



Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association

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Coos County Tree Farm of the Year Tour on September 19th!

Congratulations to **Kent Tresidder**, for the Tresidder Tree Farm being named as the Coos County Tree Farm of the Year! Kent and his family have agreed to host a tour of their tree farm on September 19th, 2009.

This will be a great opportunity for small woodland owners and others interested in tree farming and small woodlands to get an on-the-ground glimpse of what it takes to sustainably manage property with trees and forests. It will also be a chance to meet and talk with others who share the same interests and care for the land and its trees.

Plan to arrive around 11:30am with a sack lunch. CCSWA will provide sodas, juice and water. You can enjoy the site, eat your lunch and peruse information about the history of the Tresidder Tree Farm. Other OSWA and forestry-related information will be available for your review.

Following lunch, from 1:00 to 3:00 there will be a car-pool drive through the Tree Farm, with stops at sites of interest. Kent will explain different aspects of their tree farm, what they have accomplished, challenges faced and the plans for the future.

Please RSVP if you are planning to attend so we know how many people to prepare for.

Tour Details

- Date:** September 19th
- Time:** 11:30 - 3:00
- RSVP:** Kent Tresidder (541) 396-5386 or reddisertk@yahoo.com
- Bring:** A sack lunch and a lawn chair if you want. Dress for the conditions (sturdy shoes, sunscreen, hat, rain jacket, etc) CCSWA will provide sodas, juice and water.
- Where:** Tresidder Tree Farm, off Hwy 42S (near Lampa Creel)
- Directions:** From Coquille, take Hwy. 42 S. toward Bandon and drive through Riverton. About a quarter mile beyond the 8-mile marker, look for an elk sign. The driveway is to the left (east) of the sign.
- From Bandon, take Hwy. 42 S. toward Coquille about 8 miles and cross Lampa Creek Bridge. About a quarter mile beyond a sharp left hand corner, look for the driveway on the right (east).
- There is a row of tall Lombardi poplars beside the long driveway.

2009 Dinner & Annual Meeting

The Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association 2009 Dinner and Annual Meeting was held last March at the Red Lion in Coos Bay.

The Program was quite interesting, given the current economic times. **Tristan Huff**, the new OSU Extension Forester, presented an overview of the Coos/Curry OSU Extension Forestry Program. **Gary Lettman**, ODF Economist, gave us an overview of current and future timber value trends. Following that, **Gordon Culbertson** from Forest2Market talked about timber value trends, giving a regional perspective on the past, present and future. All the information was very helpful in providing good advice to help guide small woodlands owners through the timber-price downturn, and offered and predictions on when we might see some recovery.

The Annual Meeting was also held (full minutes are available on the website). Elections were held and three board members were re-elected to office: Greg Stone, Bob Beers and Roy Hendricks.

Revisions to the bylaws (which hadn't been updated since 1971) were voted on and passed by the members present. The newly revised bylaws, which are available on the website, are more in alignment with the updated state-level bylaws and consistent with the actual practices of the CCSWA.

In addition, a proposal was made to sponsor a scholarship. After some discussion, the proposal was referred to committee. The Scholarship Committee is now working on the guidelines and will be presenting them to the Board within the next few months.

Plan to attend the next Dinner and Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 19, 2010!

Options Available For Tree Farm Certification

Tree farm certification continues to generate news-bites and space in the media. The premise is that "certification" means the landowner will employ management practices to a high standard and will thereby qualify some benefit by virtue of being certified.

Small woodland owners are most likely to get certified by the American Tree Farm System (see below), but understanding the wider picture of the agencies certifying both private and industrial tree farms and forests is helpful when deciding whether to become certified and by whom. Understanding the training and certification of loggers and foresters can be helpful when selecting a forester or logger to work on your property. Most grants and funding opportunities for small woodland owners require at least a plan, which is also one of the primary requirements for certification by the American Tree Farm System.

There are two certifying agencies generally recognized by the forest industry in the United States, The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI).

The **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** is an international system with standards for certification requirements (100-million acres in the US and Canada). It covers not only forest management practices, but also the tracking and labeling of certified products and paper products with recycled content. It is affiliated with the World Wildlife Fund. FSC standards and guidelines have evolved to reflect regional practices in the Pacific Northwest.

The **Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)** is another agency that certifies timberland to standards and guidelines (135-million acres in North America). The SFI program is a sustainable forest management standard targeting large industrial operations in Canada and the United States. SFI is affiliated with the American Forest and Paper Association.

Both systems require a comprehensive management plan, independent inspections by third party auditors and rigorous reporting requirements. Both agencies periodically review their standards and guidelines to reflect changing conditions and an ever-increasing knowledge base of forest management. Once enrolled into either certification plan, the timberlands, operations and reporting are regularly audited.

The **American Tree Farm System (ATFS)** is the oldest voluntary, third-party forest management certification system in the United States and has been certifying farms since 1941. It focuses on certifying the forestry practices of non-industrial private landowners in the U.S. The **American Forest Foundation (AFF)** has oversight over the ATFS. The ATFS has established standards and guidelines which property owners must meet in order to become Certified Tree Farms. Certification by the ATFS is at no charge. A written management plan consistent with the scope of the property management is a condition for certification.

The **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS), US Green Building Council** currently recognizes only wood certified by FSC as meeting the standards for their green building requirements. In November 2009, LEEDS will be meeting with other certifying agencies to review standards and guidelines and investigate endorsing certifications other than FSC.

The world's largest umbrella forest certification agency is the independent,

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non-profit, **Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes** (PEFC). PEFC has recognized and endorsed SFI standards and guidelines as meeting their requirements since 2005. PEFC has recognized and endorsed The American Tree Farm System as meeting their certification requirements since January 2009.

The Oregon Department of Forestry, and State Forester Marvin Brown, is making a case to both FSC and SFI that the rules, policies, standards and guidelines written in Oregon Statute and Administrative Rules covering forest operations should qualify Oregon timberland owners for certification by any scheme.

Loggers receive training through the **Oregon Professional Loggers Association** to qualify for Master Logger Certification (MLC) a national logger accreditation program sponsored by the **American Logging Council**. The Oregon affiliated organization is **Associated Oregon Loggers**. Loggers are trained to improve their understanding of forest practice rules. Loggers certified as MLC meet safety, training and education requirements, which comply with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

Professional foresters become certified through the **Society of American Forester** after showing competency on a national examination. Follow-up continuing education is a requirement for professional forestry recertification.

Small woodland owners interested in becoming members of or being certified by the American Tree Farm System can go to **www.otfs.org** or call (503) 362-0242.

More information about certification and stewardship plans is also available on our website:
www.cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org

CCSWA Has A New Website!

www.cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org

The Coos County Small Woodlands Association now has a new website! On it you can find information about upcoming local, regional and state events, links to local resources for small woodland owners, and other information.

Please take a few moments to check out the site. Our goal is to have a resource site specifically for Coos and Curry counties, with links to state and national information. It's a work in progress - your input and comments about what you resources you would like on our website would be greatly appreciated. Contact information is on the website or you can send comments by email to **webmaster@cooscurrysmallwoodlands.org**.

One thing we are specifically looking for are pictures and information about past events and activities of the Coos Curry Chapter. If you have any information or pictures you think would be good on the site, please contact the webmaster!

Thanks to Marie Gale, President CCSWA, for building the website and Words In A Row (**www.wordsinarow.com**) for providing hosting services.

Dealing with Weeds

Weeds of all kinds can be a problem in both large and small woodlands. There are several options for dealing with weeds, two of which are described here.

First, a weed wrench can be used to remove weeds, pulling out the plant, roots and all. A weed wrench uses leverage instead of brute force, making the job considerably easier. Weed wrenches are available to borrow for free (\$25 deposit) from:

Coos County OSU Extension - 572-5263

Bandon City Hall - 347-2437

USDA Service Center - 396-2841

Coos County OSU Extension - 247-6672

Second, herbicides are another tool for weed management and control. The Coos County Weed Advisory Board is working on a program to make herbicides available to landowners at a reduced cost. Once the funding is in place (hopefully mid-September), landowners can submit applications.

The herbicides offered are ones that don't require a special license to use, and are suitable for a wide variety of weeds. Instructions for use are included and further information about the choice and application of herbicides is available from the OSU Extension Service or by referencing the Northwest Weed Management Handbook (available online at <http://uspest.org/pnw/weeds>).

This is an excellent resource if you are planning on using herbicides for weed control. Applications generally require detailed information about the property, where the herbicides will be applied, what species are being addressed and what chemicals are requested.

Contact Helen Franklin (756-1480) for more information and to see when applications will be available at OSU Extension Service (Myrtle Point), Coos County Court House, Coos Soil and Water District (Coquille), BLM Office (North Bend) and Dept of Forestry (Bunker Hill).

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see inside for details!

Tour of the Tresidder Tree Farm

September 19th, 2009

Save the date!