Woodland Stewardship
How to Get the Most Out of Your Forested Property

Do you own a tract of forest land or some woods around your home? Would you like to learn how to take care of it, restore it, or improve it? Are you concerned about maintaining the health of your trees and reducing wildfire risks? Would you like to improve your property values, or habitat for wildlife? Do you want to harvest timber for sale or utilize forest products for farm use? If the answer to any or all of these questions is yes, this class is for you!

“Woodland Stewardship-How to Get the Most Out of Your Forested Property” is a six class series that provides an overview of concepts and practices of forest stewardship for woodland properties, from 5 to 50 (or more) acres. It is designed for owners who are just getting started with woodland management as well as more experienced owners who are looking for new ideas and approaches.

ABOUT THE CLASS: This is a very practical, field based class; we will be outside, rain or shine. Field activities will take place on woodland properties around the area. You will see what other landowners are doing and learn from them. Bring comfortable shoes or boots, raingear, sun/rain protection, & water. Although the class will not be physically demanding, we will be making short walks through the woods.

COST: $50 for all six classes or $10 per individual class.

Feel free to attend individual sessions, but attending all six is recommended for best results. Fee covers instruction, handouts, & other materials. Pre-registration is required.

DATES & LOCATIONS:
GRANTS PASS classes: Friday mornings, 8:30 am 11:30 am, March 5, 12, 19 & May 3.
CENTRAL POINT classes: Friday afternoons, 1:30-4:30 pm, March 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19, May 10.
INSTRUCTORS: Max Bennett, Forestry Agent, OSU Extension Service, Master Woodland Managers, & guest instructors.

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REGISTRATION: Use the form on the reverse side of this brochure.

Session #1: Getting Started:
Sustainable Woods Management (March 15)

Owning forest land presents both opportunities and challenges, some that are obvious and many that are not so obvious. This class will cover the basic list of “things to know about your forest” ranging from tree id to property taxes to locating property boundaries. And, it will help you formulate a vision for your own forest, as you see examples of well-managed local woodland properties and get an overview of woodland management practices including thinning and stand improvement, road development, fire protection, timber harvesting, and more.

For information about other OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources programs, see website: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/forestry or e-mail: max.bennett@oregonstate.edu (OVER)
Session #2: Maintaining a Healthy Forest & Stand Improvement (March 22)
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 and improve stands based on species, vigor, form, spacing, and other considerations. Slash disposal, utilization of byproducts, equipment needs, potential markets, and other practical considerations will be covered. We’ll also discuss some of the most common insect and disease problems of native trees.

Session #3: Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire (April 5)
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. Discover how to make your woods more resistant to fire and how this can improve forest health and vigor at the same time.

Session #4: Tree Planting & Establishment, Long Term Tree Care (April 12)
What does it take to establish new forest trees that will survive our hot, dry summers? See examples of tough site reforestation and care of young trees. We’ll cover planting techniques, selecting the right species for your site, planting tools and techniques, weed control, pruning, and more.

Session #5: Wildlife, Water, & Weeds (April 19)
This session will help you make your property more attractive to wildlife by outlining ways to provide the essential habitat for the species of your interest. You’ll also learn how to make your property less attractive to noxious weeds, and what you can do about existing weed problems. We’ll also look at ways to develop a trail system on your property. Finally, we’ll cover practices you can use to protect water quality and streamside areas.

Session #6: Putting it All Together (May 3 in Grants Pass, May 10 in Central Point)
You’ve seen some great examples, now how do you put it all together on your own land? Learn about management planning, working with contractors, tools and equipment, and sources of technical and financial assistance that can help you accomplish projects. Get acquainted with your responsibilities as a woodland owner by learning about Forest Practices Rules and fire liability.

Registration
Please send registration to appropriate county you wish to enroll in.

Registration deadline March 12, 2013.

Mail Registrations for Josephine County classes to:
Josephine County Extension
215 Ringuette St
Grants Pass OR 97527

Mail Registrations for Jackson County classes to:
Southern Oregon Research & Extension
569 Hanley Road
Central Point OR 97502

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