthy forest, but many stands in southern Oregon are overly dense and have low tree vigor, making them susceptible to insect attack as well as wildfire. Learn how to thin typical SW Oregon mixed species stands, based on species, vigor, form, spacing, and other considerations. Slash disposal, utilization of by-products, equipment needs, potential markets, cost share funding and other practical considerations will also be covered. We’ll also discuss some of the most common insect and disease problems of native trees.

• **Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire**  
  **Friday, April 4, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm (class held in the field)**  
  **Jacksonville area**

Wildfire is the #1 concern for many forest landowners in southern Oregon, and for good reason: this is one of the most fire-prone environments in the state. Learn what it takes to protect your home and property from wildfire, from landowners who have experienced fire right up to their doorsteps. Find our how to make you woods more resistant to fire and how this can improve forest health and vigor at the same time. Also, learn safe and efficient techniques for chainsaw use and slash disposal.

• **The Growing Cycle: Planting Trees, Harvesting Timber**  
  **Friday, April 11, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm (class held in the field)**  
  **Jacksonville area**

First, find out what it takes to plant and establish new trees in SW Oregon’s brutally, hot, dry climate. We’ll cover planting techniques, selecting the right species for your site, planting tools and techniques, weed control, and animal damage. Then we’ll look at a recent timber sale and talk about harvesting trees and marketing logs to improve your bottom line - without trashing your forest.

• **Putting it All Together**  
  **Friday, April 18, 2008, 1:00-3:30 pm (classroom session)**  
  **OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point**

You’ve seen some great examples, now how do you put it all together on your own land? Learn about management planning and sources of technical and financial assistance that can help you accomplish projects. And get acquainted with your responsibilities as a woodland owner by learning about Forest Practices Rules and fire liability.
Josephine County
Evenings (4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/20) & Saturday (4/19)

• Maintaining a Healthy Forest
  Wednesday, April 9, 6:30-8:30 pm
A vigorous forest is a healthy forest, but many stands in southern Oregon are overly dense and have low tree vigor, making them susceptible to insect attack as well as wildfire. Learn how to thin typical SW Oregon mixed species stands, based on species, vigor, form, spacing, and other considerations. Slash disposal, utilization of by-products, equipment needs, potential markets, cost share funding and other practical considerations will also be covered. We’ll also discuss some of the most common insect and disease problems of native trees.

• Field tour
  Saturday, April 19, 9-noon
What does a healthy, sustainable forest look like, and what does it take to get there? We’ll visit a great example of a well-managed forest property that produces income for the landowner. Get a first hand look at the various activities involved in woodland management including thinning, brushing, slash disposal, road maintenance, and fire protection. Plus, learn to how identify our main local tree species.

• The Growing Cycle: Planting Trees, Harvesting Timber
  Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 1:00-4:30 pm
First, find out what it takes to plant and establish new trees in SW Oregon’s brutally, hot, dry climate. We’ll cover planting techniques, selecting the right species for your site, planting tools and techniques, weed control, and animal damage. Then we’ll talk about harvesting trees and marketing logs to improve your bottom line – without trashing your forest.

• Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire
  Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 6:30-8:30 pm
Wildfire is the #1 concern for many forest landowners in southern Oregon, and for good reason: this is one of the most fire-prone environments in the state. Learn what it takes to protect your home and property from wildfire and how to make your woods more fire-resistant.

• Putting it All Together
  Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 6:30-8:30 pm
You’ve seen some great examples, now how do you put it all together on your own land? Learn about management planning and sources of technical and financial assistance that can help you accomplish projects. And get acquainted with your responsibilities as a woodland owner by learning about Forest Practices Rules and fire liability.

• GPS Skills for Forest Owners
  Friday, March 14, 2008  Take the class in the morning or afternoon:
  9am-Noon, Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point
  1pm-4pm, Josephine County Extension, 215 Ringuette, Grants Pass
Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers are widely available and becoming more commonly used by forest owners, forestry professionals, and recreationists. Find out how GPS works and what applications are possible for forest owners. This class will be a hands-on session providing you the chance to use a recreational-grade GPS receiver to mark and find waypoints, calculate acreage, measure distance, and complete other forestry-related tasks. We will provide GPS units (Garmin Etrex Vista) for the field exercises. No experience necessary. $10 fee covers handouts.
MASTER WOODLAND MANAGER training will be offered in Southwest Oregon beginning late spring 2008.

This program includes 11 modules covering a variety of forestry topics: reforestation, management planning, forest insect and diseases, timber stand improvement, silviculture, business management, forestry assistance, forest measurements, watersheds and wildlife management, and timber harvesting. Most training sessions will be held on Saturdays. The training involves a commitment of 8-12 hrs. per month, and will take place over a 10-month period. Most trainings will be held on Saturdays. The training involves in-class lectures, demonstrations and field trips. Participants receive numerous handouts, publications and fact sheets.

The purpose of the Master Woodland Manager Program is to train woodland owners to be more effective managers of their own property. **As payback for the 85 hour training, Master Woodland Managers volunteer an equal number of hours by helping motivate other woodland owners.** Master Woodland Managers can also meet their volunteer service obligations by assisting Extension Foresters with tours and demonstrations, teaching others (including school-aged children), helping establish applied research projects, working with local chapters of the Small Woodlands Association, and helping spread information to other audiences regarding the importance of forestry in Southwest Oregon. Each Master Woodland Manager will be expected to integrate the training information into the management of his/her own property, along with taking a leadership role in the local woodland owner community.

This is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that has trained over 200 Master Woodland Managers in Oregon. Qualifications for being a Master Woodland Manager include knowledge of the local community, demonstrated history of forest management on a woodland property, ability to use a hand calculator, and physical fitness that allows walking on steep uneven terrain and work during bad weather. If you cannot meet the physical requirements, we can offer other service options. Each Master Woodland Manager will also be required to provide his/her own automobile and must furnish proof of insurance. The program is offered equally to all interested candidates. This is a great training opportunity for woodland owners, ranchers and others. To receive a packet of application materials, please contact me at:

max.bennett@oregonstate.edu or (541) 776-7371 x223.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE CLASSES, PLEASE CONTACT:
Max Bennett, Forestry Agent
(541) 776-7371 x223,
max.bennett@oregonstate.edu
OSU Extension Service – Jackson Co.
GPS SKILLS FOR LAND OWNERS
Make checks payable to “OSU Extension” and mail to: Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502
Cost: $10

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I am registering for:

☐ JACkSON COUNTY, 569 HANLEY RD., CENTRAL POINT, 9AM-NOON
☐ JOSEPHINE COUNTY, 215 RINGUETTE ST., GRANTS PASS, 1-4PM

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT SERIES WORKSHOPS (JACKSON COUNTY)
Make checks payable to “OSU Extension” and mail to: Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502
Cost: $10 per class or $40 for all 5 classes

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I am registering for:

☐ SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, SOUTHERN OREGON STYLE 3/07/08, 1-4:30PM
☐ MAINTAINING A HEALTHY FOREST 3/21/08, 1-4:30PM
☐ PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRE 4/4/08, 1-4:30PM
☐ THE GROWING CYCLE: PLANTING TREES, HARVESTING TIMBER 4/11/08, 1-4:30PM
☐ PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER 4/18/08, 1-3:30PM
☐ ALL FIVE CLASSES ($40)

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT SERIES WORKSHOPS (JOSEPHINE COUNTY)
Make checks payable to “OSU Extension” and mail to: Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502
Cost: $10 per class or $40 for all 5 classes

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I am registering for:

☐ MAINTAINING A HEALTHY FOREST 4/9/08, 6:30-8:30PM
☐ FIELD TOUR 4/19/08, 9AM-NOON
☐ THE GROWING CYCLE: PLANTING TREES, HARVESTING TIMBER 4/23/08, 1-4:30PM
☐ PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRE 5/7/08, 6:30-8:30PM
☐ PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER 5/20/08, 6:30-8:30PM
☐ ALL FIVE CLASSES ($40)
Upcoming Woodland Management Classes

Jackson Small Woodlands Association monthly meeting: Forest Practices & Cost Share Update!