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Your guide to technical, financial and educational
resources for Oregon's family forest landowners



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RESOURCES FOR FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS





Welcome to Oregon's family forest community.

Managing your forest can be very rewarding, yet it can also have challenges. Fortunately, there are many sources of assistance in Oregon for landowners.

The Partnership for Forestry Education – an innovative partnership of government, nonprofit and private organizations – produced this guide to organize family forest landowner resources for easy reference. A chart provides a general guide to resources and types of available assistance. More detailed descriptions and contact information follow. At the end is a guide for three common topics: mapping, planning and reforestation.

In addition to this guidebook, more information is available at the Partnership for Forestry Education website: **KnowYourForest.org**. Together, we're creating forests that will benefit families and the future of Oregon for generations.

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Landowners come to their forestlands with different backgrounds and objectives.

Some may have worked in the woods, some may just love a forest environment, and some are moving to a rural area for the first time. All have different questions about their journey from buying to managing. Fortunately, as this guide shows, there are many resources for them. Here is an example story; we'll call these fictional landowners Wally and Wendy.

Wally and Wendy had long dreamed of owning forestland, and are now proud owners of 40 acres in Oregon's Coast Range. They appreciate the beauty that surrounds them, yet they also realize they have a big responsibility to keep their forest healthy and protected from fire.

After contacting the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), they met with an ODF stewardship forester and learned that they need to notify ODF before using power-driven equipment to open up a dirt road for fire vehicle access. Wendy also talked with them about thinning.

So now they needed help. Wendy had contacted Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension, which directed them to a lot of useful information and classes. They pointed them to the list of contractors who have certification through the Oregon Professional Logger program. The couple also learned about the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), which offers support to landowners, including information about forest taxes. They went on a tour offered by their local OSWA chapter with a neighbor, and found regular meetings hosted by their local OSWA chapter to attend.

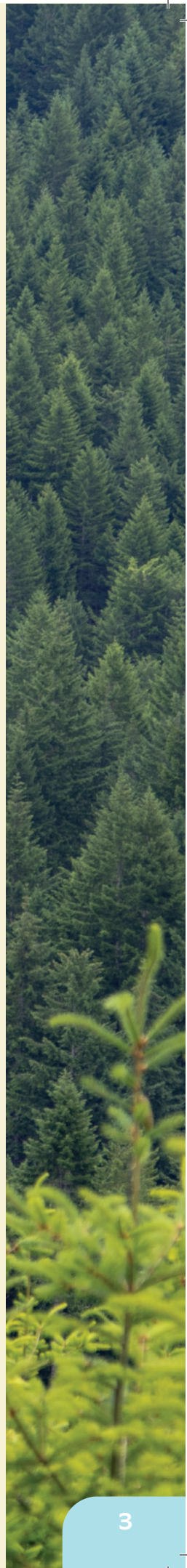
Within a year, they'd thinned the forest. In talking with other landowners, Wally learned about the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), and read one of their publications about management strategies to create wildlife habitat. Yet they weren't sure how they could afford to move forward.

They agreed it would be great to have a pond as part of the habitat improvement and realized it would also help with fire protection. They decided to apply for a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop the pond. They needed a management plan to do that, so, it was back to the OSU Extension forester, who connected them with an online program, Land Mapper. This program lets small woodland owners call up their property, see up-to-date aerial photos and find other important information to include in their management plan.

Wally and Wendy had also noticed green and white Wood-Water-Wildlife-Recreation signs. When they asked about them at an OSWA meeting, they learned that the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) provides the signs to landowners who are certified as practicing sustainable forestry. They wanted to get one of those signs.

Once their management plan was complete, an OTFS forester came out and toured their forest, ensuring they were following a plan that met the American Tree Farm System standards.

Soon they were proudly hanging their new sign. They needed the same resources you'll find in this guide. This was Wally and Wendy's journey. Yours may be different, yet like them you'll find organizations and people ready to help you along the way.



Learning and Assistance Opportunities

Whether you manage your forest for income, long-term investment, wildlife, beauty and/or recreation, here's where to turn for help. This table lists the groups that provide assistance to forest landowners, and a summary of the assistance they provide. For specific information, full program descriptions are provided later in this guide.

	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERTS	PERSON-TO-PERSON ADVICE FROM PEERS	GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	CLASSES	ONLINE RESOURCES
Family Forest Landowner Associations (pages 6–7)					
American Tree Farm System/Oregon Tree Farm System	• Visit from a professional forester	• Tree farm tours/ field days • Awards & recognition programs • Local & national events		• Workshops • Annual meeting • Inspector trainings	• Website • Newsletters • Social media • Email communications
Forest Landowners Association				• Regional meetings • National conference	• Website • Action alerts • Industry news
National Woodland Owners Association	• Visit from a professional forester			• Affiliate meeting	• Website • Newsletters/magazine
Oregon Small Woodlands Association		• Chapter field tours • “Neighbor to Neighbor” tours • One-on-one conversations		• Workshops • Annual meeting	• Website • Newsletters • Magazine
Oregon Woodland Cooperative		• Assists members in product sales	• Assists members in securing supplier discounts	• Product production classes	• Website • Newsletters
Natural Resources Agencies – Federal (page 7)					
U.S. Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station				• Conferences • Workshops	• Website • News releases • Newsletters • Online library
U.S. Forest Service – State and Private Forestry			• Indirect financial assistance		• Publications • Website
Natural Resources Conservation Service	• Technical assistance		• Financial assistance	• Online learning	• Publications • Website • Newsletters
Natural Resources Agencies – Statewide (pages 8–9)					
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	• Advice to conserve and improve forest streams		• Small grants • Restoration grants	• Courses • Workshops • Youth Watershed Summit	• Website • Publications • Technical guides • Web seminars • Services marketplace
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts			• Grants funded through local districts		• Website
Oregon Department of Forestry – Forest Resources Division	• Stewardship foresters • Subject matter experts	• Field tours	• Cost-share programs	• Workshops • Classes	• Website • Publications • Regulations; rule guidance
Oregon Forest Resources Institute	• Demonstration area	• Field tours		• Conferences • Workshops • Webinars	• Website • Publications • Newsletters • Blogs

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University Forestry Extension Programs (pages 10–12)

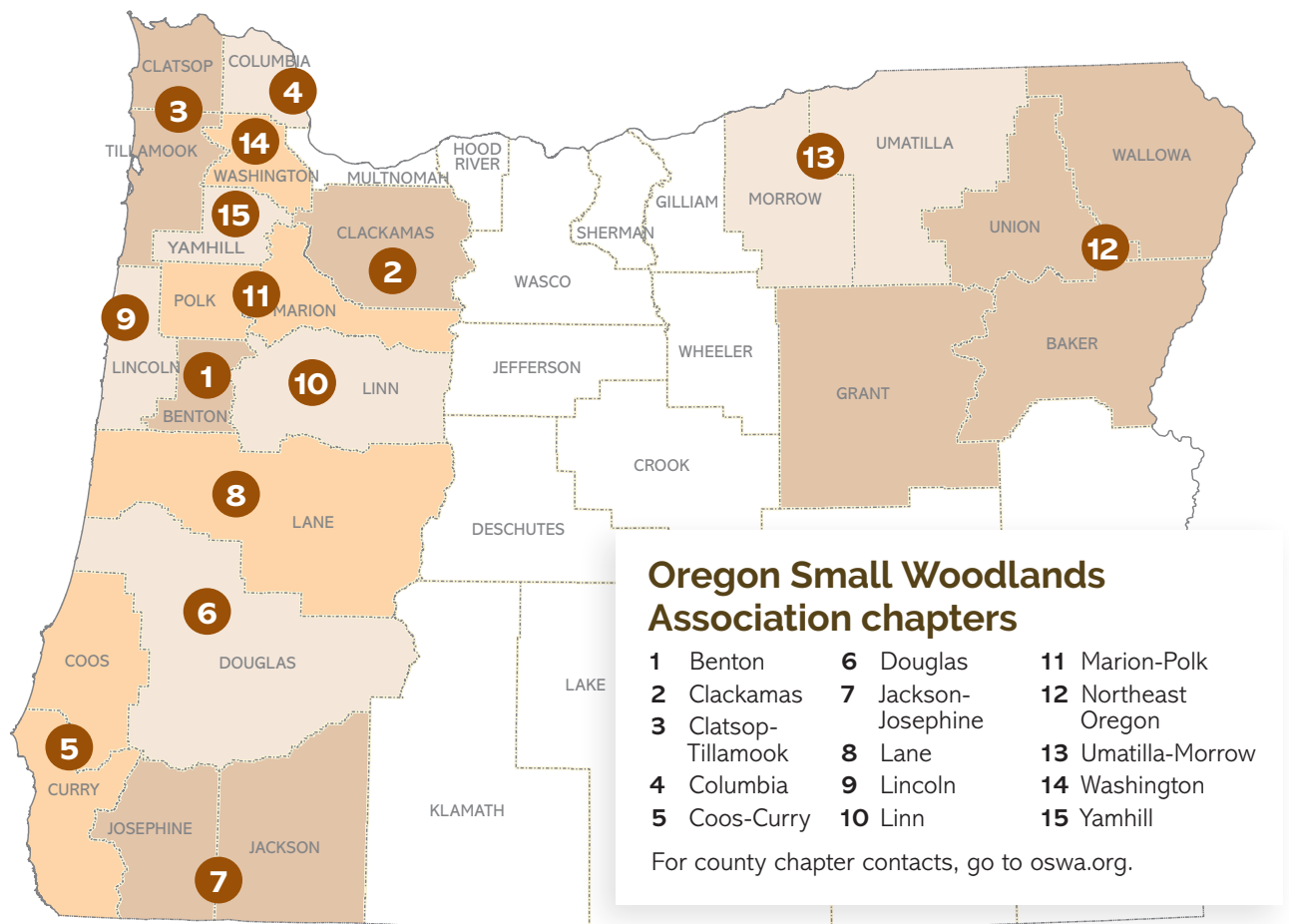
Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension foresters • Demonstration areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Woodland Manager program • Women Owning Woodlands Network • Field tours 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Workshops • Online learning • Tree Schools • Continuing education • For-credit courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Videos • Publications • Oregon Forest Industry Directory • Newsletters • Webinars • Blogs
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Policy Advisory Organizations (page 12)

Committee for Family Forestlands				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family forest symposia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website
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Professional Forestry Services and Organizations (pages 12–14)

American Forest Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Tree Farm System (volunteer certification) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • My Land Plan • Videos • Publications/reports • Newsletter • <i>Woodland Magazine</i>
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Online directory of OPL-qualified logging professionals
Association of Consulting Foresters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional consulting foresters located throughout Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial on-site or office meetings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual meeting • Conferences • Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Directory of consulting foresters
Ecotrust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional forestry assistance 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Online learning • Publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Mapping program
Keep Oregon Green Association				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Annual meeting • Online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Publications • Newsletter • Videos
Northwest Natural Resource Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional forestry assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership-based program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with state and federal funding programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular classes • Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Newsletter
Oregon Society of American Foresters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of certified foresters 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Continuing education • Annual meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Publications
Sustainable Northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with state and federal financing for wildfire mitigation and recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual forum • Field tours • Wildfire storymap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Newsletter • Listservs • Publications
Western Forestry and Conservation Association				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Annual meeting • Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Publications



American Tree Farm System (ATFS)/Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS)

www.treefarmssystem.org

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Many people traveling Oregon's country roads see green-and-white, diamond-shape signs reading "Certified Tree Farm, American Tree Farm System: Wood, Water, Wildlife, Recreation." The American Tree Farm System began in Washington in 1941, and has grown to include 72,000 landowners in 42 state programs. The sign signifies a family forest landowner's commitment to sustainable forestry by following internationally recognized standards. The system also recognizes the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year at the county, state, regional and national levels. OTFS encourages and assists landowners to start their own landowner's journey toward sustainable forest management.

Forest Landowners Association (FLA)

www.forestlandowners.com

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 404-325-2954

Since 1941 FLA has provided its members, who own and manage more than 40 million acres of forestland in 48 states, with education, information and national grassroots advocacy. FLA advises policymakers on how proposed legislation could affect private forest management.

National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA)

www.woodlandowners.org

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NWOA, a nationwide organization based in Washington, D.C., provides educational programs

and services exclusively for family forest landowners. It is affiliated with state landowner associations in 42 states, publishes *National Woodlands* magazine, and advocates for better state and national programs and laws. NWOA offers a free weekly email newsletter called “Wednesday Woodland Word.” Subscribe at www.nwoa.net.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)

www.oswa.org

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Education, advocacy, stewardship and fellowship are the cornerstones of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s mission. OSWA is the largest membership organization serving small forest landowners in Oregon. Organized into 15 local chapters around the state, OSWA members and partners host year-round tours, seminars, classes, meetings and community events. Members receive chapter updates, news alerts, the *Northwest Woodlands* magazine and invitations to participate in local, state and national activities. Members collectively own more than 500,000 acres in Oregon. OSWA offers a wide variety of volunteer and leadership opportunities.

Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC)

www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com

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503-936-3902

OWC is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1981 to provide marketing help and knowledge for members, as well as encouraging peer communication among small woodland owners. In addition, it markets some of the products from those woodlands to add value for cooperative farms.

U.S. Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station

www.fs.usda.gov/research/pnw

The Pacific Northwest Research Station provides scientific information about natural resources to land managers, policymakers and citizens. The station publishes its research in a variety of printed and electronic formats. To order or download publications of interest, visit www.fs.fed.us/pnw.

U.S. Forest Service – State and Private Forestry (S&PF)

www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/communityforests

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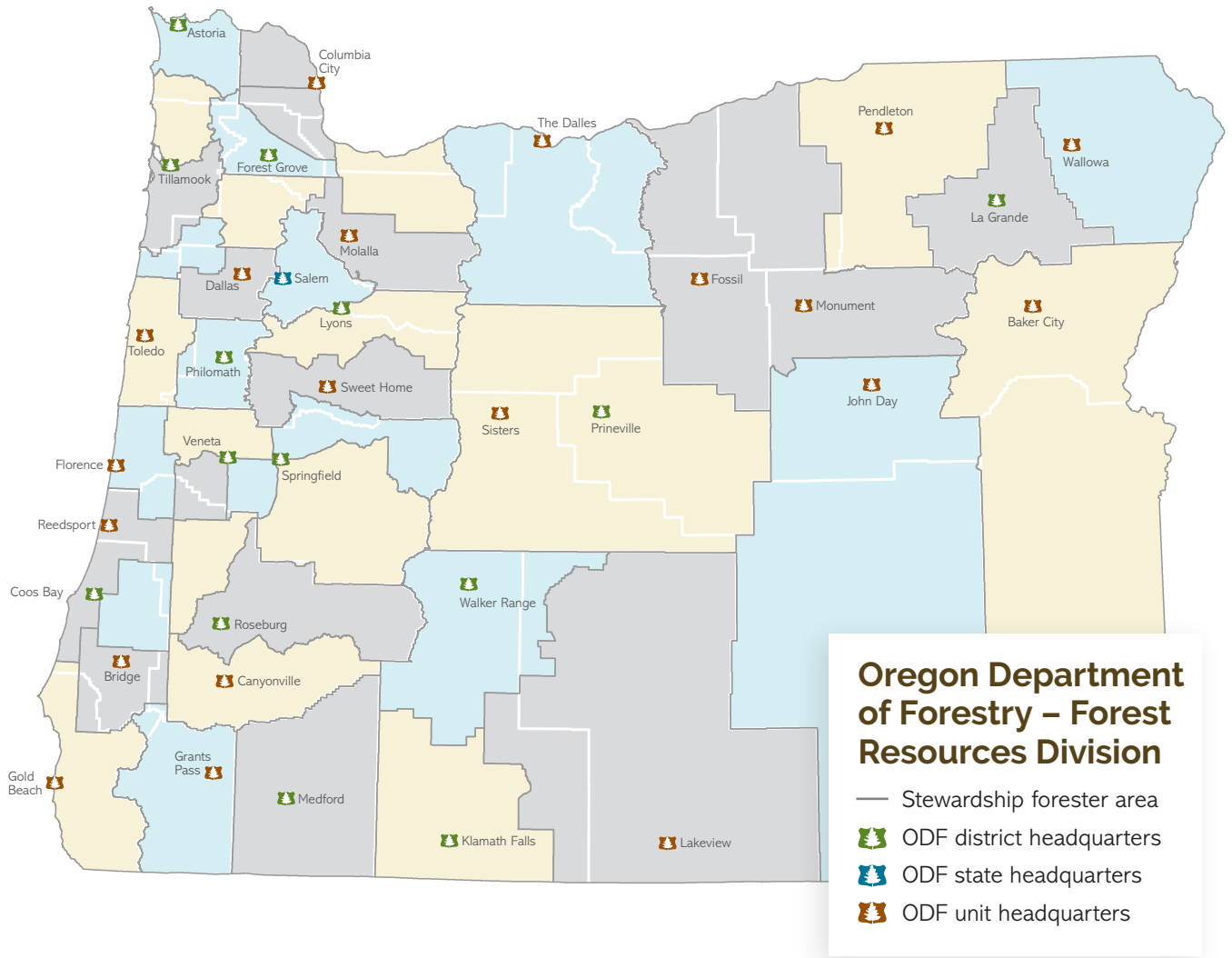
State and Private Forestry, a division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service, provides financial and technical assistance for family forest landowners through state forest agencies and other partners. This includes assistance with resource management activities and project implementation, education, assistance, conferences, workshops and online learning.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

www.or.nrcs.usda.gov

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andrew.owen@usda.gov
503-414-3204


NRCS is an agency committed to “helping people help the land.” Its mission is to provide resources to farmers and forest landowners to aid them with conservation. Ensuring productive lands in harmony with a healthy environment is the agency’s priority. NRCS succeeds through its partnerships, working closely with individual farmers and ranchers, forest landowners, local conservation districts, government agencies, tribes, volunteers, and many other people and groups that care about the quality of America’s natural resources.



Network of Oregon Watershed Councils (NOWC) AND Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

www.oregonwatersheds.org

Oregon’s watershed councils are voluntary local organizations that work to sustain natural resource and watershed protection. The NOWC provides a way for landowners to locate and contact their local watershed councils.

 A map showing locations and areas of watershed councils is available at: oregon.gov/oweb/resources/Pages/Watershed-Councils.aspx


OWEB is a source of funding through the watershed councils.

Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)

www.oacd.org

OACD represents, supports and strengthens Oregon’s member conservation districts through member services, program development, training, leadership development, public education and government relations.

Oregon’s 46 soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance, grants, educational outreach, and other conservation services to landowners, managers and citizens.

 A map showing locations and areas of conservation districts is available at: oacd.org/about-us

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) – Small Forestland Owner Office

www.oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/sfo.aspx

To find your local stewardship forester, visit:

www.oregon.gov/ODF/working/Pages/FindAForester.aspx



The Oregon Department of Forestry helps landowners develop healthy, productive forestlands and watersheds, and prevent wildfires. Regional stewardship foresters are the primary contact for private forest landowners. Stewardship foresters collaborate with forestry and natural resource experts to help landowners effectively manage their forests. While stewardship foresters can enforce forestry laws, they prefer working with landowners to develop and implement forest management plans that are effective and balanced.

Landowners and stewardship foresters work together, from planting to harvesting and everything in between. Stewardship foresters work with landowners on more than 18,000 private forestland sites every year to protect forest and water resources. Landowners often rely on them to help plan for:

- planting, harvesting or thinning forests
- managing brush, weeds, and insects and other pests
- completing controlled burns and slash disposal
- constructing and maintaining roads
- improving streams and wildlife habitat

These and other activities may require landowners to file a Notification of Operations, obtain a permit to operate power-driven machinery, or use fire. Permits can be completed online in the Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System (FERNS) (ferns.odf.oregon.gov/E-Notification) or at ODF field offices across the state.

Before submitting the notification or permit, landowners typically consult with their stewardship forester to obtain guidance on technical needs and available local, state and federal forestry financial assistance programs. Landowners also often consult their local stewardship forester to develop solutions for forest operations near streams, sensitive terrain or wildlife protection areas.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)

www.OregonForests.org

www.KnowYourForest.org

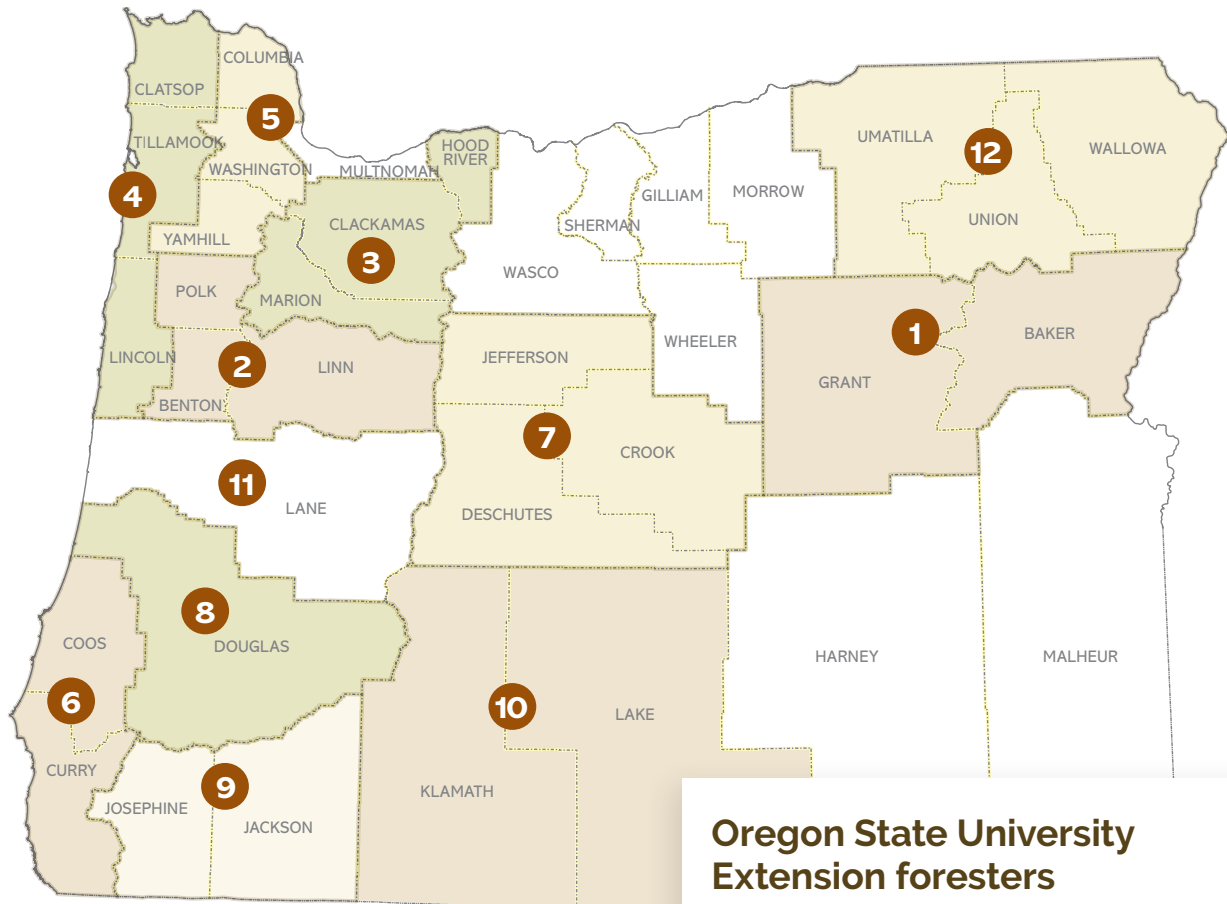
Contact: Julie Woodward, director of forestry
woodward@ofri.org
 503-807-1614

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute supports and enhances Oregon's forest products industry by advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products, and encouraging sustainable forestry through landowner education. To encourage sound forestry practices on family forests, OFRI works with other organizations to inform and educate Oregon's forest landowners. OFRI's landowner education program offers a variety of training opportunities such as workshops, publications and webinars.

Among the OFRI publications targeted specifically to forest landowners are the *Wildlife in Managed Forests* series, which provides education about balancing forest management with protecting wildlife habitat, and *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual*, offering details and illustrations describing Oregon's forest protection regulations. OFRI offers a variety of online resources on KnowYourForest.org, a website built specifically for Oregon family forest landowners.

OFRI also operates the Rediscovery Forest, located at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. The 15-acre demonstration working forest serves as a venue for landowner education.





Oregon State University – Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program

extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu

Find your Extension forester at:
extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu/directory



Forestry education is the mission of the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program, which aids all landowners, from the newest to the most knowledgeable longtime practitioners. Complex issues of forest ownership are covered through workshops, volunteer outreach, demonstration areas and publications. Subject areas include everything from regeneration and harvest to valuing timber and addressing market issues. Educational subjects tackle broader management objectives such as enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, reducing fire risk, increasing biodiversity and achieving sustainability goals.

Oregon State University Extension foresters

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Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Master Woodland Managers

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For more advanced practitioners, the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program provides this intensive eight-module program to train small woodland owners. After completing the program, MWM volunteers provide service in a wide array of capacities, such as leading forest tours, assisting other small woodland owners, working with youth, carrying out citizen science and much more! The Master Woodland Manager training is for woodland owners and covers topics that include ecology, silviculture (tree thinning and other practices to manage for a desired forest condition), wildlife habitat enhancement, logging, business management and more.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Women Owning Woodlands Network (WOW-net)

extension.oregonstate.edu/wownet

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This Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension program is designed to raise forestry knowledge and decision-making skill levels among women woodland managers through hands-on educational opportunities. WOW-net supports and increases women's access to forestry-related resources while emphasizing the value of participant experiences and knowledge. The network includes hundreds of members across the state who participate in local and regional field-based sessions on topics ranging from wreath-making to chainsaw safety — and everything in between.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Land Steward Program

extension.oregonstate.edu/land-steward

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The Land Steward Program is dedicated to helping landowners achieve a viable and sustainable vision for their land. The multi-disciplinary course provides training on topics including wildfire risk reduction, woodland and forest management, wildlife habitat, stream ecology, pasture management, soils and organic waste, small-acreage systems and infrastructure, rural economics, stewardship planning, and resources and regulations. Participants assess their resources, create goals and build a stewardship management plan for their land. Available in three modes: field, field/online hybrid and instructor-led online. Land Steward volunteers and local partners work together to provide trainings, community classes, land tours, workshops and conferences. These offer a wide range of topics relevant to rural living and stewardship.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Oregon Wood Innovation Center (OWIC)

owic.oregonstate.edu

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541-737-4212

OWIC's mission is to improve the competitiveness of Oregon's wood products industry by fostering innovation in products, processes and business systems. A key function is to serve as the primary link between university research and the needs and opportunities in the forest industry, which has undergone dramatic changes in recent years. A key OWIC tool that helps connect forest landowners and mill owners is the Oregon Forest Industry Directory, orforestdirectory.com, which connects buyers and sellers of forest products and services.

**Forestry & Natural Resources
Extension: Fire Program**

extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program

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The Fire Program uses education, outreach and boundary-spanning partnerships to foster the resiliency of communities and landscapes to wildfire. A team of six wildland fire specialists helps seek regionally relevant solutions that make sense in the diverse ecological and social contexts of their areas. Focal topics of the program include science translation and application, planning support, implementation and adaptation of specific landscape-scale projects and partnerships, and engaging in, supporting and learning from fire policy.

**Committee for Family
Forestlands (CFF)**

www.oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Pages/CFF.aspx

The Oregon Board of Forestry established the Committee in 2000 to provide information and counsel to the board and state forester in matters relating to family forestlands, including protecting resources, maintaining a viable family forestland base and making a positive contribution to Oregon's vitality. The 13-member committee monitors forest policy development and its potential effect on small landowners. It also helps the board determine the types and levels of assistance needed for family forest landowners. As globalization, access to timber markets and shifting ownership make family forestland ownership more difficult, the committee's role in keeping the Board of Forestry informed is increasingly important.

**American Forest Foundation
(AFF)**

www.forestfoundation.org

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202-375-3454

The American Forest Foundation, a national conservation organization, focuses on verifiable results and a culture of continuous improvement. AFF strives to cultivate the many benefits family-owned forests provide, and ensure these benefits are valued, paid for and supported at a national scale. AFF believes family forest landowners, conservationists, corporations, community-based organizations and policymakers can work together on our most pressing conservation challenges.

In the ern U.S., AFF focuses on reducing catastrophc fire risk. More than one-third, or 52 million acres, of the high wildfire risk falls on private and family-owned lands. Through local partnerships, AFF connects family forest landowners with technical and financial resources.

In Oregon, AFF has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry and Willowa Resources to build forester capacity across four prioritized landscapes: northeast Oregon, central Oregon, southern Oregon and southwest Oregon. To see if you qualify for free technical assistance, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry office.



Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. (AOL)

www.oregonloggers.org

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AOL, a statewide trade organization, provides business and government affairs services to its member companies. The AOL website includes a directory of Oregon's qualified logging professionals, which is useful for family forest landowners seeking a local logging contractor. While most member companies are forest-harvest and road-related contractors, membership categories also welcome landowners, manufacturers, forestry contractors and vendors serving the harvest sector. Membership includes benefits such as lobbying, industry relations, community service, technical assistance with regulation compliance, and group insurance programs in health, liability and worker compensation.

Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF)

www.acf-foresters.org

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ACF, a national organization of 750 professional foresters, represents the gold standard of independent forestry consultants. Membership in the association is limited to professional foresters who subscribe to a code of ethics and serve forest landowners in all woodland-related activities. Members includes both generalists and specialists, with skills that include timber cruising and appraising, timber sales, marketing and management, reforestation, taxation, estate planning, growth modeling, management plans, mapping, real estate brokerage, general management services and more. ACF foresters offer a full range of professional and unbiased services to family forest landowners. The association requires continuing education for its members to maintain the highest level of expertise. Whatever your goals are for your woodlands, an ACF member can help you achieve them. Visit ACF's interactive website to learn more about ACF and find an Oregon member near you.

Ecotrust

www.ecotrust.org

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Ecotrust's mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity and environmental well-being. Ecotrust offers public, private and tribal land managers a suite of forest planning and conservation tools to support forest management. It also evaluates the potential economic and job benefits of ecological forestry and habitat restoration for clients and partners.

Keep Oregon Green Association

www.KeepOregonGreen.org

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The Keep Oregon Green Association is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote healthy landscapes and safe communities by educating the public about everyone's shared responsibility to prevent human-caused wildfires. Keep Oregon Green provides an interactive website, signs, brochures and other helpful landowner tools to help neighboring residents and tourists understand fire season restrictions in order to protect life, property and resources. A kid-friendly, activity-based website is also available at kogranger.org.

Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG)

www.nnrg.org

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The Northwest Natural Resource Group's mission is to strengthen the ecological and economic vitality of Northwest forests and communities by connecting people with the knowledge, skills and markets they need to steward their land. NNRG is a think-learn-and-do tank of ecological forestry. They advance the state of knowledge about ecological

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forestry, spread the word about its benefits and feasibility, and help landowners put it into practice on their own forests.

Operating primarily in western Washington and Oregon, they focus on forests owned and managed by private landowners, smaller forest product companies, governmental agencies, Native tribes and nonprofit organizations. Whether you've just acquired your forestland and need to draw up a management plan, or you're preparing to harvest some of your timber, NNRG can help. They have a team of seasoned foresters who will work with you to attain your economic, ecological and social goals.

Oregon Society of American Foresters (OSAF)

www.forestry.org (Oregon)
www.eforester.org (national)

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The Oregon Society of American Foresters is a professional organization with 15 local chapters throughout Oregon. It's affiliated with the national Society of American Foresters. SAF produces general, technical and scholarly publications in both printed and electronic form, as well as position statements and educational materials. National SAF, and Oregon SAF and its chapters, regularly sponsor educational conferences, workshops and tours. SAF has voluntary certification for foresters meeting education and experience requirements, as well as ongoing continuing education. A list of these Certified Foresters® is available online to landowners seeking forest management advice.

Online resources available on SAF's website eforester.org include the *Dictionary of Forestry*, the *Forestry Encyclopedia* and a list of ways a Certified Forester® can assist a forest landowner.

Sustainable Northwest (SNW)

www.sustainablenorthwest.org

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dwear@sustainablenorthwest.org

Sustainable Northwest brings entrepreneurial solutions to natural resource challenges to keep lands healthy and provide economic and community benefits. They believe a healthy economy, environment and community are indivisible, and that all are strengthened by wise partnerships, policies and investments. Sustainable Northwest's Forest Program is deeply rooted in collaboration, science support and community engagement. They work to support the unique needs of small forest landowners and communities through access to planning resources, funding and technical assistance. You can learn more about specific project work, such as the Western Oregon Cascades Recovery Effort partnership and the Northwest Community Forest Coalition, on their website.

Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA)

www.westernforestry.org

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Useful resources for forest management

Three topics often emerge as important to new landowners: mapping, planning and reforestation. There are many resources available, and some address all three topics.

Extension foresters through Oregon State University Extension have a range of services to help you start thinking about what you want to do on your land. This is a good first contact, and you can find your local forester at extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu/directory. You'll also want to contact your **stewardship forester** through the Oregon Department of Forestry, oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/findaforester.aspx. They can help you connect with experts and resources as you develop and implement forest management plans.

There are also **consulting foresters** who offer professional services to family forest landowners. Often, you can ask other forest landowners for recommendations. You can connect with neighbors through the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (oswa.org). Many landowners report that talking with other forest landowners helps them make decisions about how to manage their lands.

If you want to consult **written material**, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute has collaborated with the Partnership for Forestry Education to collect educational materials for forest landowners at KnowYourForest.org. There you can order or download a copy of *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual*, one of the most useful resources for forest operations.



Mapping

Mapping is essential to knowing more about your property and developing your management plan. You'll find NRCS's soils website (websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov) helpful in understanding the soils on your property, so you can create a customized plan for your property with details ranging from a site index to tree species that will grow there.

Ecotrust also offers mapping in its Forester Manager management tool: ecotrust.org/project/forest-planner.

Planning

Planning documents your goals and how you'll manage your land to achieve them. Often landowners want to be certified, and the American Tree Farm System (treefarmssystem.org) requires a forest management plan. Stewardship foresters, Extension foresters and consulting foresters can help you as you develop plans for managing your forest. Sometimes funding is available to help pay for forest management planning services.

Templates and numerous planning resources are available at: KnowYourForest.org/learning-library/forest-management-planning.

Reforestation

Reforestation, including tree planting, is an important part of having a healthy and sustainable forest.

What often stands in the way of successful reforestation is not a lack of effort, but simply a lack of information or even knowing where to get tree seedlings.

Connect with resources at: KnowYourForest.org/learning-library/planting-trees.



















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