

Life on the Dry Side

An OSU Forestry and Natural Resources newsletter serving land managers and owners east of the Cascades

OSWA: A Valuable Resource For Family Forestland Owners

Bob Parker, Extension Forester, Baker/Grant Counties.

Family forestland owners in Oregon have many excellent resources available to help with successfully managing their woodland properties. In this article, we highlight the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, otherwise known as OSWA.

An Educational Resource

You probably know that ODF Stewardship Foresters are available to provide on the ground expertise and OSU Extension Forestry and Oregon Forest Resources Institute offer educational publications, classes, workshops and tours. Another important option to consider is becoming a member of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) which offers wide ranging, highly valuable services.

The OSWA vision is “To be an influential and proactive organization which is united in its efforts to represent the diverse objectives of family forestland owners who practice and promote good forest stewardship” – which they do extremely well. OSWA membership puts you in touch with fascinating people who are continually challenging themselves to become better stewards of the land. No other group makes living and working in the forests of Oregon more enjoyable than OSWA.

OSWA Membership

Join a local chapter! OSWA has 15 active chapters statewide, representing 20 counties. Chapters are the cornerstone of OSWA, organizing local activities and producing information tailored to the needs and interests of the community. Our chapters host educational tours, meetings, workshops and classes that give members a chance to meet and network with similarly minded people.



OSWA members enjoy tours and partnerships.

Outstanding Publications. When you join OSWA, you will receive some outstanding publications. The Oregon Forest Family News, a statewide joint newsletter with Oregon Tree Farm System, is published 6 times per year and contains information about the latest news impacting family forestlands in Oregon. It includes profiles of people who work with the forest, articles about forest management, suggestions for marketing your products and other resources to help you better manage

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your forestland asset. The “letter to the editor” section is a forum for members to share their views about issues affecting them. Many chapters have their own newsletters keeping members informed with important information.

Northwest Woodlands Magazine. This quarterly publication produced in cooperation with small woodland owner groups in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Its goal is to keep you informed on regional issues and is dedicated to the management of family forestlands in the Northwest. Every issue contains many articles by regional experts and forestry education specialists.

Woods Tours. Local chapters, frequently in collaboration with OSU Extension and others, sponsor field tours, giving members the opportunity to observe and learn from other successful land owners. OSWA also has four to five Howdy Neighbor Tours each year, in partnership with Oregon Forest Resource Institute (OFRI). During these tours participants can explore new ways to manage your forest for wildlife, timber, water quality and recreation, discover Oregon’s environmental and economic issues with a balanced perspective, learn ways to work safely in the woods and much more.

Professional Representation. Forestland owners are concerned about changing laws and regulations that may negatively impact their ability to manage their properties. OSWA strives to promote the important and essential roles that family owned woodlands play in society and works closely with local and state agencies, legislators and the political process in Oregon to ensure that family owned forests continue to thrive and prosper. OSWA maintains a professionally staffed office suite in Salem with an Executive Director on call and accessible to members throughout the week. OSWA also hires a lobbyist to represent the interests of family forestland owners at the state Capital.

OSWA Partners. Partnerships with other organizations designed to benefit small woodland owners, interfacing with Oregon State University Extension Foresters and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) to provide education and training opportunities. OSWA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) to partner on common issues and take advantage of OTFS’s affiliation with American Forest Foundation (AFF), an organization designed to protect the interests of small woodland owners, at the national level. OSWA also participates



OSWA members enjoy the benefit of fire fighting and woodland liability insurance.

on the Committee for Family Forests that advises the Board of Forestry on family forest issues, and collaborates with Oregon Department of Forestry on private forest and fire issues.

Fire Fighting & Woodland Liability Insurance. Under Oregon state law, all landowners may be liable for the expense of fighting certain fires on their property, which can be extremely expensive. Through a group program, special discounted fire-fighting expense liability insurance is available for purchase by OSWA members. General timberland liability insurance is also an option for members through a discounted group program.



OSWA members learn together and share successes during wood tours.



There’s no doubt that OSWA has a lot to offer. If you have any questions about OSWA or would like to join, you can contact them by phone at (503) 588-1813, email them at oswa@oswa.org or visit their website at www.oswa.org.



Down on the Tree Farm

Bob Parker, Extension Forester, Baker/Grant Counties

April

Start planning summer logging projects.

- ☑ Engage a consulting forester for advice.
- ☑ Flag out harvest areas. Check property boundaries if needed.
- ☑ Notify the Oregon Department of Forestry and fill out a forest practices application.
- ☑ Find a good logger quickly – the good ones are booked up fast.

Are you proud of your tree farm?

- ☑ Get your family, extended family, neighbors, friends, co-workers and even strangers out to see all the good things you've been doing on your place.
- ☑ Successor training – engage the next generation before you “go”.
- ☑ Stop and smell spring in the air. Truly, what could be better than a walk in your forest on a warm, spring day?
- ☑ While you're out there, survey for storm damage and plan for salvaging or other management.

May

If you're thinking about doing some thinning or pruning – stop. The pine engraver beetle (IPS) is attracted to fresh slash that's greater than 3 inches in diameter and once it gets started, can be quite destructive. Wait until August or later to make fresh slash.

Things to do on a rainy day before fire season.

- ☑ Make sure your fire equipment is in good working order.
- ☑ Sharpen your fire tools.
- ☑ Make sure your power saw spark arrestor screen is good.
- ☑ Have your fire extinguishers recharged and checked out. Time is not a friend to your fire extinguisher.
- ☑ Make sure your access roads are plainly marked so fire fighters can find you in an emergency.
- ☑ If you have water sources such as ponds that fire fighters can use, make sure your fire protection providers know where they're at.

June

Safety first is not just a cliché.

- ☑ Don't cut corners, you may end up cutting yourself.
- ☑ Don't operate your chainsaw alone.
- ☑ Always wear a hardhat, chaps, eye & ear protection and gloves when operating a chainsaw. Even small trees, limbs or flying wood chips can cause serious harm.
- ☑ Sharp, well-maintained equipment used with proper technique will make work easier and safer.
- ☑ “Sometime” loggers need all the safety equipment, every time.

Wildfire preparation.

- ☑ Clean up firebreaks, fire trails and roadsides.
- ☑ Your roads and bridges should be able to handle heavy fire trucks.
- ☑ Clear a defensible space around your house.
- ☑ You and/or your logger should have appropriate fire insurance.

Partnership Projects and Programs in the Blue Mountains of Oregon

Paul Oester, Extension Forester, Union/Wallowa/Umatilla; Bob Parker, Extension Forester, Baker/Grant Counties; Emily Jane Davis, Natural Resources Collaborative Specialist

Wallowa Whitman Forest Collaborative

The mission of this group is “to improve the social, economic, and ecological resilience of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and local communities through collaboration by a diverse group of stakeholders.” Projects are many and include the East Face of the Elkhorns Project which brings together state, federal and private landowners to plan actions that reduce the risk of wildfire thus protecting homes, properties, and recreational areas. The East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains project is funded by the Joint Chief’s Landscape Initiative—a collaboration between the chiefs of two USDA agencies, the NRCS and the U.S. Forest Service. The project aims to reduce the risk of loss to catastrophic wildfire through forest fuels reduction, restoring and maintaining landscapes, and improving fire response across the shared public/private boundary. NRCS is partnering with the Oregon Department of Forestry to provide financial and technical assistance to private landowners to perform much-needed pre-commercial thinning.



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Blue Mountains Forest Cooperative

One of the biggest challenges facing family forestland owners in northeast Oregon is marketing our forest products. A declining sawmill infrastructure, increased hauling distances and generally low log prices create a very difficult economic environment, reducing the incentive to own forestland and limits the availability of funds for forest improvement work. Recognizing this challenge, the Baker County Private Woodlands Association (BCPWA), a chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), in 2002 began investigating marketing opportunities for increasing profits from timber harvests. With help from Wallowa Resources and Sustainable Northwest, BCPWA researched and intensively analyzed options such as building a small-scale sawmill, a log sort yard, commercial firewood sales, a CHP (combined heat & power) facility and shavings for animal bedding. None of these proved to be a viable concept for the organization. The chapter finally hit upon the idea of forming a marketing cooperative and created the Blue Mountains Forest Cooperative (BMFC). The concept of the cooperative is to ‘bundle’ together the combined annual harvests of multiple BMFC member landowners, making it possible to offer a large and reliable source of saw logs to local

sawmills. An additional, reliable source of log volume proved to be attractive enough to mills that BMFC was able to negotiate approximately 15% higher log prices than individual landowners could get on their own. The sustainability of the model is dependent on the strength of lumber market conditions however and the cooperative is interested in broadening its range of opportunities to provide a stronger foundation for the enterprise.

My Blue Mountains Woodland

This initiative reaches out to private landowners (adapted and modified from an article published by Wallowa Resources).

Millions of prime timbered acres across Oregon are in the hands of private landowners; a powerful, but scattered group of people with a direct interest in long-term forest health.

Although we invest in forests for diverse reasons—including recreation, wildlife, income, and family heritage—all landowners have a shared interest in seeing the woodlands thrive. Tract sizes and priorities may vary, but since wildfires and weeds don’t recognize property boundaries, people have to work together to come up with viable solutions.

My Blue Mountains Woodland (MBMW), coordinated out of the Wallowa

Resources office in Enterprise, Oregon, is a new initiative designed to help landowners leverage resources, information, and each other's experiences to better engage their land and create more fire-resilient landscapes.

The MBMW partnership of public and non-profit organizations began outreach to previously uninvolved private landowners in the spring of 2015. The goal is to provide comprehensive information, tools, and support to people making decisions about how to manage their land. MBMW offers publications, expertise, and guidance from foresters, as well as a website and regular e-Tips to make current, relevant resources easily available.

As a collaboration between Wallowa Resources, the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension, USDA Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and American Forest Foundation, MBMW is able to draw upon a broad array of information and bring many people with shared goals into the same space. Each of the four counties—Baker, Union, Umatilla, and Wallowa—has foresters, landowner volunteers, and lists of resources available for the program.

“Our property is family-owned with diversified interests and expertise in timber management, plus the historical recollection from our Grandmother who told us to ‘never cut a tree’. It took countless visits and patience from representatives of Wallowa Resources, ODF, OSU Extension, loggers and others to get us convinced to get off the dime and do something. We only started working on our property in 2007,” said landowner and MBMW neighbor network volunteer, Wendy McCullough. “But during the recent time of high fire alert, ODF and Forest

Service personnel who stopped by commented on what a great job we have done with our timber management and that through these efforts we would be better able to protect ourselves and our timber.”

The more neighbors who actively manage their land, the better a community is likely to fare in a fire. Fire adapted communities (FACs) are

neighborhoods located in wildfire-prone areas that can survive wildfire with little or no assistance from firefighters. During a wildfire, FACs reduce the potential for loss of human life and injury, minimize damage to homes and infrastructure and reduce firefighting costs.

Ritter Land Management Team

This partnership of private landowners in the Ritter, Oregon area (Lower Middle Fork John Day River sub-basin) was developed in 2014. RLMT is a community working together to find innovative solutions for enhancing the health and productivity of private lands. RLMT'S vision is that local forest and rangeland owners work with local, state, and federal natural resource management agencies and non-profits to develop innovative strategies for good stewardship of private lands.

RLMT landowners manage their lands holistically, addressing a full suite of natural resources that include forests, rangelands, water resources, and wildlife and fisheries habitats. Individual landowners may balance these resources differently, but seek to include all of them in their management strategies. To date, RLMT has conducted a baseline inventory of participating properties, and used it as foundation for a landscape-level Strategic Action Plan that covers 60,000 acres. Guided by priorities identified in this plan, RLMT and local partners have pursued management and restoration grants, and a feasibility and market study about juniper utilization. Startup funding for this group has been provided by Oregon Department of Forestry through US Forest Service State and Private Forests Western Competitive Grant. To learn more, visit www.ritterlmt.com.



Members of the Ritter Land Management Team. Photos by Cal Mukumoto.

Baker and Grant County News

Bob Parker, Extension Forester,
Baker/Grant Counties

Celebrating National Award

Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the OSU Extension Service, 2600 East Street, Baker City.

Family forestland owners are widely recognized for their outstanding land stewardship, and deservedly so. In December the Defrees family from Sumpter was awarded the 2016 National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award at the annual American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Conference in Washington D.C. Then in February, the Heffernan family from North Powder was selected to receive the 2016 Private Landowner Wildlife Stewardship Award from the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (OCWS) in recognition of their outstanding contributions! The Excellence in Stewardship conference will highlight the Defrees and Heffernan's amazing achievements and inform participants about the many resources available through membership in private lands oriented organizations such as the ATFS, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, the OCWS and the OSU Extension Forestry Program.

Forestland Partnerships in Eastern Oregon: A Peer Learning Workshop

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
4-H & Extension Center Conference Room
10507 N. McAlister Rd, La Grande, OR

Family forest landowners, agency and NGO partners such as Oregon Department of Forestry, National Resource and Conservation Service, USDA Forest Service, Willowa Resources, and the OSU Extension Service are in one way or the other all now involved in collaborative private forestland projects in eastern Oregon including the East Face Project, the Blue Mountain Forest Collaborative and the Ritter Land Management Partnership. These new partnerships are creating exciting land management and economic opportunities directly benefitting forestland owners, our communities and the health of our forests. Topics for the workshop will include how landowners can work together on market access, restoration projects, and fuels reduction.

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From left to right: Dean Defrees, Bob Parker and Lyle Defrees.

Silviculture, Harvesting and Marketing Workshop

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Oberteuffer Research Forest in Union County. Times and logistics TBD. Stay tuned.

OSU Extension Silviculture Specialist Steve Fitzgerald and Extension harvesting expert Steve Bowers will lead a one-day workshop on writing practical, goal-oriented forest management prescriptions and how to fall, buck and skid logs to maximize efficiency and profitability.



2016 National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award winners, the Defrees family of northeast Oregon.

Northeast Oregon News

Paul Oester, Extension Forester, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa Counties

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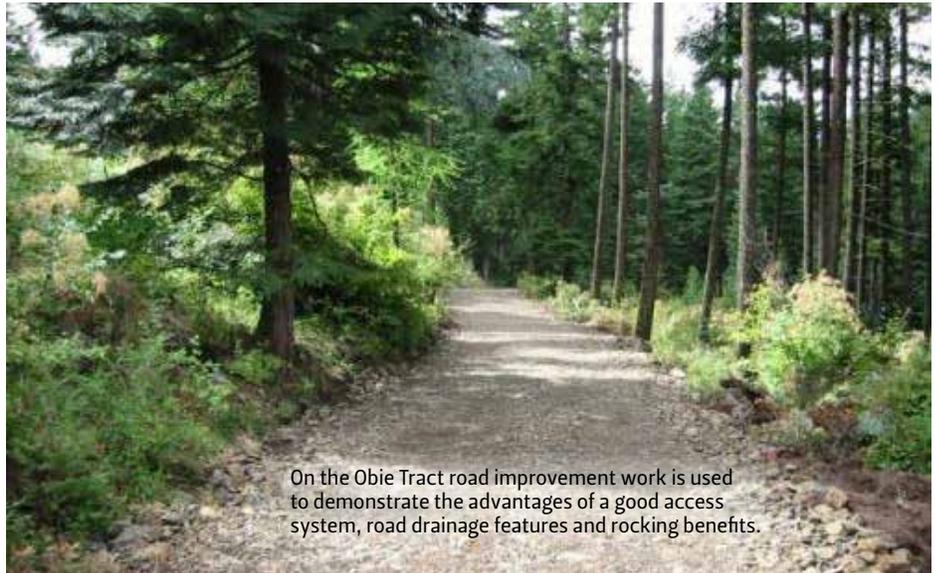
For more information or to RSVP, please contact Emily Jane Davis, EmilyJane.Davis@Oregonstate.edu

A Day at the Obie Tract...

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oberteuffer Research and Education Forest, Stubblefield Mountain/Pine Grove Loop Rd, 7.3 miles northeast of Elgin off of Hwy 82.

Join us for lively discussion and learning opportunities on a number of topics, including;

- History and accomplishments of the Oberteuffer Research and Education Forest



On the Obie Tract road improvement work is used to demonstrate the advantages of a good access system, road drainage features and rodding benefits.

- Reforestation assessment and how to be successful planting trees
- Thinning strategies for young and older stands
- How to fall, limb and buck a tree for maximum profit
- What's new after 10 years with our 50-acre, uneven-age management case study: how are the different age classes growing; how has the diameter distribution changed; what about the regeneration quality and growth?
- Short tour of the property
- Other things of interest as we have time, such as road work, fences, and pond management

Featured speakers:

Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Silviculture Specialist; Steve Bowers, OSU Extension Harvesting Specialist; Bob Parker, OSU Extension Agent, Baker and Grant Counties; and Paul Oester, OSU Extension Agent, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa Counties.

Watch for more information. Call the OSU Extension Service Union County office at 541-963-1010 to RSVP.

Workshops: Coming Soon:

Best practices for unmanned aerial vehicles and applications in forest and range management
- June 27 in Union/Wallowa County
- June 28th in Baker County

Time to Call it a Wrap...

Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
4-H & Extension Center Conference Room
10507 N. McAlister Rd, La Grande, OR



Although I love this job and thoroughly have enjoyed all the great times and people, after more than 37 years with the OSU Extension Service in Coquille and

La Grande I will be retiring at the end of May, 2017. Thanks so much for all your support! You are invited to join me, with snacks and drinks provided, for a simple send off or *graduation*. No speeches, just a time to hang out. Call our office at 541-963-1010 to RSVP so we can have enough supplies for everyone.

Interested in learning more about Master Woodland Manager?

We will offer this training in northeast Oregon this Fall. Contact Bob Parker at bob.parker@oregonstate.edu or 541-523-6418 to learn more and to receive a registration form.

Learn more about MWM:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm/>

Klamath Basin Research and Experiment Station (KBREC) News

Daniel Leavell, Extension Forester,
Klamath/Lake/Harney Counties

The mission of the Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership (K-LFHP) is, “to facilitate restoration projects on public and private forestland in Klamath and Lake Counties through education, outreach and diverse partnerships.”

Steps to Achieve Success

Our process steps include the following: 1. Integrate with the FS planning and implementation schedule (since the FS is the major land manager, we look for areas that have passed through the National

Environmental Policy Act process); 2. Conduct a landscape-scale risk assessment (consult insect and disease surveys, Community Wildfire Protection Plan information, wildfire emergency response limitations, wildlife habitat needs, other risk factors); 3. Private landowner outreach and education (landowner contacts to assess for Master Woodland Manager and Basic Forestry Short Course opportunities and other outreach potential/needs); 4. Private land mapping and inventory (various scale maps to cover forested stand information and ancillary resource information as needed); 5. Private landowner support (with land management planning and procuring funding); and 6. Public and private cooperative project implementation (working with both FS and private landowners for thinning, slash disposal, prescribe burning, etc.).

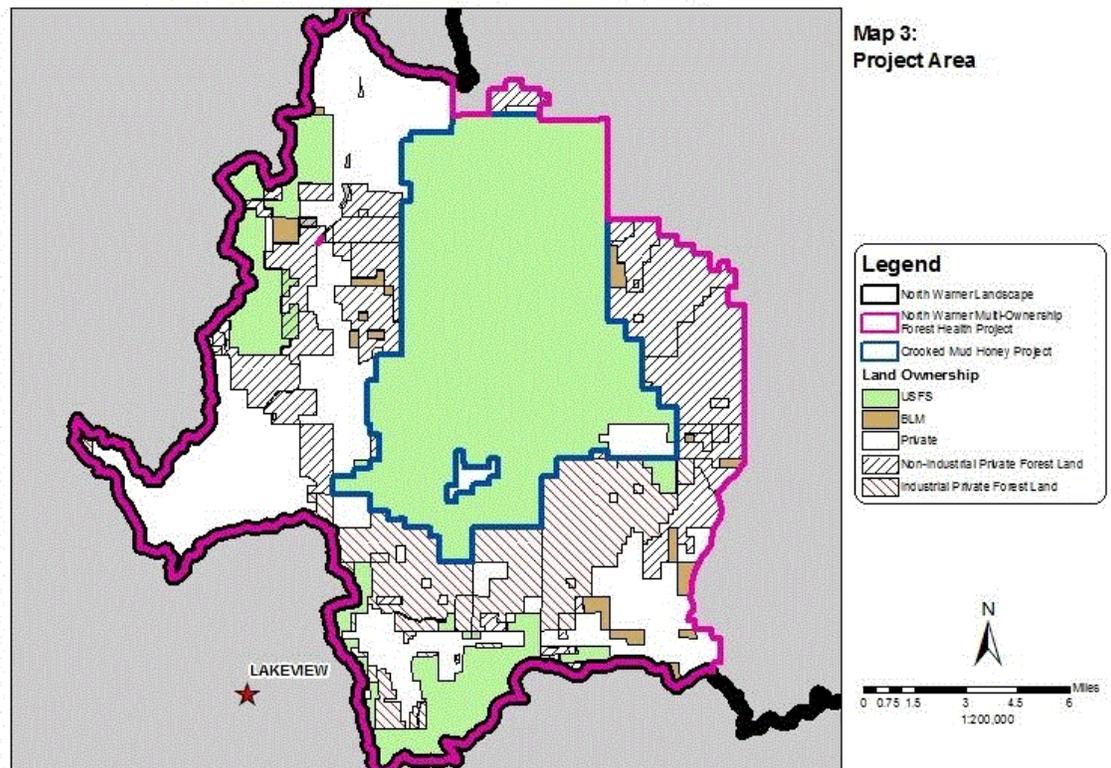
Our Partnership has generated collaboration sufficient to develop the concept of Good Neighbor Authority as designated in the NRCS Farm Bill of 2014 (ODF and the Forest Service) and authorizations that fall under the Wyden Amendment. ODF and NRCS also have an agreement to provide technical assistance to private, non-industrial forest landowners. ODF personnel can provide forest data collection, project development, conservation/land management plan development (that feed into NRCS contracts), coordination of logging, thinning, brush and slash management, etc. These cooperative ventures between Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Forest Service allow big potential benefits to private landowners. Least of which is generating an economy of scale that takes a large economic burden from the landowners.

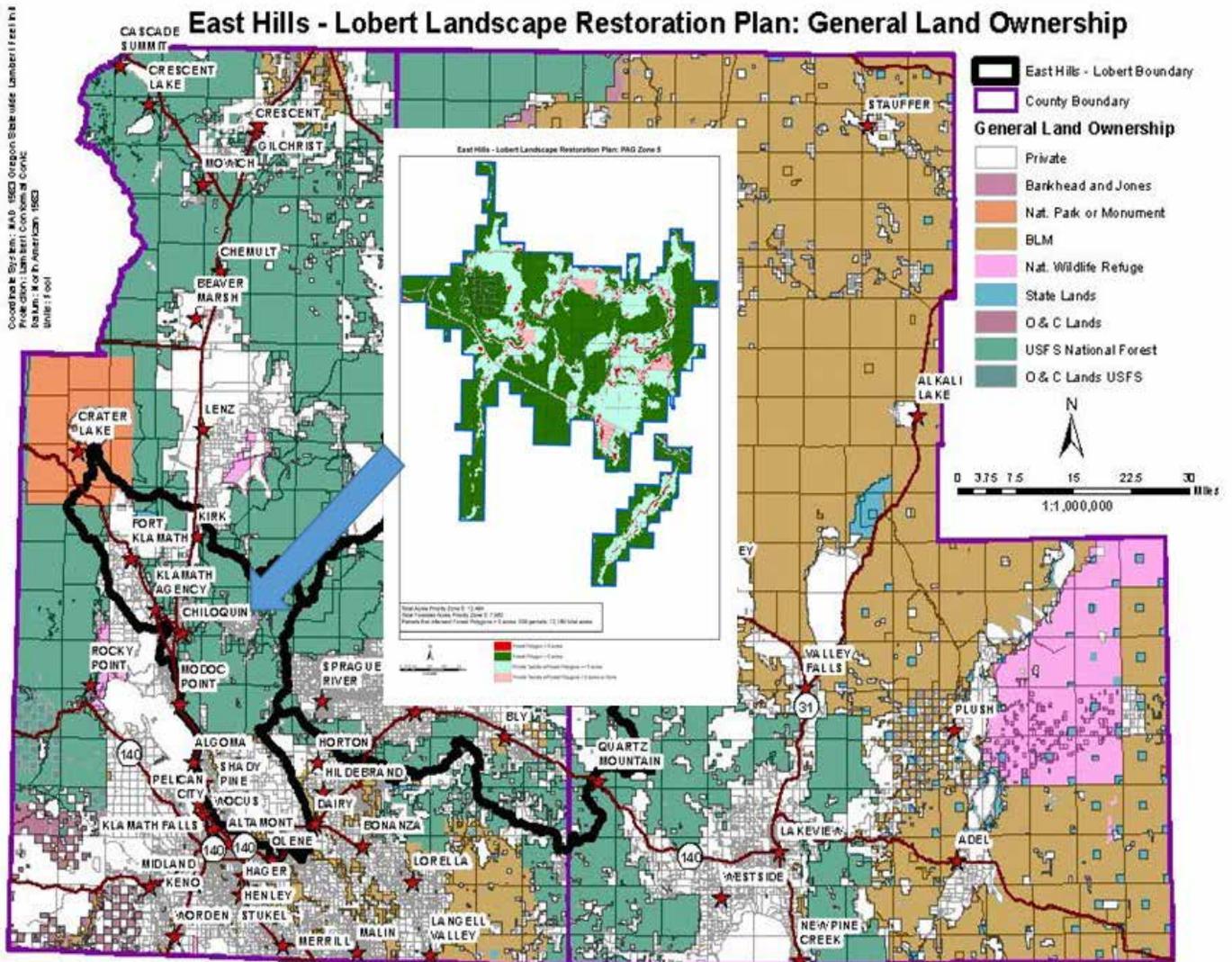
North Warners Project

We applied the process above on a 60,000-acre project just north of Lakeview in Lake County. Obtaining a Joint Chiefs grant, OWEB funding, sage-grouse funding, State and Private funds, and a RAC grant has enabled project implementation to start this year.

The collaborative process we developed with the K-LFHP Partnership works. Forest health, fire risk (and abatement, improved response), wildlife habitat, and agroforestry objectives have been addressed with strategies in place on public and private land. Thousands of acres are scheduled to be managed for these and other landowner objectives.

North Warner Multi-Ownership Forest Health Project





East Hills/Lobert Project

Our Partnership has moved on to initiate similar projects in Klamath County. We have completed a risk assessment of seven potential landscapes and have agreed to develop projects on public and private land on areas east and west of Chiloquin in Klamath County and on areas surrounding the Sycan Marsh (Klamath and Lake County). The Oregon Forest Resource Institute (OFRI) will join our Partnership efforts to develop an outreach and education strategy and the initial stand mapping and inventory has begun.

Our Partners include: Oregon Small Woodlands Association, The Nature Conservancy, Bureau of Land Management, Wildland Fire Technologies, Inc., USDA Forest Service (Fremont-Winema NF), OSU Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Klamath Watershed Partnership, Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council, Gerber Ranch, Mezger Forest Inc., Collins Timber Company, Whiskey Creek Timber Company.

Central Oregon News

Nicole Strong, Extension Forester,
Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson Counties & the
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs

Forest Restoration Renaissance: A New Paradigm in John Day

Collaborative forest restoration is leading a rural community revival in John Day, Ore. Diverse partners have found common ground around forest and community revitalization. Check out ODF's new multi-media piece about how collaboration and utilization work hand in hand to create resilient federal forests and strong communities.

This is the first in a three-part series that showcases how collaboration drives forest restoration and healthy rural economies. In the next couple of weeks ODF and partners at USFS PNW Research Lab, OSU College of Forestry and University of Idaho will release new interactive tools and resources to help communities advance restoration through biomass and small-diameter utilization. Stay tuned.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/bG8wBdrKy9vGO/>

Interested in learning more about Master Woodland Manager?

We will be trying to re-offer this flagship course this Fall.

Contact Nicole Strong
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and to receive a registration form.

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The Corner Cup Coffee House, John Day, Oregon. Credit: ODF

Spring Fire Free Dates in Central Oregon

Bend

Knott Landfill
7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
May 6 through 14, 2017
61050 SE 27th Street, Bend

Westside Collection Site
May 5-6 & 12-13, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
19755 SW Simpson Avenue, Bend
(between Century Drive & Mt.
Washington on Simpson Ave.)

Redmond

Negus Transfer Station
June 2-3, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
2400 NE Maple Way, Redmond

Sisters

Northwest Transfer Station
June 2-3, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
68200 Fryrear Road, Cloverdale

La Pine

Southwest Transfer Station
June 2-3, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
54580 Highway 97, La Pine

Sunriver

Sunriver Compost Site
May 5-6, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Cottonwood Road, Sunriver

Madras

Box Canyon Transfer Station
April 29-30 & May 6-7, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
1778 NW Mill Street, Madras

Prineville

Crook County Landfill
May 6, 2017
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
110 SW Landfill Rd, Prineville

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LOG MARKET REPORT \$/1,000 board feet

March 15, 2017

Umatilla/Pendleton										
Douglas-fir /Larch	Ponderosa Pine					Grand fir /White fir	Lodgepole Pine	Engelmann Spruce	Pulp/Chip Logs	
	6-11"	9-11"	12-17"	18-23"	23+"					
360-385	—	285	300	323	390	190-300	275-290	275	call	
La Grande/Elgin										
Douglas-fir /Larch	Ponderosa Pine					Grand fir /White fir	Lodgepole Pine	Engelmann Spruce	Pulp/Chip Logs	
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Burns/John Day										
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Redmond/Bend/Gilchrist										
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Lakeview/Klamath Falls										
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10"-20"/400	—	270	325	350	350	8"+-315-355	8"+ -300	275		
Source: Oregon Log Market Report, Editor John Lindberg, ph 360-693-6766, fax 360-694-8466, logmkt@comcast.net										

Spring 2017 Log Market Summary

For eastern Oregon all mills seem to have good inventories as they wait for breakup. This winter has been productive in terms of allowing loggers and truckers to keep busy.

Domestic log market prices have either stayed relatively flat from last fall or dropped some, depending on species and location. The export market along the upper Columbia has been somewhat active with reports of good prices for logs destined for Japan, China and Korea. The chip market has been flat or lower with little activity.

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Promoting Knowledge and Skills, Excellence in Land Stewardship

Master Woodland Manager (MWM) training is offered by Oregon State University Forestry Extension as an immersive course for landowners who are interested in learning how to better manage their forest and are willing to share that knowledge with people in their local communities.

Graduates of the program have been serving Oregon for 20 years.

Call your local Extension Forester to discuss MWM training in your area.

A photograph of a person climbing a large tree trunk in a forest. The person is wearing a brown jacket, blue pants, and a cap. They are using a ladder to reach higher up the tree. The forest is dense with tall, thin trees and green foliage. The sky is visible through the canopy.

Master Woodland Manager