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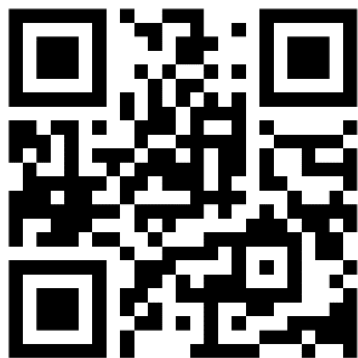
First NEOSWA Annual Meeting and Tour

Join us for our FIRST Annual Meeting as a new Chapter and first big event of 2022! The Valerio Family will be hosting the 2022 NEOSWA Annual Meeting and Tour on Saturday, May 14th, and will include a day in the woods with fellow woodland owners and forestry-minded friends. The Valerio's are excited to showcase the great work they have been doing to steward their land, and we will be joined by several speakers who will discuss a variety of topics with the small woodland owner in mind, including:

- Reforestation & Tree Transplanting
- Management Planning
- Silviculture & Density Management
- Small Woodland Operations
- Fuels Reduction
- Mastication
- Forest Health
- And More!

We will have coffee and donuts in the morning and a catered BBQ lunch. The tour will be outdoors, rain or shine, and will require moderate walking/hiking so please dress accordingly. Admission is **free**, but registration is **required**. For more details, questions, or registration help, contact: NEORWoodlands@gmail.com.

When: Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Where: Eccoci Ranch, 52843 Highway 203, Union, OR 97883
Registration: <https://beav.es/wub>



QR Code to Registration Form



Valerio Family – Maurizio, Marco, Allison, & Nini

Are You Ready for Wildfire Season?

In one way or another, wildfires impact all Oregonians every year. The actions you take now can help better prepare yourself, home, and community. Whether you are just starting out, or have a detailed plan in place, there are always things you can do before fire season begins. Below are just some general areas to consider this spring. Explore each of the resources, and start checking-off to-do list items, to ensure you are prepared in the event of the worst.

From the Home to the Landscape

Homes that are impacted by wildfire is most often the result of exposure to embers. Practicing home hardening principles will increase the chances that a home will withstand the wind-blown embers from an advancing wildfire.



Home Ignition Zones (HIZs)

Home Ignition Zones (HIZs):

- Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet): Create an ember resistant envelope around your home, evaluating:
 - Roofing materials, assembly, condition
 - Gutters, chimneys, and stovepipes – free of debris & vegetation
 - Siding material
 - Vents – Attic & eaves
 - Windows & screens (< 1/8th inch)
- Intermediate Zone (5 to 30 feet): Keep this area “lean, clean, & green” throughout fire season
 - Maintain a noncombustible area – Vegetation & other materials (firewood, planters, etc.)
 - Trim fire-resistant plants & prune tree limbs
 - Remove dead plant material (leaves, needles, & twigs)
 - Keep grass watered & green (if possible)
 - Clear areas around firewood stacks & propane tanks
- Extended Zone (30 to 100+ feet): Thin, prune, and separate vegetation
 - Remove dead vegetation (shrubs, branches, accumulations of needles/leaves)
 - Into forested areas:
 - Reduce ladder fuels
 - Thin dense areas as appropriate

Get Ready, Be Set, GO!

If evacuation becomes necessary, it is important to know how to evacuate safely and effectively. Evacuation orders are only given to save lives and allow personnel to respond efficiently to an emergency. In Oregon, there is a three-level evacuation process to help individuals and families prepare.

- Level 1: Get Ready
 - Emergency Go-kit prepared and accessible
 - Prepare changes of clothes, medications, important documents, and necessary personal items
 - Leave windows closed
 - Prepare pets and/or livestock
- Level 2: Be Set
 - Inside the Home
 - Close all interior doors but leave lights on
 - Remove flammable materials from around windows

- Outside the Home
 - Double-check immediate HIZ zone
 - Lock doors but leave gates unlocked
 - Turn on outside lights
- Don't wait to be asked to leave!
- Level 3: GO!
 - Leave immediately
 - Drive cautiously, follow evacuation routes
 - Let contacts know when you are safe

Resources

- Home Ignition Zone Checklists. National Fire Protection Association - Firewise. <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/8341/checklisteng.pdf>
- How to Prepare Your Home for Wildfire. National Fire Protection Association - Firewise. <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Firewise/Fact-sheets/FirewiseHowToPrepareYourHomeForWildfires.pdf>
- Fire Resistant Plants for Home Landscaping. OSU Extension. <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw590>
- Wildfires. Ready.gov <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>
- Wildfire Ready. DisasterSafety.org <https://disastersafety.org/wildfire/wildfire-ready/>
- Fire Aware. Fire Prepared. Webinar Series. OSU Fire Program <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program/online-webinar-guide>
- Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center (BMIDC) <http://bmidc.org/index.shtml>

Nominations Due – Recognize Tree Farmers & Volunteers

Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS)

It's time to nominate candidates for the 2022 Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year! This program recognizes the outstanding efforts of Tree Farmers at the *County* level. Following their selection, County winners are nominated for State Tree Farmer of the Year. The Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year then becomes eligible for recognition by the American Tree Farm System through Regional and National Awards. To be eligible for nomination, landowners must be certified by the Oregon Tree Farm System. Nominations are due **June 1, 2022**.



Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)

It's also time to nominate two awards for OSWA: Chapter Volunteer of the Year and Chapter Tree Farmer of the Year! These awards recognize the outstanding efforts at the *Chapter* level for both a volunteer who has made the extra effort to support the Chapter as well as a Tree Farmer. Note, the OSWA Tree Farmer award is *separate* from the OTFS award, however the nomination may be the same. Nominations for these awards are due **As Soon As Possible**.



To nominate an OTFS Tree Farmer of the Year within any of the NEOSWA Counties (Baker, Grant, Union, & Wallowa); or to nominate a NEOSWA member for OSWA Chapter Volunteer of the Year and/or Chapter Tree Farmer of the Year, please contact NEORWoodlands@gmail.com for a nomination form and more information. These awards will be presented at the Oregon Family Forest Convention in June.

Eastern Oregon Log Market Report (As of: April 15, 2022)

Pendleton									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine		Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)		
Price (\$/MBF):	430			420	285	285	48-49		
La Grande									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine		Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)		
		6-7"	8"+						
Price (\$/MBF):	470	300	340	410					
Elgin									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine		Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)		
Price (\$/MBF):	450			405	325	325			
Pilot Rock									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine		Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)		
		12-16"	17"+						
Price (\$/MBF):		450	470						
Burns/John Day									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine				Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)
		6-7"	8-11"	12-17"	18"+				
Price (\$/MBF):	400	120	285	350	460	360		21	
Redmond/Bend/Gilchrist									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		8-11"							
Price (\$/MBF):		50 (Ton)							
Lakeview/Klamath Falls									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-16"	17-23"	24"+	8"+	8"+			
Price (\$/MBF):		310	330	400	385	330			

Data Courtesy of John Lindberg (Oregon Log Market Report)

Event Calendar

Date & Time	Event	Details & Location
May 5 th 6:00pm	Board Meeting NEOSWA	Small Meeting Room, Baker Co. Fairgrounds, (In-Person or Virtual) Agenda: Final Event Planning; Logo/Marketing Material Discussion.
May 13 th 9:00am–2:00pm	Youth Field Day NEOSWA, Baker High School, & OTEC	We are collaborating with Baker High School to offer a field day at the Valerio Tree Farm (Eccoci Ranch), where we will have a number of forestry and natural resource-focused activities for high school students. We are looking forward to engaging with students.
May 14 th 9:00am–2:30pm	Annual Meeting and Tour NEOSWA	Valerio’s Eccoci Ranch & Tree Farm, Medical Springs, OR Join us for the first NEOSWA Annual Meeting and Tour on Saturday, May 14 th for a day in the woods to see the great work the Valerio’s have been doing to manage their tree farm and hear from speakers covering a variety of topics related to small woodland management. Admission and lunch are free, but registration is required : https://beav.es/wub
June 23–25 th 9:00am–5:00pm	Oregon Family Forest Convention OSWA & OTFS	Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR The Benton County Small Woodland Chapter will be hosting the 2022 Oregon Family Forest Convention, a joint meeting between the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) and the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS). This meeting also includes a field tour hosted by a Chapter member. Details and registration coming soon.
July 7 th 6:00pm	Board & Member Meeting NEOSWA	Location, Program, and Agenda: TBA
July 15-17 th	Miner’s Jubilee Baker County	3-Day event in Baker City, OR celebrating the County’s gold mining heritage. NEOSWA would like to have a booth at this event. Stay tuned for more details.
July 30 th (Tentative)	Field Class Women Owing Woodlands Network (WOWNet)	Details and Location: TBD All Women Invited! Plans are currently underway for a field class this July, hosted by the Women Owing Woodlands Network (WOWNet). WOWNet is an OSU Extension Program for women interested in woodland management. Stay tuned for more details!
August–September	County Fairs	NEOSWA would also like to have a booth at County Fairs in Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa Counties. If you are planning to attend, please let us know as we begin coordinating. More details to come.
September 1 st 6:00pm	Board & Member Meeting NEOSWA	Location, Program, and Agenda: TBA

Notes from the Board

From: March 3rd Board Meeting

Business Items

- New Board Members
 - Voted and approved the appointment of two new Board Members, Alyssa Cudmore (Wallowa Co.) and Irene Jerome (Grant Co.)
 - We now have representatives from each of the Counties within NEOSWA and are excited to have them both
 - Welcome Alyssa and Irene!
- Upcoming Events
 - Youth Educational Event (Friday, May 13th)
 - Effort between NEOSWA, the Valerio's, and Baker Highschool
 - A day of educational presentations and activities for high school students
 - NEOSWA Annual Meeting and Tour (Saturday, May 14th)
 - Hosted by the Valerio's
 - You should have received the flyer with more details and registration information
 - Agenda will be distributed soon
 - Join us for our first Annual Meeting and a great day out in the woods!
- Educational Toolbox
 - A motion was approved to set aside up to \$2,000 from the Sid Johnson Memorial fund to be used for forestry-related items/tools and personal protective equipment
 - NEOSWA will use these items for events and educational opportunities
- Branding & Event-Booth Discussion
 - Discussed having an "official" NEOSWA logo created and have a tablecloth made, displaying the logo, to be used for an event booth
 - Jacob & Chris Heffernan to brainstorm and pursue
 - Motion was approved to set aside \$600 for logo design and tablecloth
 - Discussed what would make an attractive booth for events
 - Jack will explore tabletop display options
 - Noted importance of having something to "draw" people in (e.g., name, drawing/raffle, woodchips, resources & materials)
- Other Business
 - Board Terms
 - Bylaws state 3-year term for Executive Board Members (i.e., President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary)
 - Doesn't specify Board Members At-Large. Suggested minimum of 1-year terms, with option to remain.
 - Will formalize details on terms and elections moving forward
 - NEOSWA Documents
 - All Board members will have access to a folder containing all Chapter documents
 - Jacob will create and maintain a 3-ring binder of physical documents for official record – will remain in Jacob's office.

Next NEOSWA Board Meeting: Thursday, May 5th at 6:00 PM, Baker Co. Fairgrounds
In-person or Virtual

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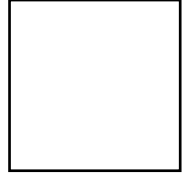


Classifieds

Do you have something to sell or rent? We invite members to submit appropriate items to be listed in this section of the newsletter. If you are interested in listing an item, please submit a photo and description to Jacob Putney (jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu) and it will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter.

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Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa Counties

A Newsletter for Small Woodland Owners in Northeast Oregon

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Resources to Explore

- Smoke Ready Oregon: Preparing for Wildfire. Webinar. May 2nd, 12:00-1:00pm
<https://beav.es/wvb>
- Adapting Western US Forests to Climate Change & Wildfires. Storymap
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/64f55848f690452da6c58e5a888ff283>
- Fire Adapted Oregon. Office of State Fire Marshal Initiative
<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/pages/fire-adapted-oregon.aspx>
- MWM & WOWNet Newsletter: Agroforestry
<https://mailchi.mp/bd7341061fca/watt-agroforestry?e=08ab65d183>
- Life on the Dry Side Newsletter
extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/life-dry-side-forestry-newsletter