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A YEAR IN REVIEW OF FORESTRY EDUCATION

We are always excited to share a summary of what we accomplished with our educational efforts. As you can see from the chart below, we were busy in 2016! In total, we reached 2,782 people with our forestry education programs. Here are the highlights! 1,537 middle school students participated in Forest Field Days, with 246 teachers and chaperones learning alongside them. We reached 728 4th and 5th graders via the Oregon Logging Conference school tours. Other K-12 programs captured an additional 174 students, with new programs included a service-learning experience for 8th graders from O’Hara Catholic School and a forest tour for 5th graders from Creswell. Nineteen teachers participated in the Seedling to Sawmill program and we hosted 25 University of Nebraska architecture students on a tree farm tour. Our programs concluded in 2016 with a public forest tour offered in partnership with Giustina Land & Timber and the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council. In reflection upon this busy year, we are grateful for the strong and enthusiastic support of the many companies listed on the next page, and also for the hundreds of passionate individuals who donate their knowledge and expertise to make our programs outstanding.

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The 5 hour-long tour showcased GLT land. Cary Hart, GLT forester, guided the group of thirteen participants, sharing management objectives and historical perspectives at five stops on GLT property. Topics included roads and culverts, harvest planning and reforestation, business, and enhancement projects. Ted Reiss, forester at Seneca Jones, offered a second industry voice, while foresters from the Oregon Department of Forestry provided a regulatory perspective.

At the conclusion of the tour, participants gave reflections about the experience. Many expressed that they were surprised at how much they learned, and shared that they now have a new appreciation for how forests are managed. FTF is honored to work in partnership with MFWWC, as partnerships like this provide unique opportunities to engage new people in forestry education.
The ghost town has long been an emblem of westward expansion, a representation of how even the most well planned endeavors can fail in the face of time and nature. Lane County is home to a few ghost towns, formerly bustling communities that for a variety of reasons disappeared. Wendling, a settlement that sprang up around the timber industry in the early 20th century is an interesting example. Once a thriving company town, in the space of only 70 years there are almost no physical remains of the community aside from the concrete vault that stands beside a country road outside Marcola, Oregon.

Wendling began in the late 1880s as a small logging camp built to provide lumber for an independent sawmill located in the Mohawk valley. Booth-Kelly purchased the site around 1898, and began construction of a sawmill in conjunction with a railroad line that was built by Southern Pacific from Eugene. The town began its development in earnest in 1900. At its height in the 1920s, Wendling and its surrounding logging camp operations were home to more than 900 residents.

Along with the always expanding mill, the town included a church, primary school, dining hall, bunkhouse, private residences, barber shop, bowling alley, gymnasium, community center, and even pool halls. Those who lived there during its heyday remember the town fondly, and the many who worked in the surrounding woods truly enjoyed the work.

Lane County Historical Society & Museum presents ‘Lost Towns’ - photographs, oral history excerpts and historic artifacts to show what life was like in this now lost community. Many items are on display for the first time, including a number of postcards made in Wendling with messages that provide one-of-a-kind insights into life nearly 100 years ago.

The exhibit will be on view until September 2017. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission to the museum is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors over the age of 60, $1 for youth aged 15-17, and free for children under the age of 15. Please visit lchm.org to see the upcoming schedule of events, including events co-sponsored by Forests Today & Forever!