



August 26, 2008

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Please join your fellow business and civic leaders on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 for the Linn County Leadership Forestry Tour, your chance to get an up close look at Linn County's significant and dynamic forestry sector. This free, all-day educational tour begins at the Sweet Home Community Center with coffee & refreshments at 7:30 AM and adjourns at 4:30 PM.

The purpose of the tour is to inform Linn County leaders about present day forest management practices, engage them in discussing the important role forestry plays in the economic, environmental, and social well being of Linn County...and to learn from each other!

This tour is being convened by the Mary's Peak Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, the Linn County Board of Commissioners, Cascade Timber Consulting, and the Oregon State University Extension Service. Lunch, informational materials, and transportation will be provided, without charge, by the Society of American Foresters and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). Additional supporters and endorsers include Weyerhaeuser, Starker Forests, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the U.S. Forest Service.

A tour agenda is included with this letter for your information. The tour will begin with a review of Linn County's forest and wood products history, and current status. Field stops will include a look at Weyerhaeuser Company's new sawmill, and an active logging operation being conducted by logging innovators, Sweet Home Timber Management, the firm that brought mechanized harvesting to Oregon. The tour will showcase management objectives and practices on different ownerships, as well as resource protections provided by the Oregon Forest Practices Act and other regulations.

The tour will start at and return to the Sweet Home Community Center, 890 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Sweet Home. Please wear long pants and closed toed shoes. We have ordered sunshine, but please be prepared for rain. If you have limited mobility requirements, prefer a vegetarian lunch, or have other special needs, indicate this when you RSVP.

We hope you are able to join us and learn about the importance of forestry to our county.

**Please RSVP by September 22, 2008 by calling the OSU-Linn County Extension Office at 541-967-3871.**

Sincerely,

Robin Tucker  
Marys Peak Chapter SAF  
Society of American Foresters

Roger Nyquist  
Linn County Commissioner  
Board of Commissioners

Rick Fletcher  
Linn County – OSU  
Forestry Extension

**Linn County Leaders Forest Tour**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2008**  
**8:00 am to 4:30pm**

7:30-8:40	<b>STOP 1: Sweet Home Community Center</b>
7:30 – 8:00	<b>Registration, Coffee, and Pastries</b>
8:00 – 8:40	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objectives and purpose of tour [Rick Fletcher, OSU-Linn County Extension Service]</li><li>• Introduction of sponsors</li></ul> <b>Linn County's Forest Sector</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of Linn County's Forest Sector [Mike Cloughesy, Oregon Forest Resources Institute]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ownership</li><li>• Timber Harvest</li><li>• Employment</li><li>• Unique features</li></ul></li></ul>
8:40-9:00	<b>Travel to Stop 2</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>STOP 2 Mason Seed Orchard- Hufford Ridge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving the Future Forest [Bill Marshall, Cascade Timber Consulting]</li><li>• Family Forestry- From Generation to Generation [Sherm Sallee &amp; Steve Mealey, Linn County Family Forest Owners]</li></ul>
10:00-10:20	<b>Travel to Stop 3</b>
10:20 – 10:50	<b>STOP 3 Forests, Forestry and Forest Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Landscape View- What Do You See? [Bill Marshall, Cascade Timber Consulting]</li><li>• Oregon's Forest Laws [Neal Bond, Oregon Department of Forestry]</li></ul>
10:50-11:00	<b>Travel to Stop 4</b>
11:00-11:40	<b>STOP 4: Timber Harvesting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logging Demonstration (Jim Cota, Sweet Home Timber Mgt.)</li><li>• The Business of Logging- workforce, safety, financing</li></ul>
11:40-12:00	<b>Travel to Stop 5</b>
12:00 – 1:30	<b>STOP 5 Riverbend County Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch</li><li>• Making a Place for Recreation in the Forest [Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks]</li><li>• Protecting Oregon's Forests from Fire [Lena Tucker, Oregon Department of Forestry]</li></ul>
1:30-1:40	<b>Travel to Stop 6</b>
1:40-2:30	<b>STOP 6 Hill Old Forest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managing for Old Growth [Donna Short, USFS]</li><li>• Forestry and Water [Paul Adams, OSU]</li></ul>
2:30-3:00	<b>Travel to Stop 7</b>
3:00-4:15	<b>STOP 7 Wood Products</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tour New Sawmill [Weyerhaeuser /Santiam Division]</li><li>• Future for Oregon Wood Industry [TBA]</li><li>• Discussion and wrap up [Rick Fletcher, OSU]</li></ul>
4:15-4:30	<b>Return to Sweet Home Community Center</b>