

Family Forests

YOUR GUIDE TO TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR OREGON'S FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS



















From generation to generation...

In Oregon, more than 60,000 family forest landowners care for almost 3.5 million acres of prime, low-elevation forest. Their land makes up about one-third of Oregon's private forestland. Half are 65 or older. Four in 10 are women. A recent survey found that owners identify themselves primarily as something other than forest landowners, including librarians, clergy, teachers, attorneys, farmers or ranchers, and florists. Ownerships of 10 acres to 5,000 acres are included here as family forestland, but most are less than 50 acres.

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

Family ownership offers diverse management styles – there's no single right way – but a lack of management leads to less-successful outcomes. As these lands are passed from one generation to the next, they provide much to the family that owns the land, as well as to all Oregonians.



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Welcome to Oregon's family forest community. Managing your private family forestland is a big job, especially if you are shouldering this responsibility for the first time. Fortunately, Oregon offers many sources of assistance for landowners like you. Expert technical advice, classes, grants and person-to-person counsel from peers—as well as online resources—can help families as they develop long-term plans for their forestland.

This guide organizes these resources geographically and in other logical ways for easy reference. On the following two pages is a chart that provides a general guide to resources and types of assistance from state, federal, private and educational institutions. Throughout the booklet are descriptions of their resources and handy contact information.

I encourage you to make use of these resources. Together we're creating forests for families and the future of Oregon.

For the forest,

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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.

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Family Forest Landowners Associations

Forest Landowners Association

www.forestlandowners.com

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

National Woodland Owners Association

www.woodlandowners.org

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NWOA is a nationwide organization in Washington, DC, providing educational programs and services exclusively for family forest landowners. They are affiliated with state landowner associations in 42 states, publish National Woodlands Magazine, and advocate for better state and national programs and laws.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association

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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 15 Oregon chapters representing 19 counties, with 1,500 members who collectively own over 500,000 acres. OSWA's vision is to see privately owned family woodlands remain a thriving part of Oregon's landscape. OSWA members are kept abreast of current forestry research. OSWA provides a forum for the exchange of ideas among the forestry community.

Oregon Tree Farm System

www.treefarmsystem.org

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 familyowned forest behind the sign is being managed to internationally recognized standards of sustainability. The Tree Farm System also conducts an "Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year" recognition program at the county, state, regional and national levels.



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Oregon Woodland Cooperative

www.oregonwoodlandcooperative.com

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The Oregon Woodland Cooperative is a group of over 70 private, family forestland owners in Oregon. Since 1980, OWC has helpeds it 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, essential oils, etc. The Co-op also helps members secure forestry technical assistance and supplier discounts. Membership is open to anyone owning family forestland in Oregon.



Natural Resources Agencies - FEDERAL

USDA 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. Key research areas include climate change; community sustainability; fire; forests and grasslands; and watershed health. 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. The station has 11 laboratories and research centers in Alaska, Oregon and Washington.

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

www.fs.fed.us/spf

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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 forestry agencies and other partners for resource management activities and project implementation, education, assistance, conferences, workshops and online learning.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

www.nrcs.usda.gov

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NRCS is the branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that handles all financial assistance and a great deal of the technical assistance and specifications for projects. Their natural resources conservation programs help landowners reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. The service works closely with county-based Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Its mission also includes education related to these programs. NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCIES – **FEDERAL**

Natural Resources Agencies – STATE

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

www.oregonwatersheds.org www.oregon.gov/OWEB/index.shtml

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



A map showing location and areas of watershed councils is available at: www.oregonwatersheds.org/councils

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is a source of funding through the watershed councils.

Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

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 location and areas of conservation districts is available at: www.oacd.org/map.shtml

Oregon Department of Forestry – Private Forests



www.oregon.gov/ODF/private forests

To find your stewardship foresters, visit http://www.oregon.gov/odf/privateforests/ pages/findforester.aspx

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Private Forests Division assists landowners to develop healthy productive forestlands, healthy watersheds, and prevent wildfires. Regional Stewardship Foresters are the primary contact for private forest 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 over 18,000 private forestland sites every year to protect forest and water resources. Landowners often rely on them to help plan for:

- 1. Planting, harvesting, or thinning forests;
- 2. Managing brush, weeds, insects, and other pests;
- 3. Doing controlled burns and slash disposal;
- 4. Constructing and maintaining roads; and
- 5. Improving streams and wildlife habitat.

These and other activities may require landowners to file a Notification of Operation, a Power Driven Machinery Permit, or a Burning Permit, available online.

Prior to 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 often consult their Stewardship Foresters to develop solutions for harvests near streams, sensitive terrain, and wildlife protection areas.

For additional information, please contact your local Stewardship Forester.

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ODF Private Forests Program

Stewardship Forester area **CODF** state headquarters ODF district headquarters **ODF** unit headquarters

Oregon Forest Resources Institute

www.OregonForests.org www.KnowYourForest.org

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The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is dedicated to raising the public understanding of how forest stewardship meets the social, environmental and economic needs of both present and future generations. OFRI's primary audiences are the general public, K-12 teachers and students, and forest landowners. In the case of landowners, OFRI teams up with other organizations, many of whom are members of the Oregon Partnership for Forestry Education. OFRI's website KnowYourForest.org is designed specifically for forest landowners and provides readily available information and education. OFRI's library contains many useful publications, including Oregon's Forest Protection Laws - An Illustrated Manual, which is a visual reference to Oregon's laws and rules governing forest practices. OFRI also operates the Rediscovery Forest, located at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. This facility serves as a demonstration forest and a venue for landowner training.

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AGENCIES -STATE

University Forestry Extension Programs

Oregon State University – Forestry & Natural Resources Extension

SEE MAP

www.extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu www.facebook.com/osufnr

Find your extension forester at www.extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu/ directory

Forestry education is the mission of the OSU Extension Service, which aids all landowners, from the newest to the most knowledgeable longtime 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 market issues. Educational subjects tackle broader management objectives such as enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, reducing fire risk, increasing biodiversity and achieving sustainability goals.

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UNIVERSITY FORESTRY **EXTENSION** PROGRAMS

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Master Woodland Managers

extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm

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For more advanced practitioners, the Extension Service provides this intensive, six- to eightmonth program to train volunteers to help other landowners. After completing the program, volunteers provide 80 hours of service in a wide array of capacities, such as helping lead forest tours, meeting with neighbors and answering questions, and working with youth. Through MWM, workshops for woodland owners and managers cover topics including 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

www.womenowningwoodlands.blogspot.com www.facebook.com/orwownet

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Many people are surprised to learn that 40 percent of family forest landowners are women who are increasingly taking active woodland management roles. This OSU Extension program is designed to raise basic forestry and decision-making skill levels among female 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 350 members in nine counties, holding local and regional field-based sessions each year.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Ties to the Land

www.tiestotheland.org

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The program's essence is to help 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 www.familybusinessonline.org

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Oregon Wood Innovation Center

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 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 (www.orforestdirectory.com), which connects buyers and sellers of forest products and services.

Policy Advisory Organizations

Oregon Committee for Family Forestlands

www.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/CFF/cff.shtml

CFF was established by the Oregon Board of Forestry in 2000 to provide information and counsel to the Oregon Board of Forestry and State Forester in matters relating to family forestlands, including protection of resources, maintenance of a viable family forestland base and 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 landownership more difficult, the committee's role in keeping the Board of Forestry informed is increasingly important.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Professional Forestry Services and Organizations

Associated Oregon Loggers

www.oregonloggers.org

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AOL is a trade organization that provides business and government affairs services to its member companies. The website includes a directory of Oregon's certified professional logging contractors, which can assist family forest landowners looking for a local logging contractor. While most members 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 technical assistance with regulation compliance and group insurance programs in health and workers' compensation.

Association of Consulting Foresters

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 including timber cruising and appraising, timber sales, marketing and management, reforestation supervision, taxation, estate planning, growth modeling, management plans, GIS mapping, real estate brokerage, 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 of its members. An interactive website connects landowners to the organization's complete scope of service providers.

Keep Oregon Green Association

www.keeporegongreen.org www.kogranger.org

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Keep Oregon Green (KOG), a non-profit corporation, conducts a statewide public fire prevention program, designed to assist in preventing human-caused wildfires. KOG conducts its fire prevention activities through cooperative ventures, partnerships with the private sector and public agencies. The KOG Ranger Program is an interactive, web-based fire prevention program for youth 8-12 years of age, and encourages parent / teacher involvement.

Oregon Society of American Foresters

www.forestry.org (Oregon) www.safnet.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. The Society of American Foresters produces general, technical and scholarly publications in both printed and electronic form, policy statements and educational materials. The national, state and local chapters regularly sponsor educational conferences, workshops and tours. The Society of American Foresters has a national, voluntary certification for foresters meeting initial and continuing education requirements. A list of these Certified Foresters[®] is available to landowners seeking forest management advice.

Online resources at www.safnet.org include the *Dictionary of Forestry*, the *Forestry Encyclopedia* and a list of how a Certified Forester[®] can assist a forest owner.

Western Forestry & Conservation Association

www.westernforestry.org

WFCA is a regional membership organization of primarily industrial forestry companies and consultants in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alberta. Its primary mission is to promote the science and practices of forestry for the sustainable production of goods, services and uses of forest resources. A variety of professional continuing education opportunities are offered for natural resource managers through workshops, conferences and field trips. WFCA also provides financial and administrative management of regional research and scientific cooperatives.



Looking for direction?

Find the help you need at KnowYourForest.org

Learn how to ...

- · keep your forest healthy
- improve wildlife habitat
- reduce wildfire risk
- · earn sustainability certification
- find a forester, logger or other specialist



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