

# ***Emerald Forester Gazette***



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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **December 2015 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday December 15, 2015  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 5:00 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Maryanne Reiter, Weyerhaeuser  
**Topic:** Aquatic Ecosystem Response to  
Management in Riparian Areas of  
PNW Working Forests

### **January 2016 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday January 19, 2016  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 5:00 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Doug Decker, Oregon State Forester  
**Topic:** The State of Oregon's Forests

### **February 2016 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday February 16, 2016  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 5:00 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** A.J. Kroll, Weyerhaeuser  
**Topic:** Young Stand Management in the  
Pacific Northwest

## **From the Chair: Meghan Tuttle**

This week the Oregon Society of American Foresters sent out the 2016 Oregon SAF Election Ballot. As I opened my ballot and noticed that we had a single candidate for Chair-Elect and one candidate for Delegate at Large I thought about why we should bother voting in elections with single candidates. This may seem like an obvious question to some, yet I'm sure others have already put their stamped ballots, and corresponding OSAF donations, in the mail.

As a volunteer professional organization SAF relies on individual members to fill our leadership roles. I see voting for our volunteer leaders as an important acknowledgement of their contribution to SAF and our renewed commitment to SAF's leadership structure. We rely on our elected SAF leaders to represent us on national SAF issues, and to also share Oregon issues nationally. Just this year our Emerald Chapter elevated a question involving insurance that was embraced by the national office. We now have a streamlined process to guarantee correct event insurance for all of our activities and have helped other SAF chapters with the same concerns.

Reading our ballots and voting in all elections, even with one person running, is an easy way for us to be involved in SAF at the local, state and national level. Later this month we will be electronically voting for 2016 Emerald Chapter Candidates, and currently our positions only have one candidate running for each office.

To encourage Emerald Chapter participation in OSAF voting you can bring your OSAF Election Ballot to our December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Emerald Chapter will pay the postage to mail ballots to the Northwest Office for you.

## December Speaker: Maryanne Reiter

Maryanne Reiter is a hydrologist in the Environmental Forestry Research group at Weyerhaeuser Company and has been with the company since 1995. Her current work includes both research projects assessing the effects of forest management on water quality and working with company engineers and foresters on stream, wetland and riparian management issues. She received her undergraduate degree in soil science from the University of Minnesota in 1986 and her master's is in Forest Hydrology from Oregon State University in 1991.

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## Oregon's Zombie Trees

Notes from November's Meeting, courtesy of Steve & Wylda Cafferata

The Emerald Chapter met on November 17, 2015, to listen to Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, speak on his recent study: *Millions of Zombie Trees Occupy Oregon's National Forests*.



"Zombie trees" are the more than 350 million individual standing dead trees that have been killed by fire, insects, disease and drought in the 14 million acres of national forest land in Oregon. Mike did a great job describing the problem, and contrasting the problem on national forest lands with that on different ownerships.

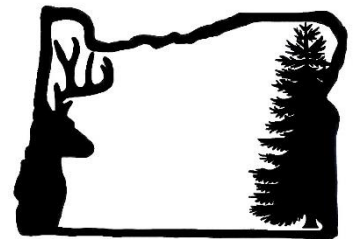
Mike's conclusion is that there is a high amount of mortality on national forest lands that have low levels of timber harvest. He advocates active forest management as a cure for these forest health issues. He pointed out the Malheur National Forest as an example of increasing active management. In 2013 their harvest was 23 mm BF; in 2014 it was 50 mm BF; and now in 2015, 73 mm BF. This is about 49% of the timber growth contrasted to combined USFS lands where harvest is 8% of growth.

Mike's paper on this topic is the lead article on the NW Region SAF website. I recommend you go there to see Mike's graphs which make his case, and to read other pertinent information.

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## 2016 OSAF Convention in Coos Bay

The 2016 Oregon State Convention is scheduled to be held in Coos Bay. After jointly hosting the 2015 annual convention with The Wildlife Society, our Emerald Chapter is excited to share our resources with Coos Bay as they finalize the convention planning. We look forward to an exciting program tentatively planned to address the intersection of forestry and transportation. For information on the convention, you can contact convention chair Shaun Harkins at [Shaun.Harkins@plumcreek.com](mailto:Shaun.Harkins@plumcreek.com)



## Recruiting Officers for 2016!



Emerald Chapter Officer Elections will be held in December of 2016 through online voting. We are searching for interested candidates to be chair elect. Please contact Noelle Arena if you are interested at [Noelle.arena@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:Noelle.arena@weyerhaeuser.com)

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## Do you know a middle school teacher in the Eugene-Springfield area?

If so, please share the news about the Forest Field Day program- Forest Today & Forever's FREE forestry education experience for middle school students.

In case you are unfamiliar with the program... Forest Field Days engages middle school students in a 3-6 week curriculum that explores forest management. The program includes a visit to a working tree farm where students learn from natural resource professionals. The curriculum is science-based, and fosters citizenship, critical-thinking, and problem solving in students. Teachers are provided with curricular materials and support in establishing this worthwhile program at their schools.

Let your teacher friends know to contact Beth at [coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org](mailto:coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org) to reserve a place on the schedule.



Mt. June at sunrise

"Climb up on some hill at sunrise. Everybody needs perspective once in a while, and you'll find it there."

-Robb Sagendorph

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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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