

# ***Emerald Forester Gazette***



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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **March 2015 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Kim Nelson  
**Topic:** Habitat and How to Manage Marbled Murrelet

### **April 2015 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Gunnar Schlieder  
**Topic:** Oso Slide and Geology

### **May 2015 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday May 19, 2015  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Dallas Hemphill  
**Topic:** New Zealand logging and forestry

## **Speaker Profile: Kim Nelson**

Kim Nelson is a Senior Faculty Research Assistant at OSU and has been working there since 1988. She received her MS in wildlife ecology at OSU. Her current research focus is on the behavior, ecology, and habitat associations of Marbled Murrelet in Oregon, California, and Alaska. In Oregon, projects have included tree climbing to look for active nests, characterizing nest sites, determining optimal habitat based on reproductive success, and modeling and mapping murrelet habitat associations. She enjoys watching birds, recording bird vocalizations, natural history, conservation biology, travel, photography, hiking, sea kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and skiing.

## **Upcoming Joint Annual Meeting**



Common Ground, Common Goals, Common Solutions.

Mark your calendars! The 2015 Joint Annual Meeting of the OSAF and OTWS will be held April 29 – May 1 at the Eugene Hilton.

Contact Dale Claassen ([dale@sperryridge.com](mailto:dale@sperryridge.com)) or Fran Cafferata-Coe ([ortws.pres@gmail.com](mailto:ortws.pres@gmail.com)) for more information.

Schedule and registration at: [ortws.wordpress.com](http://ortws.wordpress.com)

# February Emerald Chapter Meeting

Notes from February's Meeting, by Steve and Wylda Cafferata

On February 17, 2015, Emerald Chapter Steve Mealy addressed February meeting. His topic was, "A Biological Basis for Review and Reform of the Northwest Forest Plan." Steve has had an illustrious and varied career with the Forest Service and the Idaho Fish & Game Department as well as working in the private sector in many capacities from fishing guide to timber company president. Steve spoke with passion about the need to review and reform the Northwest Forest Plan.

The need to review and reform the Plan is illustrated, in Steve's view, by the fiasco of the Jim's Creek study, a pilot restoration project in oak and pine on the Willamette National Forest. The small test project went well but cannot be implemented on the planned area because the NWF Plan calls for a ten acre buffer around each red tree vole. Thus a project that would establish healthy forests, create NSO habitat and be good for voles as well cannot go forward.

Steve outlined five reasons why the Plan should be reviewed and reformed:

1. Revision is overdue. The National Forest Management Act calls for revision of plans at least every 15 years, which makes revision of the NWF Plan six years overdue at this point.
2. Desired outcomes remain elusive. Steve mentioned that Jack Ward Thomas, now seriously ill, considers the outcome of the NWF Plan one of his biggest disappointments. The spotted owl population has continued its rapid decline, manufacturing infrastructure and forestry know-how has been lost as a result of declining harvests, and most timber-based communities have not evolved new and equivalent sources of jobs and income.
3. Unintended consequences. The loss of early seral habitat due to decline in logging has had a damaging effect on habitat for migratory song birds, deer, elk and many other species. The resulting loss of hunters and thus licensing fees have weakened ODF&W's ability to carry out its public trust role.
4. New Knowledge and professional experience. Forestry professionals and researchers have gained, over two decades, invaluable new knowledge and experience since the adoption of the NWFP. Most notable among the new lessons learned is the value of active forest management to promote and sustain both environmental values and local communities. Steve cited many research studies to make this point. He stressed the importance of conducting comparative ecological risk assessments to measure the effects and social costs of actions versus no actions to establish optimal management practices to achieve objectives.
5. NWFP implementation has undergone significant and unbalanced change. Interest group pressure and litigation has resulted in the Forest Service and BLM largely abandoning attempts to harvest in older forests.

In his role as Vice-President for Conservation of the Boone and Crocket Club, and in conjunction with many other groups including the OSAF, Steve outlined these concerns in a letter to Oregon's representatives in congress in July, 2013. To date he has received no response.

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## Forest Field Day – Call for Volunteers!

We are less than two months away from our first Forest Field Day! This season, we have 1,300 students visiting us at local tree farms. We still have volunteer slots to fill! Please consider joining our great efforts in forestry education, and sharing the opportunity with others. Thanks to all the SAF members that currently volunteer and who have already signed up for this Spring!

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# Joint Annual Meeting Raffle Request!

Dear Emerald Chapter members,

We are gearing up to host the 2015 OSAF Annual meeting this year. During this time we will have the opportunity to have fun while raising money. Money raised may be split between the National Foresters Fund and Oregon Special Projects Fund. We will be hosting the time honored silent auction and raffle events.

We are soliciting items from all chapter members who may want to participate. These can be large or small items. If you are coming up short on ideas, then bring something that you would want to win. Chances are someone else would feel the same. In the past, people have donated gift cards to overnight stays to an area of interest, handcrafted items, food, beverages, paintings, crafts, etc. We will gladly accept anything you would like to donate – whether it is worth \$5 or \$500.

Handcrafted items will be getting their own table this year. It could be any hand craft such as woodworking, homemade wine or homemade candy, etc. These items will be highlighted by how that person is related to forestry. It could be from a member, spouse, retiree, or a friend. I can't wait to see the variety of skills that will be displayed.

Please send me a note or contact me if you are able to send any items and any details that will help me prepare by April 15<sup>th</sup> (though the sooner the better please).

Thank you,

Bonny Hammons | 541-510-0556 | bmhammons@gmail.com

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## OFRI Planting Signs



Tree-planting season is here, and it's a good time for forestland managers to remind the driving public that trees are always replanted on private forestland. Managers are encouraged to order free signs from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) and to erect them along well-traveled highways or county roads.

OFRI offers the signs not just for plantings this winter, but for any year – even stands planted 20 or 30 years ago. “This is one simple thing any landowner can do to make sure the public sees that replanting is a routine part of what we do,” says OFRI Executive Director Paul Barnum. “I urge landowners to sign older stands, too. It helps people easily understand that what is today a thriving, mature forest was once a harvest.”

Since initiating the program in 2012, OFRI has shipped out about 200 signs to family and industrial forestland owners. Many of the signs can be seen along busy state highways such as U.S. Route 26 from Portland to the coast. But land along any highway or well-used county road is suitable, too. Barnum says on well-traveled highways, he'd like to see a sign about every five miles.

Order signs at [knowyourforest.org/learning-library/landowner-signage](http://knowyourforest.org/learning-library/landowner-signage). You'll just have to specify the planting year. The durable signs are 5 feet wide, come with nuts and bolts, and are shipped free of charge. Landowners need only supply two metal posts to erect the signs.



## Umpqua SAF Chapter Meeting Notice

When: Tuesday, March 17

Where: Salud Restaurant, 537 SE Jackson St, Roseburg OR

What: Dr. Allen Felsot, Professor of Entomology and Environmental Toxicology at Washington State University, will be giving a presentation about commonly used forest herbicides.

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### ***Did You Know?***

SAF members can save up to 55% off prescriptions with the SAF Prescription Discount Card? Learn more here:

<http://myfreerxcard.com/foresters/>

SAF members can save money on travel services like: Travelocity, Orbitz, Southwest, JetBlue, Hotwire, and more.

Members can also receive rewards and discounts at online home and garden stores like: ACE, Home Depot, Lowes, Sears, TSC and more. Start planning and shopping at: [www.saf.achievelinks.com](http://www.saf.achievelinks.com)

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## **Have a Beer to Support Forests Today & Forever!**

***Please join us for a brew!***

**Thursday, March 26, between 5:30 and 8:30pm  
at Plank Town Brewing Company in Springfield.**



Plank Town, **located at 346 Main Street in downtown Springfield**, is generously donating 10% of purchases made by Forests Today & Forever supporters!

All you need to do is show up on March 26 and enjoy a drink and/or have a delicious dinner to support FTF!

*Funds raised through this event will go to further our mission of promoting forest stewardship through education!*

Visit Plank Town's web site: [planktownbrewing.com](http://planktownbrewing.com) to see a menu and learn about their great beer!



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