2019 Winter Newsletter

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Volunteer for Spring Forest Field Days
This Spring will be our biggest Forest Field Day season in several years! We have over 1,000 students scheduled to attend over 13 field days. This is an all-hands-on-deck effort to give local middle school students a memorable outdoor learning experience at a working tree farm. We appreciate the expertise offered by nearly 130 volunteers each year. Hope to see you this spring!

Eat and drink at Plank Town Brewing Company on April 10. Ten percent of sales from 5-8pm are donated to Forests Today & Forever!

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We concluded another great year of forestry education in 2018. We reached 2,251 people with our programs designed to educate about forest management and inspire an appreciation for all that forests provide. Forest Field Days alone reached over 1,700 middle school students, with nearly 280 teachers and chaperones learning alongside them. Included in these numbers are students from three schools who newly joined the program in 2018! Outside of Forest Field Days, our educational efforts reached an additional 344 individuals ranging from youth to adults, including university students and the general public.

With 2018 behind us, we look to 2019 and future possibilities. We are excited to try new things and grow our presence. One opportunity is providing programming for outdoor schools. With public funding (via Senate Bill 439) for public schools to participate in outdoor school, FTF is offering a menu of programs in forestry education that can be implemented at outdoor schools around the region. Our work in 2019 is to advertise the opportunity to schools highlighting the importance of forestry education to outdoor learning in Oregon, so that students may appreciate the variety of benefits that forests provide to our communities. Another exciting endeavor in 2019 is expanding into high school classrooms. With our organizational mission of promoting forest stewardship through education, we seek to help students understand how they can be a part of a workforce that helps sustain forests for ecological, social, and economic benefits. We have submitted a proposal for grant funding to pilot a program in high schools working with CTE teachers and any teacher who wants to expose students to the diverse career opportunities forests provide. Once funding is secured, we hope to reach 1200 students in the 2019-2020 school year, with plans for expansion into the future.

As always, we owe our success in 2018 to the many companies listed on the next page who provided financial support, and to the hundreds of volunteers who donated their time and expertise to teach people about forest stewardship. Thank you!

### Forests Today & Forever 2018 Program Data

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Creslane 5th grade students exploring management units at a forest learning program at Bauman Tree Farm.

**New Opportunities in Forestry Education**

A group of 115 5th graders from Creslane Elementary School visited Bauman Tree Farm for an educational program that introduced students to working forests. In classroom-sized groups, students rotated through four learning stations at the tree farm. Talk About Trees facilitator, Mary Loftin, helped students identify different tree species in Oregon’s forests. Students then got to see and touch wood products and learn about how the different parts of trees are used. A highlight was a hike uphill to observe management units and habitat diversity. The program was complete with a lesson about fire. Amanda Stamper, The Nature Conservancy fire specialist, helped students understand fire as a management tool. John Deegan and Kyle Tripp, both forest officers with the Oregon Department of Forestry, showcased their water tenders and taught students how to be responsible citizens to protect forests. This was our first 5th grade group, and we welcome more in the future! Special thanks to our volunteers and to the Oregon Forests Resources Institute who provided pre-teaching materials.
Thank You, Volunteers!

2018 Fall Forest Field Days

BLM: Tim Argo, Teresa Coble, Randall Moring, Jan Robbins, Jessica LeRoy, Joe Lynch, Weston Miller, Emily Timoshevskiy, Sarah Wernicke
Cafferata Family Forests: Steve Cafferata, Wylde Cafferata
General Trailer: Danny Bivens
Giustina Land & Timber: Cary Hart, Rebecca Windle
Giustina Resources: Bruce Gibeau, Austin Lason, Kevin Merritt, Jeanne Shuttleworth
International Paper: Rohnel Chancy, Kristin Headlee, Marge Huseman, Matt Jones, Steve Kinnaman, Jacob Martini, Bill McMahon
KPD Insurance: Jeryl Coleman, Brandy Lara
Nancy Geyer Consulting: Nancy Geyer
The Nature Conservancy: Amanda Stamper
ODF: Brian Peterson, Alex Rahmlow
OSU Extension: Lauren Grand, Emily McDonald-Williams
Talk About Trees: Mary Loftin
Roseburg Resources Co.: Jason Colter
Seneca Jones: Julie Edwards, Ashley Jones, Jesse Kennedy, Kevin Tuers, Bill Wynkoop
Starker Forests: Dick Powell
Timber Analytic: Tyler Claxton
NRCS: Taylor Cullum- Muyres, Jason Martin, Kevin Macquoid
USFS: Cameron Mitchell
Weyerhaeuser: Jill Bell, Bethany Miller, Denise Lindly, Josh McCafferty, Lyndcy Patrick, Brian Splindler, Eric Sucre, Jeff Yost, Bob Zentgraf
Other: Rita Adams, Michael Atkinson, Dan Baker, Daniel Lampe, Tom Bauman, Sue Bowers, Bob Johnson, Val Kirme, Stephanie Kinnaman, Mike McDowell, Jordan Ryder, Denis VanWinkle, Kimberly VanWinkle

We apologize for misspellings, or if we have left off a name. Please do contact us so we may correct!

Top: Students measuring trees at the Timber Station during fall Forest Field Days. Bottom: Students feeling soil types at the Soil Station.

878 students and 143 teachers and chaperones from four school districts explored the forest and learned about stewardship at Forest Field Days this fall. Thank you to the 77 volunteers who generously gave a combined 643 volunteer hours. Thank you to landowners, Tom Bauman and Lindsay Reaves, for donating their forestland. Thank you to Oregon Forest Resources Institute for providing the transportation funding that allows our program to remain free to schools. Finally, thank you to our sponsors and donors who provide the foundation of support that makes this program possible. Planning is underway for Spring, and we can’t wait!

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