



CHANGING FORESTRY ALONG THE OREGON TRAIL:

Opportunities, Challenges and Lessons Learned

Oregon Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting
Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, OR ★ April 24-26, 2013

Forests in eastern Oregon changed considerably in the 150-plus years since settlers moved west over the Oregon Trail. Hosted by the Columbia Gorge and Blue Mountain chapters, the 2013 Oregon Society of American Foresters' (OSAF) annual meeting will be held from April 24-26 at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton.

Our theme is *Changing Forestry Along the Oregon Trail: Opportunities, Challenges and Lessons Learned*. The event kicks off with a welcome from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), a keynote from Kent Connaughton, USDA Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Regional Forester, and a wide array of presentations. The day concludes with an icebreaker and poster session.

Day two begins with the alumni breakfast and morning sessions that focus on *Sustaining Resources and Communities*. A luncheon will feature Richard Whitman, Governor Kitzhaber's Natural Resource Policy Director. Following are two concurrent field trips, one looking at intensive eastside TIMO forest management on Hancock lands and the other featuring stream and riparian restoration work by CTUIR to enhance fish populations. The day concludes with the OSAF Awards Banquet and a presentation on historic Maxville.

Day 3 features the Pep-Up Breakfast and OSAF business meeting, and diverse discussions on *Sustaining Management Practices*. Two more field trips wrap up the meeting. One showcases the innovative 24,000-acre Greenwood Resources hybrid poplar plantation and the other features work by Morrow and Union Counties to manage their forestlands for recreation.

This year's annual meeting is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues, enjoy the drier side of Oregon, and learn about forestry in eastern Oregon.



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UPDATES

Watch for periodic updates at www.forestry.org/oregon/2013meeting.

QUESTIONS?

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ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013

9:30-12:30 OSAF Executive Committee Meeting

General Session: Changing Forestry Along the Oregon Trail: Opportunities, Challenges and Lessons Learned—Setting the Stage

1:30 Welcome and Introductions—**John Herbst**, General Co-Chair, **Larry Givens**, Umatilla County Commissioner, and **Speaker TBA**, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Afternoon Session: **Steve Fitzgerald**, OSU Extension Service, Moderator

2:00 Keynote Speaker: *The future vision for eastern Oregon forests and forestry given the challenges and changes*—**Kent Connaughton**, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

2:30 *Forests along the Oregon Trail and how they have changed*—**Steve Fitzgerald**, OSU Extension Service

3:00 *Changing industrial infrastructure in Oregon and implications for the future*—**Paul Barnum**, Executive Director, Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI); **David Smith**, Renewable Materials, OSU Wood Science and Engineering Department; **Scott Leavengood**, Director, OSU Wood Innovation Center; and **Mike Cloughesy**, Director of Forestry, OFRI

3:30 Break

4:00 *Recent developments in stocking control research and application to meet a variety of management objectives*—**Dave Powell**, Silviculturist, USDA Forest Service, Umatilla National Forest

4:30 *Wallowa County land ownership and land-use change: A case study*—**Jesse Abrams**, PhD Candidate, OSU College of Forestry

5:30-7:00 Icebreaker Reception, Poster Session, and Exhibitors

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

7:00 Alumni Breakfast

Morning Session: Sustaining Resources and Communities—**Mike Cloughesy**, Moderator

8:30 *How to compete in eastern Oregon's challenging business environment*—**Tom Insko**, Regional Manager, Boise Cascade

9:00 *Turning swords into plow shares*—**Susan Jane Brown**, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center

9:30 *Sustaining forests and communities: The Wallowa Resources story*—**Nils Christofferson**, Executive Director, Wallowa Resources

10:00 Break

10:30 *Coping with a lack of markets: The Baker County story*—**Bob Parker**, OSU Extension Service

11:00 *Grazing as added value and its clouded future*—**Tim Delcurto**, Superintendent, OSU Ag Research Center

11:30 *Rural Voices for Community Coalition: Links and impacts to rural forest communities*—**Martin Goebel**, President, Sustainable Northwest

12:00 Luncheon—**Richard Whitman**, Governor Kitzhaber's Natural Resource Policy Director

1:15-5:00 Technical Field Trips depart at 1:15 p.m. from the Wildhorse Resort and Casino parking lot.

Hancock-Eastside TIMO Forest Management: This trip to Hancock Timber forestlands offers the chance to observe intensive management practices on eastside forest sites including plantation manage-

ment, and operations and products from a private forest managed under a TIMO structure that balances forest stewardship and the timber investment value.

Watershed Management and Fish: Tour Meacham Creek, a tributary to the Umatilla River in northeast Oregon, which is a priority area for watershed and fisheries restoration work by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Through a First Foods approach to protecting and enhancing ecological and physical values of the Tribes, the Umatilla River Vision is being applied in a holistic watershed approach focused on the 176-square mile watershed located 23 miles east of Pendleton.

6:30-9:00 OSAF Awards Banquet and Entertainment—**Mike Cloughesy**, Master of Ceremonies. Presentation: *History of Maxville*—**Gwen Trice**, Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

7:00 Pep-Up Breakfast and OSAF Business Meeting

Morning Session: Sustaining Management Practices—**Glenn Ahrens**, OSU Extension Service, Moderator

8:30 *The Starkey Project: Key findings from studying elk, deer, and cattle after 20+ years in a 25,000-acre enclosure*—**Marty Vavra**, Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, Starkey Experimental Forest, retired

9:00 *Preserving heritage or courting disaster: Reflections on making policy in the reintroduction of wolves in eastern Oregon*—**Craig Ely**, Northeast Oregon Regional Manager, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, retired

9:30 *Strategies for managing working forests of eastern Oregon*—**John Warness**, Regional Manager, Hancock Forest Management

10:00 Break

10:30 *Community, forests and threats: What do residents in northeast Oregon think?*—**Joel Hartter**, Department of Geography, University of New Hampshire

11:00 *Wildfire issues and trends on federal lands*—**William Aney**, Fuels Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

11:30 *Wildfire issues and trends on private lands*—**Travis Medema**, Fire Protection Division, Oregon Department of Forestry

12:15-5:00 Technical Field Trips—Trips depart at 12:15 p.m. from the Wildhorse Resort and Casino parking lot. Sack lunch provided.

Hybrid poplar management and related forest products: Tour GreenWood Resources' 24,000-acre poplar farm to learn how the company is developing breeding, growing, and harvesting technology to generate solid wood products and liquid biofuels from hybrid poplar. (Note: For those participants wishing to drive home after the tour, directions to and parking in Boardman, OR, will be provided. Buses will then transport these folks to and from the provided parking area.)

Forests for Recreation: Morrow and Union County Plans and Operations: This trip will demonstrate the differences in how these two counties manage their newly acquired forest properties for recreation. The tour will visit the Union County Mount Emily Recreation Area near La Grande, where Morrow County representatives will join the group to provide their insight and perspective. Stops will include a visit to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Site.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Company/Affiliation _____ Daytime phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Fax _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

★ Professional and student registration: Includes Wednesday icebreaker, all meals and breaks, and two field trips.

★ Spouse registration: Includes Wednesday icebreaker, and all meals and breaks. Field trips not included, these are separate ticketed items (see below).

★ Extra banquet tickets available on form below.

REGISTRATION:

	By 4/12	After 4/12	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional registration	\$275	\$300	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student registration	\$125	\$150	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest registration	\$150	\$175	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday & Friday field trips	\$70	\$90	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday field trip only	\$30	\$40	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday field trip only	\$45	\$55	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Banquet Ticket (note: banquet included with professional, student, and spouse registration)	\$40	\$40	_____	_____

TOTAL

Indicate banquet choice for each person (put number in box):

☐ Salmon and mushroom pasta ☐ Prime Rib

Please list any special dietary needs _____

Indicate tour choice for each person (write name on line):

Thursday: ☐ Hancock-Eastside TIMO Management _____

☐ Watershed Management and Fish _____

Friday: ☐ Hybrid poplar management and products _____

☐ Forests for Recreation _____

Note: Tour buses are provided for all those registering by April 12; tour availability for those registering after April 12 will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up early to assure your spot and tour choice.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ Registration fee enclosed—Make checks payable to: Columbia Gorge SAF Chapter

☐ Purchase Order # _____

☐ Charge to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

☐ Account Number: _____

☐ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

**Early registration must be received by
April 12, 2013**

Mail, fax, or email registration form to:
SAF Northwest Office
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REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY The early-bird deadline for registration is April 12. After this date, an additional late fee will be assessed. Tax id # 23-7065108. No refunds after April 12, but substitutions are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS Tour buses are provided for all of the tours. All field trips will require some walking on uneven terrain. Wear appropriate closed-toe shoes or boots, and bring rain gear and a jacket. Tour availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up by April 12 to assure a spot on the tour of your choice.

SPONSORSHIP Companies, organizations, agencies, and individuals are invited to be a conference sponsor. Three levels of sponsorship are available ranging from \$800-\$2,500+ and all include recognition at the meeting and a varying number of free registrations. Financial support at any level would be appreciated. Those contributing below the \$800 level will be recognized during the conference as Supporters. For additional information, contact Bruce Holmson at 541-386-4001 or bholmson@embarqmail.com, or Bob Parker at bob.parker@oregonstate.edu or 541-523-6418.



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LODGING

Reduced rate lodging is available at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton, OR 97801, 800-654-9453, www.wildhorseresort.com/. The rates are \$63 per night plus tax for Courtyard Standard Room (two queen beds), and \$77/night plus tax for Tower 1 Double Queen or King. Up to four persons may occupy a room at these rates. Register online at <https://lodging.wildhorseresort.com/V1WebControls/GroupComments.aspx>. Enter Group ID: 5342; Password: 1048000644, which will take you to our group name "OSAF-Oregon Society of American Foresters." Reservations must be made by April 3 to receive the reduced group rate.

SPOUSE/GUEST OPPORTUNITIES

Although formal tours are not offered, there are myriad opportunities locally. The Tamastlikt Cultural Institute is within walking distance of the resort. In Pendleton, attractions include the Pendleton Underground Tours, Pendleton Woolen Mills tour, Hamley & Co. (world-famous saddles and leather craft), Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, to name a few. Self-guided tours are available at a number of world-class vineyards and wineries in nearby Walla Walla. Suggested attractions, tours, and brochures will be available for you to design your own adventures!

SAF CFE CREDITS

This program is approved for 14 Category 1 CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters.

POSTER SESSION

Get your ideas and findings out there: Undergraduate and graduate students, practicing foresters, and researchers are invited to submit posters on any subject pertaining to forestry and forest resources. The formal poster session will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, but posters will be up for the full indoor part of the convention. Submissions should include title, authors, abstract, poster size (usually 3'x4' or 4'x4') and email contact. Submit poster abstracts to Bob Parker at bob.parker@oregonstate.edu, 541-523-6418. The deadline for submission of poster abstracts is April 1.

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

If your organization would like to be a vendor, please contact Jeremy Grose at 541-990-6975 or jeremyg@sds lumber.com. Cost to exhibit is \$325 (\$350 after April 12) and includes vendor booth and complimentary registration to all events except the banquet.

FORESTERS' FUND

Any contributions to support the Foresters' Fund are greatly appreciated. A silent auction and raffle will also be held. These events will be ongoing through Friday noon. Please support these efforts by bringing an item to the meeting. For additional information, contact Nate Putnam at 509-364-3331 x105 or nputnam@hnrg.com.