

# The Blue Mountain Forester

## Northeast Oregon Small Woodlands Association

Quarterly Newsletter



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### Neighbor to Neighbor Tour & Annual Meeting

Join us for the first ever joint tour with the Pine Valley Firewise Community! Our first big event of 2023 will be a "Neighbor to Neighbor" Tour where small woodland owners and Firewise community members will visit two local landowner's properties. This event will also include the 2<sup>nd</sup> NEOSWA Annual Meeting. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, for the opportunity to learn about forestry, natural resources, and fire-related topics from a number of speakers.

#### Tour Stops

Mary Camby & Anne Andreucci – These two sisters own 40-acres, with 26-acres of timber, across Clear Creek outside of Halfway. Mary has owned the property since 2003, and Anne joined in 2018. It is bordered by USFS to the east, private property to the north and south, and by Clear Creek Road to the west. While the property has not be affected by wildfire, it was heavily impacted by a 100-year flood of Clear Creek in 2010. This flood resulted in erosion, sediment deposits, and damage to the road bordering the creek. Access is challenging, and therefore no harvesting has occurred (yet) under their ownership. Their primary focus is to maintain and improve wildlife habitat on the property especially in the riparian area along Clear Creek



Jim & Sharol Chandler – Have lived on their property since 1987. They own 40-acres, with approximately 29-acres of timber. Over the last 34 years they have harvested six times, and were involved with all aspects of the work, except loading and hauling. Their children have done everything from falling and skidding timber, to piling slash, and planting trees.



#### Details

The event will begin and end at Lions Hall in Halfway. We will travel to our tour stops via bus and carpool, before returning for our Annual Meeting. Coffee and breakfast food, and a catered lunch from "Cow Camp" food truck, will be provided. 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 questions, or registration help, contact: [NEORWoodlands@gmail.com](mailto:NEORWoodlands@gmail.com)

When: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Lions Hall, Halfway, OR 97834 (Starting & Ending Location)

Registration: <https://beav.es/SBq> (Or Scan QR Code)

## Register Today for Tree School East!



The Tree School East 2023 Catalog and Registration are now available. Plan to join us all day on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Baker City High School in Baker City, Oregon. The event will feature 27 engaging classes on a wide range of forestry and natural resource-related topics – our goal is to feature classes that will appeal to everyone. The event will also feature demonstrations, exhibitors, vendors, and more.

Registration must be done in advance by Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, no walk-in registration will be available. Classroom space is limited, so register soon to reserve your spot in those you're most interested in. The best way to register is online, but registration can also be completed by mail. Please follow the links below to access the Tree School East website or scan the QR code to directly access the Registration platform. We hope to see you there!

### ***Tree School East 2023 – Hosted by OSU Extension Service***

When: Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 5:00pm (Doors open at 7:30am)

Where: Baker High School, 2500 East St., Baker City, OR 97814

Website: <https://beav.es/tree-school-east>

***Scan to Register Today!***



If you are interested in being involved, volunteering, and/or offering an exhibit, booth, or display, please contact Jacob Putney ([jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu)).

## Nominations Due – Recognize Tree Farmers & Volunteers

### ***Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS)***

It's time to nominate candidates for the 2023 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, 2023**.



### ***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. Nomination information for these awards **is coming soon**.



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](mailto:NEORWoodlands@gmail.com) for a nomination form and more information. These awards will be presented at the Oregon Family Forest Convention in June.

## Note from NEOSWA President

Dear NEOSWA Friends,

After two years as your NEOSWA President, my term has come to an end, and I will be transitioning into a Board member-at-large role. It has been a wonderful experience working with professionals on our Board, and throughout the state of Oregon. Over the past two years, we created the Northeast OR Chapter (Baker, Grant, Union, & Wallowa Counties), started Firewise Communities, held family friendly events, attended county fairs with educational booths, developed a new logo and marketing materials, improved our communication with members, established a board of directors representing all four counties, purchased educational materials for outreach, updated and expanded our membership, added organizational partnerships, and most importantly to me, made lifetime friendships with the Board and other members of NEOSWA. I am so thankful for NEOSWA and the wonderful memories we have made together!

Kindly,

Debi Lorence



## Upcoming Board Elections

At the March Board Meeting, NEOSWA's current leadership decided to conclude their terms after two years, and nominations were made to fill those positions. This coming July, Debi Lorence and Maurizio Valerio will transition from their roles as President and Vice President to Board members-at-large. Paul Harlan, from Wallowa County, was nominated for NEOSWA President, and Jack Kleinhoff, from Baker County, was nominated for Vice President. At our upcoming Member Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will vote on electing Paul and Jack for these positions. Please see Paul and Jack's bio's below:

### **Paul Harlan**

I am a retired Forester, Mill Manager, and Resource Manager after 34 years with Collins Pine. I now own a 10-acre tree farm outside of Enterprise near our family.

It is exciting to see the re-establishment and momentum of our OSWA chapter in NE OR and look forward to furthering these efforts. We cover a large geographical area, making it a physical challenge, but this also presents unique opportunities for sharing. In the coming months, we will be reaching out to hear from you on topics of interest and concern so that our efforts will be focused to meet those needs. Based on that input we will be putting together localized gatherings to provide learning and networking for you and your neighbors closer to your location. We humbly look forward to serving our members and their interests in this capacity.

### **Jack Kleinhoff**

I am a retired Consulting Forester and small woodland owner in Auburn. I purchased my 400-acres off Old Auburn Road in 2005 and have conducted two logging projects – thinning and removing conifers on 350 acres. My primary focus as Vice President will be to actively recruit new members and build relationships with current members.



*Paul and Jack at the 2022 NEOSWA Annual Meeting & Tour hosted by the Valerio's.*

## Eastern Oregon Log Market Report (As of: April 15, 2023)

Pendleton									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
Price (\$/MBF):	460				420	285	285	40-42	
La Grande									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-7"	8"+						
Price (\$/MBF):	500	260	300		400	300	300		
Elgin									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-11"	12"+						
Price (\$/MBF):	525	270	280		450	320	320		
Pilot Rock									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		10-11"	12-15"	16"+					
Price (\$/MBF):		350	400	420					
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):	120-360	120	250	290	375	120-240			
Redmond/Bend/Gilchrist									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		17"+							
Price (\$/MBF):		425							
Lakeview/Klamath Falls									
Species/Sort:	Douglas-fir/Larch	Ponderosa Pine			Grand/White Fir	Lodgepole Pine	E. Spruce	Pulp/Chip (Ton)	
		6-11"	12-16"	17"+		8"+			
Price (\$/MBF):		290	325	360	340	320			

Data Courtesy of John Lindberg (Oregon Log Market Report)



## Event Calendar

Date & Time	Event	Details & Location
May 4 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Board & Member Meeting NEOSWA	Small Meeting Room, Baker Co. Fairgrounds (In-Person or Virtual) Board Meeting begins at 4:30 PM; Member Meeting begins at 6:00 PM Agenda: <i>Will be Announced Soon</i>
May 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:00pm	Neighbor to Neighbor Tour 2 <sup>nd</sup> NEOSWA Annual Meeting	Lions Hall, Halfway, OR Join us for the first ever joint event with Pine Valley Firewise Community on Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> for a tour of local landowners' properties, and to hear from a number of speakers on a variety of topics related to forestry, fire, & natural resources. Admission and lunch are free, but registration is <b>required</b> : <a href="https://beav.es/SBq">https://beav.es/SBq</a>
Jun. 2-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maxville 100-Year Celebration	In its heyday between 1924-1933, Maxville was the largest town in Wallowa County. It was a timber town, but unlike most, it was home to both African American and white loggers. Learn about Maxville's heritage and celebrate its 100 <sup>th</sup> !
Jun. 22-24 <sup>th</sup>	Oregon Family Forest Convention OSWA & OTFS	The 2023 Oregon Family Forest Convention, the joint meeting between the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) and the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS), will be held June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> in Estacada, Oregon, and is hosted by the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (CCFFA). Registration is open through May 15, 2023. Details & Registration: <a href="https://bit.ly/OR-FFC-23">https://bit.ly/OR-FFC-23</a>
Jun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 5:00pm	Tree School East OSU Extension	Tree School East will be held Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> at Baker City High School in Baker City, OR, hosted by OSU Extension Service. This big event features classes, demonstrations, exhibitors, vendors, and more. Register Today! For the Catalog & Registration visit: <a href="https://beav.es/tree-school-east">https://beav.es/tree-school-east</a>
Jun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 3:00pm	Woodlands & Watershed Festival Wallowa Resources & Partners	Fun for the whole family! This festival features various booths, activities, live music, and logging sports. Presented by Wallowa Resources, Maxville Heritage Center, Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, and the Nez Perce Tribe. More details: <a href="https://www.wallowaresources.org/woodlands-watersheds-festival-2023">https://www.wallowaresources.org/woodlands-watersheds-festival-2023</a>
July 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Board & Member Meeting NEOSWA	Location, Program, and Agenda: TBA

## Notes from the Board

### ***From: January 5<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting***

- Reflect on 2022 Accomplishments
  - Board member from each of our Counties
  - First Annual Meeting as new Chapter
  - Held a youth tour & educational event
  - New logo; Purchased marketing materials
  - Quarterly Newsletter – *Blue Mountain Forester*
  - Attended 4 fairs/events
- 2023 Goals & Priorities
  - Focus on youth education
  - Education/outreach on Oregon Forest Practices update
  - Support Tree School East
  - Brainstormed potential outreach events

### ***From: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting***

- Discusses Potential 2023 Events:
  - Maxville Centennial Celebration (Wallowa; Jun. 2-3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Tree School East (Baker; Jun. 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Woodlands & Watersheds Festival (Wallowa; Jun. 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Miner's Jubilee (Baker; Jul. 14-16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Union County Fair (Jul. 21<sup>st</sup>-Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Grant County Fair (Aug. 9-12<sup>th</sup>)
  - Baker County Fair (Aug. 9-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Marketing & Promotional Materials
  - Need to have inventory for events & outreach activities
  - Discusses; Randy indicated sufficient funds available
  - Propose \$2,000 to purchase these materials
    - Motioned – Paul; Seconded – Randy; Vote – Approved Unanimously

### ***From: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting***

- 2023 Tour & Annual Meeting Planning
  - Joint with Pine Valley Firewise
- Bylaws Discussion
  - Review will be held at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- Leadership Transition
  - President & Vice President Terms decided to end terms July 2023
  - Jack nominated Paul for President
  - Paul nominated Jack for Vice President
  - Elections for these positions will be held at May 4<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting

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### ***Next NEOSWA Meeting: Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM (In-Person or Virtual)***

Small Meeting Room, Baker County Fairgrounds/OSU Extension Office  
2600 East St., Baker City, OR 97814

Board Meeting Begins at 4:30 PM; Member Meeting Begins at 6:00 PM

*Agenda will be Announced Soon*

## NEOSWA Leadership

**Debi Lorence, President**

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**Maurizio Valerio, Vice-President**

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**Jack Kleinhoff, Board Member**

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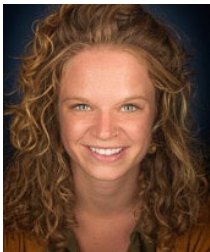
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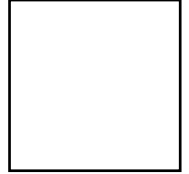


## Classifieds

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](mailto:jacob.putney@oregonstate.edu)) and it will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter.

## Newsletter Distribution

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Northeast Oregon Small Woodlands Association  
Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa Counties

*A Newsletter for Small Woodland Owners in Northeast Oregon*

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### **Resources to Explore**

- Tree School East 2023 – **Registration Now Open!**  
<https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/drysiderest23/>
- Oregon Family Forest Convention – **Registration Closes May 15<sup>th</sup>!**  
<https://bit.ly/OR-FFC-23>
- Prescribed Fire Basics, OSU Extension Modules - **NEW**  
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program/what-prescribed-fire>
- Life on the Dry Side Newsletter  
[extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/life-dry-side-forestry-newsletter](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/life-dry-side-forestry-newsletter)



**Save the Date!**



# 2023 Neighbor to Neighbor Tour

**NEOSWA & Pine Valley Firewise Community | Lions Hall, Halfway, OR**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Admission and Lunch are **FREE**

Join us for the first ever joint event with the Northeast Oregon Small Woodlands Association (NEOSWA) and Pine Valley Firewise Community, including a "Neighbor to Neighbor" Tour and the 2<sup>nd</sup> NEOSWA Annual Meeting. Tour will include stops at two local landowner's properties, where we will have the opportunity to learn about forestry, natural resources, and fire related topics from a number of speakers.

Tour will be outdoors, rain or shine, and will require moderate walking/hiking. Please dress accordingly. For questions or help with registration, contact: [NEORWoodlands@gmail.com](mailto:NEORWoodlands@gmail.com)

**Registration is Required:**

<https://beav.es/SBq>



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**Location:** Lions Hall, Halfway, OR 97834 (Starting & Ending Location)

**From I-84:** Take exit 302 onto Highway 86 toward Halfway (east) and travel for 50 miles. Take a slight left turn onto Highway 12/Halfway Spur and continue for 1.2 miles into downtown Halfway. Turn left onto Center Street, then an immediate right turn onto Lion Street. Lions Hall will be on your left.

**Sponsors:** Wallowa Resources, Northeast Oregon Chapter (NEOSWA), Pine Valley Firewise Community, Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), OSU Extension Service, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)