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Stewardship Plan in Place for Summer Activities

Forests Forever has just completed a revision of its Stewardship Plan for managing the forest and natural resources of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest. The plan was developed by FFI Board Members John Poppino and Mike Bondi. Poppino chairs the Forest Management Committee at Hopkins.

“Our new plan has been a work in progress,” Poppino said. “We have been updating the forest inventory for the commercial stands on the property, assessing roads, and completing stream and wildlife inventories. Altogether, we have now developed our guide for managing the farm’s natural resources for the coming years.”

The original management plan for Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm was written in 1992. An updated timber inventory was added in 1997. The new Stewardship Plan—developed following the guidelines of the Oregon Department of Forestry—represents the first major complete revision of the document in the past 15 years.

Included in the new plan is a timber harvest schedule for the next 15 years. During this period of time, the plan calls for a harvest of about 40,000 board feet per year.

Poppino adds, “Our goal has been to get at least two thirds of the forest property into a regular flow of forest products using thinnings and clearcuts. We believe the sustainable flow of wood products from the Demonstration Forest should be about 50,000 board feet annually based on the productivity of the land. But it will be a



Our Teacher on Summer Assignment, Dave Gilbert created a map of the Riparian Management Area at Hopkins, including delineating riparian setbacks by marking trees with spots of paint to help visualize what we leave to protect water quality.

while until we reach that level. We still have quite a few acres that have not been entered or put on a management trajectory.”

The next harvest at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest may come later this summer. A second entry is scheduled for the Uneven Age Management Area on the east end of the project area. About 20,000 board feet of Douglas-fir will be removed through a selective thinning. Also, a first entry thinning will be conducted in an area along Down Creek Road between the riparian management area and the ponds. This project will include a small patch clearcut and a thinning of Douglas-fir. Another 30,000 board feet of wood will be removed in this

project. This year’s logging should be completed by fall. ▲



Mike Bondi met with Oregon Department of Forestry staff to review plans to create several management demonstrations along Little Buckner Creek that flows along the southern boundary of Hopkins Demonstration Forest.



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The Future of Forestry Grows at Hopkins

Continuing a ten-year tradition of *Learning by Doing* at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, the Sabin-Schellenberg Center Forestry Program completed another season in the woods. Thanks to the investments made by our Consortium Partners, FFI



Crew from Z-Tech Engineering assist Sabin-Schellenberg Forestry students with using surveying equipment to create a map of the Bough Orchard at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

staff is able to share directly in the instruction of students. Additionally, several resource professionals invested time and talent this past school year to share their expertise with the forestry students.

At an end-of-the-school year celebration, FFI staff Tim Lichen recounted student accomplishments: "In 36 days at Hopkins, Sabin students pruned trees, stacked and burned slash, planted trees and installed protective tubing, trapped boomers, sprayed weeds, surveyed our parking lot, laid out the Bough Orchard Demonstration, and pioneered a new trail. I want to thank you for your hard work which exceeded our expectations." You can see their fine work primarily on our 20-acre addition in the Red Alder and Bough Orchard demonstrations, and in the reforestation unit down slope from Hopkins Hall. For these students, Hopkins Demonstration Forest really is



A majority of the 1600 red alder seedlings planted this spring were slipped in the ground by SSC Forestry students in April. The bare root seedlings have leafed out to become slender shrubs this summer. A casual inspection of the alder demo in June revealed a >90% survival rate so far—good work SSC Forestry students!

where learning and growing go hand in hand! ▲

New Board Member from CCFFA

Dave Hill was welcomed to the FFI Board of Directors as its newest member at the June 16 meeting. As the newly elected vice president of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association, Dave will occupy the seat on the board specified in our By-Laws to be filled by the CCFFA president or other designated CCFFA member representing that local organization of family forestland owners.



Like Dave, several other current FFI board members are owners of small woodland properties and have the added distinction of being Master Woodland Managers, an Oregon State University Extension Service program.

With a home in Oregon City, Dave says, "I am already familiar with the Hopkins Demonstration Forest and live close enough to easily get better acquainted with activities and programs on the property." Dave's family

forest includes several parcels near Silverton. He retired in 2005 as an engineer and administrator for the City of Portland's road department.

The seat Dave is assuming was held for several years by Gilbert Shibley, a family forestland owner in Clackamas County who also serves as a Master Woodland Manager. Gilbert wants to move to the Education Committee so his position on the Executive Committee needs to be filled. Gilbert also expects to continue volunteering on Community Work Days and help in other ways. Ken Everett, FFI president, acknowledging the changes on the FFI Board, noted that, "Gilbert's involvement with Forests Forever has been substantial, and on behalf of the board I want to express our greatest appreciation for his years of active service. At the same time, we welcome Dave Hill as our newest board member and look forward to his fresh insights and energy." ▲



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Education position
(open—could this be you?)

Science in the Forest is a Partnership

One of the best things to happen at Hopkins Demonstration Forest is when resource professionals, Portland State University students, Wolftree, and FFI staff join a classroom of young learners for a day of exploration and inquiry. Groups of 3-5 students donning vests packed full of field guides, test kits and forestry measurement tools, take the lead with tactful guidance from their adult partners in science. *Science in the Forest* (SITF) allows students to ask questions and seek their own answers in the forest.

For the past three years FFI's partnership with Wolftree, Inc. has flourished. Underwritten with significant funding from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, several schools participated in SITF this spring. Three high school classes focused their field studies on the activities and habitat preferences of pileated woodpeckers that use our woodland. These students made two visits each to Hopkins—the first for reconnaissance and hypothesis formulation; with their second visit focusing on data collection. Several weeks after their field studies, classroom presentations allowed students to share their find-



The past is revealed by coring into a tree: An Oregon City High School student uses an increment borer to look at recent growth rate of this western redcedar.

ings and recommendations for managing habitat for these character birds with their adult mentors.

Unanimously, what students, teachers, and the supporting cast of adults say, echoes the words of Wolftree's SITF Coordinator Sara Calles, "This program provides a powerful learning opportunity for students who rise to the occasion and deliver." We can always use more support in the field and training is provided. If you can spare a couple days to assist young scientists discover their own meaning in the forest, please consider joining our mentor team this fall. ▲

Events Welcome the Community

On May 13, for the first time in three years, it did not rain on our *Take Mom for a Walk in the Woods* event, so the forest was filled with families enjoying the flowers and birds of spring. Over 130 people signed our guest register; nearly three fourths were visiting for the first time—and many were our "neighbors" in the Beaver Creek area. More than 9 out of 10 guests who filled out a comment card checked the "YES" box asking "Would you like to return?"

Five FFI Board Members and several friends shared the various hosting duties. Several comments were received regarding the "friendly and knowledgeable volunteers" who seemed to inspire a dozen of the guests with an interest in volunteering at Hopkins. The great success of this year's "Mom's Walk" means there will be a 4th annual event on May 12, 2007—make a note in your calendar to attend or volunteer to help host this special community event next year.

The second celebration this spring, *Festival in the Forest*, drew over 75 participants from the community. With an educational approach, eight volunteers informed and entertained forest visitors with activities and displays on Native American and early settler uses of the forest at specified learning stations. This ethno-botanical twist for the self-guided audience added a unique quality to their experience. ▲

Connecting with the Local Business Community

A significant effort by FFI staff to connect with the community includes participation in two chambers of commerce—Oregon City and North Clackamas County. Our chamber memberships work for FFI; we do business with several chamber members and several of them have become participants and supporters of activities at Hopkins. Tim Lichen is a regular fixture at many chamber events. Recently, seven FFI Board Members joined Tim and another 150 North Clackamas Chamber members for their annual membership meeting at the Outback Steakhouse. Besides the free lunch, Board Members were able to network with other business and civic leaders in the community.

Our recent community events were successful, in part because marketing materials were produced and displayed or distributed through small Chamber member businesses. On July 13, FFI hosted a *Business after Hours* event at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, attended by dozens of civic leaders and business representatives from the local community. We hope to build upon these relationships in the coming years. ▲



Enjoying a BBQ meal prepared by Ken Everett, FFI staff and board members hosted civic and business leaders for the second annual *Business after Hours* event at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

COMING EVENTS...

Workday August 12, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We need a general “handyman” to complete regular maintenance on our facilities, trails and roads. Our to-do list includes cleaning and water sealing cedar shake roofs and building siding, staining exhibit kiosks, and organizing our shop. Reserve your place at the lunch table, featuring a picnic in the forest.

Woodland Tour August 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Join a 90-minute “roll and stroll” in our bus and on your feet, to compare different management approaches, featuring recent management activities in our forest. Additional tour dates are September 9 and October 14. Call ahead to reserve your seat on the bus!

Backyard Bash August 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Beavercreek Cooperative Telephone Company, 15223 S Henrici Road, Oregon City. This annual event is a fundraiser for local non-profit organizations such as Forests Forever. Food, beverages, exhibits, entertainment and raffle prizes bring the community together in support of some really good causes, at this fun family festival.

Workday September 9, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Before school groups descend on Hopkins for the fall season, we need to prepare our woods and clean our facilities. Both indoor and outdoor chores are available; weed control plus deep cleaning and straightening the shop and classroom. Volunteers can enjoy one last BBQ before the end of summer.

Workday October 14, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Fall chores in our woodland as the weather allows. Lunch provided as usual.

For information about any of these events, contact Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm at 503-632-2150

Newest Education Consortium Partners

Our Education Consortium—Partners in Forestry Education give generously on an ongoing basis to support youth and community programs at Hopkins demonstration Forest. Since April 1, 2006 FFI is grateful to have received the following financial support: Starker Forests, Inc. \$1,000; RSG Forest Products \$5,000; Oregon Forest Resources Institute \$20,000; Freres Lumber Company \$2,500, and Frank Lumber Company \$2,000. Visit our website www.demonstrationforest.org and follow the link to our donor page for more information on Consortium Partners in Forestry Education. ▲



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