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July 27, 2009

Dear Oregon Leader:

We would like to invite you and your staff to join members of the Oregon Society of American Foresters for a **field tour and discussion** of issues and science related to the management of Oregon's federal and state forest lands. The date of the tour is **August 20, 2009** and it will begin at **9:00 am** at the **Benton County Fairgrounds parking lot** on NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street in Corvallis. The tour will include transportation, lunch and refreshments, and will return by 4:30 pm. A half-day tour option will be available upon request to those who are unable to spend the full day in the woods with us.

Many recent events highlight the importance of a detailed discussion of current knowledge and ideas about forest management and policy among public leaders, agency personnel, and forestry professionals:

- Senator Merkley introduced the Sustainable Revenue for Oregon Counties Act
- Senator Wyden issued a draft bill, the Oregon Forest Restoration & Old Growth Protection Act
- The Oregon Board of Forestry (BoF) voted to modify management of State Forests in NW Oregon
- The BoF's Federal Forest Advisory Committee issued a major report on management & policy needs
- Congressmen Schrader and Walden formed a bipartisan Congressional Healthy Forests Caucus
- The Secretary of Interior withdrew the Record of Decision for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Meanwhile, far too many of our forests are threatened by insects, disease and catastrophic wildfire, and demands for recreation, wood, water, and fish and wildlife from all public forests continue to increase.

All of this points to a strong need for constructive dialogue about the dynamics of our forest systems, the diverse benefits provided by Oregon's public forests, and how the management of these lands can have important short- and long-term consequences for our resources and communities. In particular, the tour will highlight what current research findings and management experiences have shown us about various forest management strategies and policy approaches, including those that focus on environmental benefits.

We hope you and your staff will join us in the woods on August 20 to further that dialogue. To help us plan accordingly, please let us know by Friday, **August 14** how many from your office we should expect.

We look forward to spending the day with you. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

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## Forestry on Public Lands in Oregon – 20 August 2009

### Field Tour Agenda

8:30-9:00am	Assemble	Benton County Fairgrounds parking lot, 110 SW 53 <sup>rd</sup> Street
9:00-9:15am	Tour intro	Welcome & introductory comments <b>Paul Adams &amp; Gary Springer</b>
9:15-9:40am	Start tour	Load vehicles & drive to Stop 1, Lewisburg Saddle
9:40-10:20am	<b><u>Stop 1</u></b>	<b>McDonald Forest, east of Lewisburg saddle – Old Forest Forest History, Management &amp; Policy – Statewide &amp; Local</b> <b>Paul Adams &amp; others</b> – W. OR forest history & mgmt/policy (10min) <b>Steve Fitzgerald</b> – E. OR forest history & mgmt/policy (10min) <b>Steve Tesch</b> – McDonald Forest history & mgmt/policy (10min) <b>Mike Newton</b> – Local site history & Newton-Cole study intro (10min)
10:20-10:30am	Travel time	
10:30-10:35am	<b><u>“Window” Stop 2</u></b>	<b>McDonald Forest, east of saddle: Untreated “control” area, Newton-Cole studies</b>
10:35-10:45am	Travel time	
10:45-11:45am	<b><u>Stop 3</u></b>	<b>McDonald Forest, east of saddle: The Newton-Cole studies</b> <b>Mike Newton</b> – Management treatments & results (20min) <b>Fitzgerald &amp; others</b> – Applicability to other forest types, management & policy implications, etc. (20min) <b>Tour group</b> – Q&A, discussion (20min)
11:45a-12:05p	Travel time	
12:05-1:00pm		<b>Peavy Arboretum, Forestry Club Cabin: LUNCH</b> <b>Steve Tesch</b> – CoF research & outreach program (10-15min) <b>Kevin Birch</b> , ODF – BoF Fed. Forests Advisory Comm. (10-15min)
1:00-1:20pm	Travel time	
1:20-1:50pm	<b><u>Stop 4</u></b>	<b>McDonald Forest, west of saddle: The CFIRP Studies (Part 1)</b> <b>John Bailey/Tristan Huff</b> – Mgmt. treatments & results (15min) <b>Fitzgerald &amp; others</b> – Applicability to other forest types, management & policy implications, etc. (15min)
1:50-2:00pm	Travel time	
2:00-3:00pm	<b><u>Stop 5</u></b>	<b>McDonald Forest, west of saddle: The CFIRP Studies (Part 2)</b> <b>Tristan Huff/John Bailey</b> – Mgmt. treatments & results (15min) <b>Fitzgerald &amp; others</b> – Applicability to other forest types, management & policy implications, etc. (15min) <b>Tour group</b> – Q&A, discussion (30min)
3:00-3:25pm	Travel time	Return to Benton County Fairgrounds