A Forestry Tour in Wallowa County

Bowerman Ranch and Sally B. Farms: Traditional Forestry with some Innovations

September 15, 2010
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
62456 Bowerman Road

Our host is Wendy McCullough, manager and one of the owners of this sizable and somewhat complicated family forest.

What we’ll see and discuss:
- Several fuels reduction projects (about 100 acres) in a mixed-conifer forest, including viewing changes over several years, slash mulched verses piled and burned, windthrow impacts, weed situation
- Salvage logging operations
- A productive site with lots of trees and lots of species diversity—what to do?
- Root disease, bark beetles and dwarf mistletoe and what to do about it
- Equipment demonstration: Mike Mahon will demonstrate his Waratah processor
- Management options in productive, mixed conifer forests
- Diversifying income examples, featuring raising goats for meat and using goat milk for soap products—successes and challenges, and costs/benefits.

Directions: From Enterprise, take Hurricane Creek Highway, continue past 2 “S” curves. Go past the Hurricane Cr. Grange through two more curves. Continue on the straightway about ¼ mile. Take Bowerman Rd (first road to the right). If you look to the right you’ll see several long red buildings, a barn, white house, blue house and red house...we’ll meet at the blue house.

There will be a variety of folks attending who can shed light on many aspects regarding the management of this property, including Mike Mahon, logger and Steve Meyer, Oregon Department of Forestry. Jim Zacharis, a local logger who did some work on this property may attend as well.

Bring your own lunch and water. Dress for inclement weather. We will be car pooling from Wendy’s house so if you have a vehicle with good clearance please bring it, although the roads are relatively easy to drive. Please call the OSU Extension Service Union County Office (541-963-1010) by Monday, September 13, 2010 so we know how many to plan for.

Best Regards

Paul Oester, Extension Forester