Tree School Rogue Helps Small Acreage Owners

Registration opens March 1, 2013 for Tree School Rogue. Scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, Tree School is a one-day mini-college for family forestland owners, small acreage land owners, forestry contractors, loggers, and all natural resource enthusiasts interested in trees and forests. We’re featuring 27 classes this year, including several perennial favorites and some new offerings, all taught by experienced resource management professionals. Classes vary in length from 1.5 to 3.5 hours and you can participate in up to four over the course of the day.

"It's a conference that gives people a chance to pick from a wide variety of forestry and natural resource classes," said Max Bennett, OSU Extension forester for Jackson and Josephine Counties. "We have classes on selecting and planting landscape trees, pruning, and dealing with insect and disease problems that affect trees. If you want to learn how to thin your forest more effectively or find out about innovative small scale equipment in the woods, we have classes for those topics. If your interest is in attracting wildlife, or getting rid of starthistle, or even cultivating truffles under oak trees, we have something for you. And that just scratches the surface – there are 27 different options.”

“It’s a fun atmosphere. You have a chance to meet with like-minded owners and talk one on one with professionals,” adds Bennett. “You’re guaranteed to pick up some practical tips and come home with something you can use on your own property.”

“While small woodland and small acreage owners are the main target, many of our classes also carry continuing education credits for professional loggers, arborists, landscape contractors, and pesticide applicators.”

The cost of Tree School Rogue is $40 per person. Lunch is $9. The registration deadline is April 17. There is no walk-in registration. The Tree School program brochure is available on-line at
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/Forestry/, or pick up a copy at the OSU Extension Service offices at 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass, or 569 Hanley Road, Central Point.

This year’s class titles:

1A Caring for Your Woods on a Small Acreage
2A All About Water Rights
3A Insect and Disease Problems of Southern Oregon Conifers*
4A Chainsaw Operation for Women ONLY
5A Managing Shrublands and other Non-conifer Plant Communities**
6A Landscape Tree Pruning*
7A/B Ecology of Klamath-Siskiyou Forests*
8A/B Reforestation and Timber Management Field Tour**
1B Using Google Earth to Explore Your Woodlands
2B Science and Scientists in the Woods**
3B Insect and Disease Problems of Southern Oregon Hardwoods*
4B Log Sales: Maximize Revenue-Minimize Risk**
5B The Biscuit Fire-10 Years Later**
6B Floral Greens to Edibles: Non-timber Forest Products from Your Woodland
1C Make Your Plan with MyLandPlan**
2C Trees on the Move: Migration of Tree Species in Response to Climate Change**
3C Small Scale Forestry Equipment and its Uses
4C Rural Wells and Water Systems**
5C Commercial Truffle Cultivation in Western Oregon**
6C Trees to Know in Southern Oregon*
7C/D Planning & Maintaining Woodland Roads
1D Selection, Planting, & Care of Landscape Trees
2D Your Family’s Woodland Legacy: How You Can Achieve the Success You Desire**
3D Enhancing Wildlife Habitat on Your Land**
4D Chainsaws in the woods: safe, efficient techniques for thinning & fuels reduction**
5D Noxious Weed Control: Yellow Starthistle, Knapweeds, & Thistles**
6D Revegetating Ground Disturbances with Native Plants

*New this year – not offered last year, but has been offered in a previous year
**Never before offered at Tree School Rogue

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