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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 FORESTS

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CARING FOR YOUR FOREST

Dear FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNER,

Welcome to Oregon's family forest community. Managing your forest can be very rewarding, but it can also have challenges. Fortunately, there are many sources of assistance in Oregon for landowners.

We are part of the Partnership for Forestry Education, an innovative partnership of government, nonprofit and private organizations dedicated to providing educational resources to Oregon forest landowners and managers.

Family landowners manage the landscape that is most visible to the public. Situated closer to Oregon cities and towns, these nearby forests have major significance. They provide benefits that Oregonians value most from forests, including wildlife habitat, clean water, carbon storage, wood and other forest products.

Family-owned forestlands are characterized by a diversity of management styles – there's no single right outcome. They reflect the goals, interests and priorities of those who steward them. As they're passed from one generation to the next, they provide meaningful value to their family owners, and their diversity provides important benefits to all Oregonians.

This guide organizes family forest landowner resources for easy reference. On the following pages is a chart that provides a general guide to resources and types of assistance available from state, federal, private and educational institutions. More detailed descriptions – along with contact information – can be found on the remaining pages.

We encourage you to make use of this resource guide. We also invite you to visit the Partnership for Forestry Education website, KnowYourForest.org. Together we're creating forests that benefit families and the future of Oregon for generations to come.

From the woods,

Julie Woodward
Ryan Gordon



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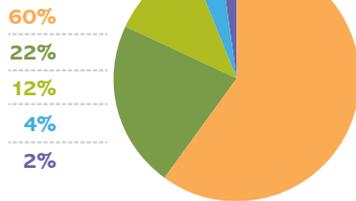
On the cover: Members of the Cafferata family on their Lincoln County tree farm (top photo). The Cafferatas were named the Outstanding Oregon Tree Farmers in 2017 for exemplary stewardship and community outreach.

Contributions of family forests

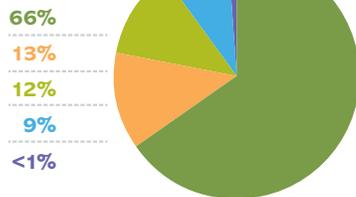
In Oregon, more than 75,000 family forestland owners care for almost 3.6 million acres of forests. This land makes up about one-third of Oregon's private forestland. A recent survey found that owners identify themselves primarily as something other than forest landowners, including librarians, clergy, attorneys and veterinarians. Ownerships of two to 5,000 acres are included here as family forestland, but most ownerships are less than 50 acres.



FORESTLAND ACREAGE BY OWNER (2016)



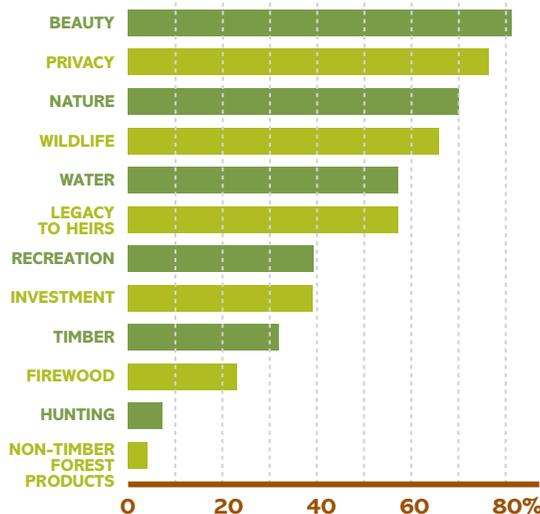
TIMBER HARVEST BY OWNER (2017)



- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- LARGE PRIVATE
- SMALL PRIVATE
- STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC
- TRIBAL

REASONS FOR OWNING FORESTS

The percentage of family forest landowners who cited each of these reasons for owning forestland as important or very important to them:



Source: National Woodland Owner Survey (2016)

OREGON FORESTLAND OWNERSHIP (acres)

Federal	17.8 million
Large private	6.6 million
Small private	3.6 million
State and other public	1.1 million
Tribal	484,000
TOTAL	29.7 million

Nearly half of Oregon's 63 million acres are forestland.

SIZE OF HOLDINGS FOR OREGON FAMILY FOREST OWNERS

The top line shows the percentage of small private forest landowners who own land parcels with sizes that fall within specific acreage ranges. The second line is percentage of forested acres in each parcel size.

	10-49 acres	50-99 acres	100-499 acres	500-5000 acres
% Ownerships	75%	11%	12%	2%
% Area (acres)	21%	10%	30%	39%

Source: National Woodland Owner Survey (2016)

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		• Workshops • Annual meeting • Inspector trainings	• Website • Videos • Newsletters
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		• Workshops • Annual meeting	• Website • Newsletters • Magazine
Oregon Woodland Cooperative		• Assists members in product sales	• Assists members in securing supplier discounts		

Natural Resources Agencies – Federal (page 7)					
U.S. Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station				• Conferences • Workshops	• Website • Twitter • News releases • RSS feeds • Newsletters • Online library
U.S. Forest Service – State and Private Forestry			• Financial assistance		• Publications • Website
Natural Resources Conservation Service	• Technical assistance		• Financial assistance	• Online learning	• Publications • Website

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 – Private Forests Division	• Stewardship foresters	• Field tours	• Cost-share programs		• Website • Publications • Regulations; rule guidance
Oregon Forest Resources Institute	• Demonstration area	• Field tours		• Conferences • Workshops • Webinars	• Website • Publications • Newsletters • Blogs

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERTS	PERSON-TO-PERSON ADVICE FROM PEERS	GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	CLASSES	ONLINE RESOURCES
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University Forestry Extension Programs (pages 10–11)

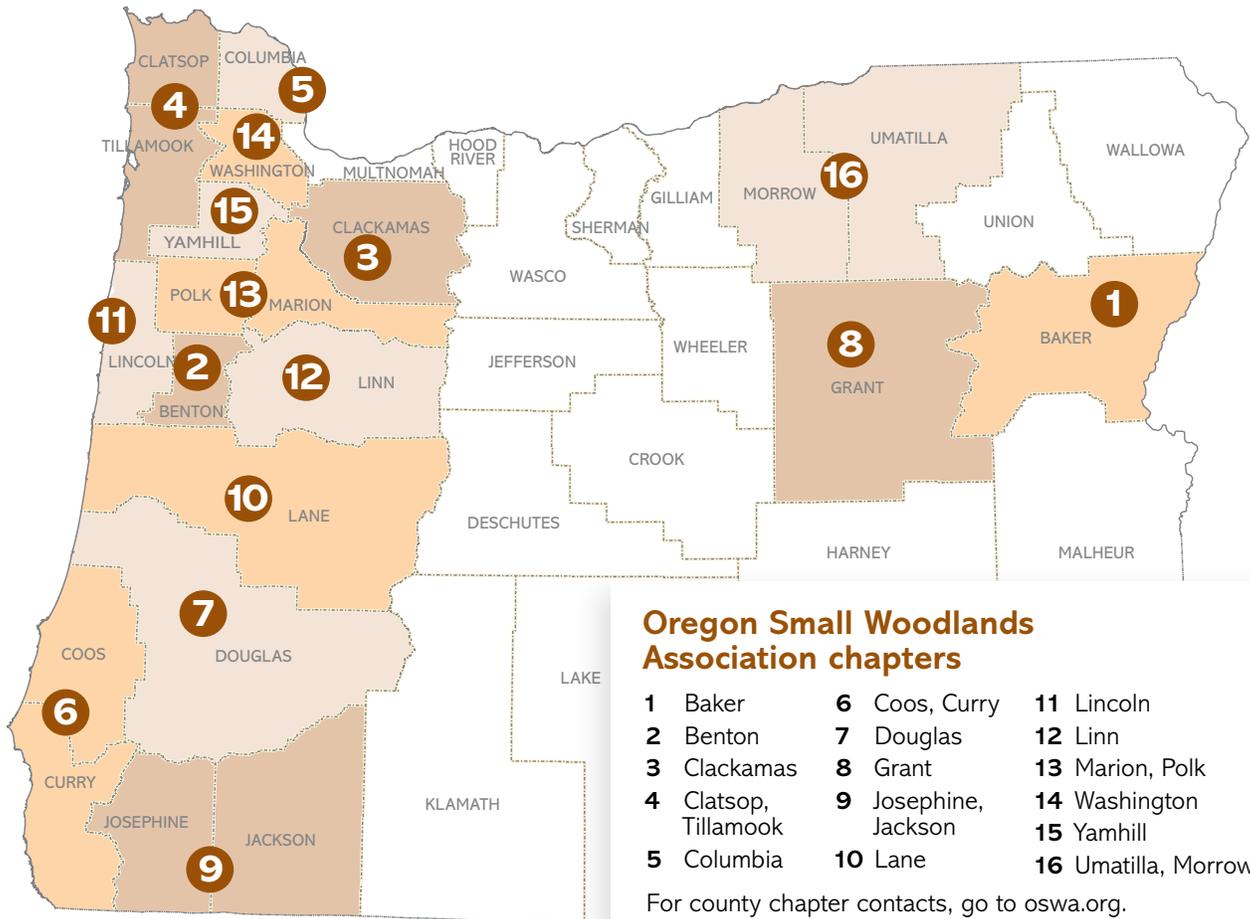
Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension foresters • Demonstration areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Woodland Manager program • Women Owning Woodlands Network • Ties to the Land • Field tours • Pest scene investigators 		<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars • Workshops 	<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"> • Oregon Professional Loggers program (OPL) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Annual meeting 	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Publications • Newsletter
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
Pinchot Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Publications 	
Western Forestry and Conservation Association				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Annual meeting • Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Publications



Oregon Small Woodlands Association chapters

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| 1 Baker | 6 Coos, Curry | 11 Lincoln |
| 2 Benton | 7 Douglas | 12 Linn |
| 3 Clackamas | 8 Grant | 13 Marion, Polk |
| 4 Clatsop, Tillamook | 9 Josephine, Jackson | 14 Washington |
| 5 Columbia | 10 Lane | 15 Yamhill |
| | | 16 Umatilla, Morrow |

For county chapter contacts, go to oswa.org.

AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM (ATFS)/OREGON TREE FARM SYSTEM (OTFS)

www.treefarmssystem.org

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 Jeremy Felty, administrative forester
 jeremy@oswa.org
 503-588-1813

Many people traveling Oregon’s country roads have seen green-and-white, diamond-shaped signs reading “Certified Tree Farm, American Tree Farm System: Wood, Water, Wildlife, Recreation.” As a national organization, the American Tree Farm System has been around since 1941. The sign verifies that the family-owned forest behind the sign is being managed to internationally recognized standards of sustainability. The Tree Farm System also conducts the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year recognition program at the county, state, regional and national levels.

FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION (FLA)

www.forestlandowners.com

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 info@forestlandowners.com
 800-325-2954

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

Contact: Keith Argow, president
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 703-255-2700

NWOA is a nationwide organization based in Washington, D.C., providing 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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OSWA is the largest organization in the state representing the interests of family forest landowners. It serves as their collective voice in legislative and policy matters, as well as communications with the general public. There are currently 16 Oregon chapters representing 21 counties, with 3,200 members who collectively own more than 500,000 acres. OSWA’s vision is to see privately owned family woodlands remain a thriving part of Oregon’s landscape. OSWA provides a forum for the exchange of ideas among the forest community.

OREGON WOODLAND COOPERATIVE (OWC)

www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com

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 888-800-1192

The Oregon Woodland Cooperative is a group of more than 70 private family forest landowners in Oregon. Since 1980, OWC has helped its members realize a profit from the sale of both timber and non-timber products that are sustainably produced on their land, including decorative hardwoods, flooring, firewood, conifer boughs and essential oils. The co-op also helps members secure forestry technical assistance and supplier discounts. Membership is open to anyone owning family forestland in Oregon.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – PACIFIC NORTHWEST RESEARCH STATION

www.fs.fed.us/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.fed.us/spf

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 landowner assistance program manager
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 503-808-2353

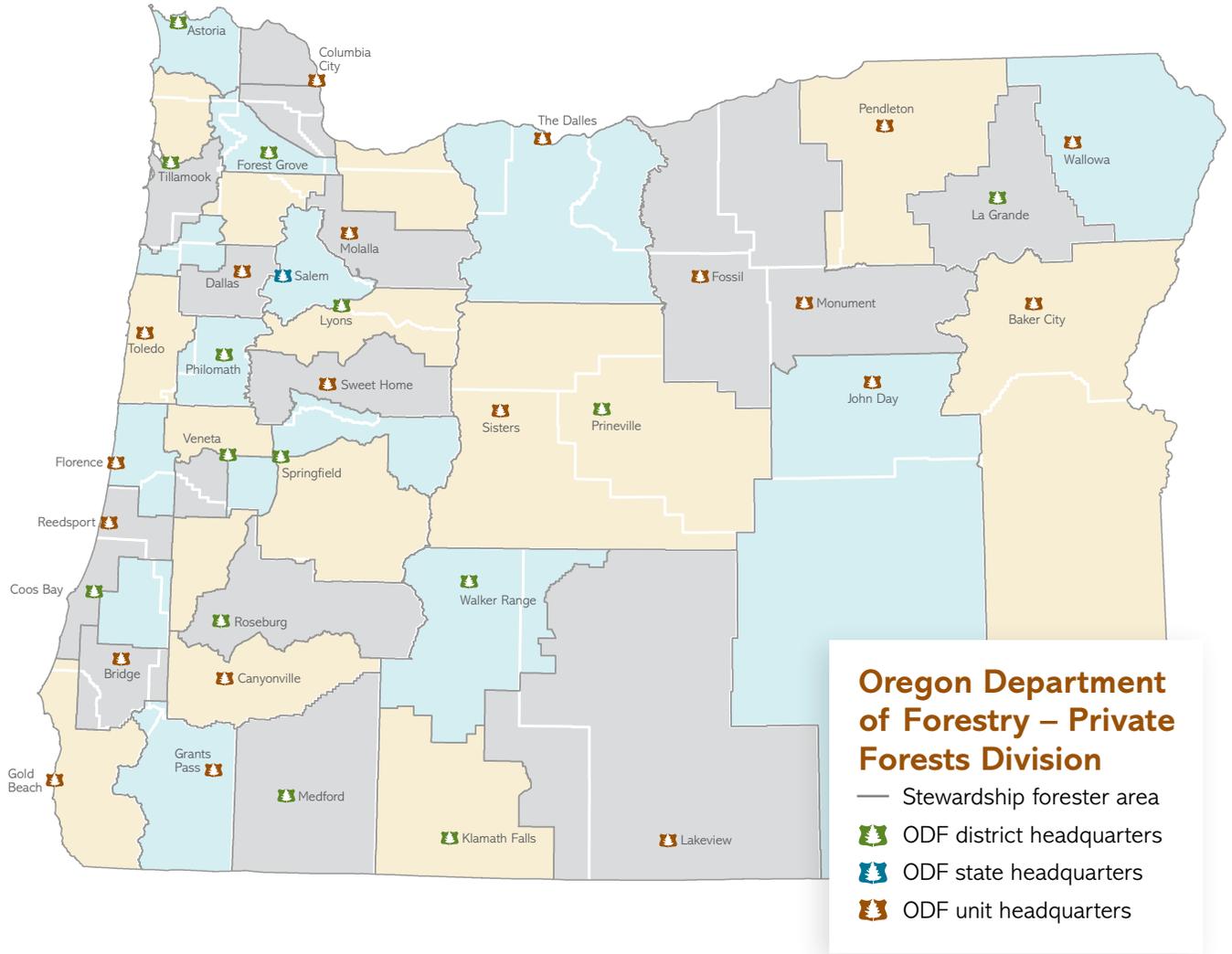
State and Private Forestry, a division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service, provides financial and technical assistance for family forest landowners through state forest agencies and other partners. This includes assistance with resource management activities and project implementation,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

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/or

Contact: Andrew Owen, state forester
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)

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

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (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/oacdpress/about-us/

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY (ODF) – PRIVATE FORESTS DIVISION

www.oregon.gov/ODF/working

To find your local stewardship forester, visit:

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

SEE MAP

The Oregon Department of Forestry Private Forests Division helps landowners develop healthy, productive forestlands and watersheds, and prevent wildfires. Regional stewardship foresters are the primary contact for private forestland owners. 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 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)

OregonForests.org
KnowYourForest.org

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Julie Woodward, sr. manager of forestry education
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The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is dedicated to advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products, and encouraging sound 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, forest tours and webinars. OFRI also produces educational publications on topics such as clean water, reforestation and fire.

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 requirements. 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 training.





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 long-time practitioners. Complex issues of forest ownership are covered through workshops, volunteers, 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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- 3 Clackamas, Hood River, Marion:**
Glenn Ahrens, glenn.ahrens@oregonstate.edu
- 4 Clatsop, Lincoln, Tillamook:**
Dan Stark, dan.stark@oregonstate.edu
- 5 Columbia, Washington, Yamhill***
- 6 Coos, Curry:**
Norma Kline, norma.kline@oregonstate.edu
- 7 Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson***
- 8 Douglas:**
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- 12 Umatilla, Union, Wallowa:**
John Punches, john.punches@oregonstate.edu

**Position open. Email Janey.Lee@oregonstate.edu for contact.*

**FORESTRY & NATURAL
RESOURCES EXTENSION:
MASTER WOODLAND
MANAGERS**

www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm

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541-737-6561

For more advanced practitioners, the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program provides this intensive eight-module program to train volunteers to help other landowners. After completing the program, volunteers provide service in a wide array of capacities, such as helping lead forest tours, meeting with neighbors, answering questions and working with youth. Master Woodland Manager workshops for woodland owners and managers cover topics that include ecology, silviculture (tree thinning and other practices to manage for a desired forest condition), wildlife habitat enhancement, logging and business management.

**FORESTRY & NATURAL
RESOURCES EXTENSION:
WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS
NETWORK (WOW-NET)**

www.extension.oregonstate.edu/wownet

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Women are increasingly taking active roles in the management of family forest property. This Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension program is designed to raise basic forestry 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 encouraging communication. The statewide and local network includes 460 members in 17 counties who participate in local and regional field-based sessions each year.

**FORESTRY & NATURAL
RESOURCES EXTENSION:
TIES TO THE LAND**

www.tiestotheland.org

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541-737-1727

This program's essence is to help family forest landowners find ways to pass down their property to future generations of their family while avoiding common pitfalls. Landowners are guided through three key areas that contribute to success: communication, planning and legal tools. Landowners gain a clear understanding of the steps involved in passing on their land, and practical tools to help them take those steps.

Ties to the Land is a partnership between Forestry & Natural Resources Extension and Oregon State University's Austin Family Business Program, which prepares family businesses to address the challenges and opportunities that inevitably arise during succession. More information is available at familybusinessonline.org.

**FORESTRY & NATURAL
RESOURCES EXTENSION:
OREGON WOOD INNOVATION
CENTER (OWIC)**

www.owic.oregonstate.edu

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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 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.

POLICY ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY FORESTLANDS (CFF)

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

The Oregon Board of Forestry established CFF 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 measures needed for family forest landowners. As globalization, access to timber markets and shifting ownership make family forest land 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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In the West, AFF works on the ground with families, teachers and elected officials to promote stewardship and protect the values provided by our nation's forest heritage. AFF works nationwide and in partnership with local, state and national groups to address ecological and economic challenges that require the engagement of family forest landowners.

Most of America's forests are owned by families, not the federal government and not industry. That's why AFF focuses on family forest landowners. AFF works with partners in key forested communities to help build a robust understanding of how to inspire and engage woodland owners to take actions on their land that will ultimately protect forest values.

AFF's primary goal is to foster proactive and engaged communities to reduce wildfire risks and protect water supplies across the West by providing its forest landowners with information, educational workshops and technical assistance that will help them make sound, sustainable multi-resource management decisions for their land.

ASSOCIATED OREGON LOGGERS, INC. (AOL)

www.oregonloggers.org

Contact: Rex Storm, executive vice president
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503-364-1330

AOL is a statewide trade organization that 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.

KEEP OREGON GREEN ASSOCIATION

www.keepporeongreen.org

Contact: Kristin Babbs, president
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503-945-7499

The Keep Oregon Green Association is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote healthy landscapes and safe communities by educating the public of 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. It seeks to advance the state of knowledge about ecological 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, NNRG focuses on forests owned and managed by private landowners, smaller forest product companies, governmental agencies, Indian 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. NNRG's team of seasoned foresters will work with you and your forestland to attain your economic ecological and social goals.

Membership includes benefits such as lobbying, industry relations, community service, technical assistance with regulation compliance, and group insurance programs in health, liability and workers' compensation.

ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING FORESTERS (ACF)

www.acf-foresters.org

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ACF is a national organization of professional foresters who consider forestry-related activities an essential private enterprise. Membership in the association is limited to professional foresters who subscribe to a code of ethics and serve the general public independently in all woodland-related interests. Members are generalists and specialists with skills that include timber cruising and appraising, timber sales, marketing and management, reforestation supervision, taxation, estate planning, growth modeling, management plans, geographic information system (GIS) mapping, real estate brokerage, and expert witness, arbitration and general management services. They offer a full range of professional and unbiased services to family forest landowners. The association requires continuing education for its members. ACF's interactive website connects landowners to its complete scope of service providers.

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.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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). The Society of American Foresters 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.

PINCHOT INSTITUTE

www.pinchot.org

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