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NEWS

Title III Grant Awarded to Forests Forever

A Title III grant has been awarded to Forests Forever, Inc. by the Clackamas County Commissioners. The grant represents the first major award in the organization's history. The grant award total is \$82,170.

The Title III program, now in its second year, is a federal appropriation from Congress to counties having federal forest areas such as U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands. Since these counties formerly received larger timber harvest receipt dollars than they currently do, the Title III program provides monies earmarked for forestry education and a variety of other designated activities.

The Title III grant was written by Board Members Terry Wertz, Mike Bondi, Ken Everett and John Poppino. Even though the grant must be used for program delivery during the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003), the funds finally became available to



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FFI the last week of January.

"We are all really excited about this fantastic opportunity," said FFI Board President Ken Everett. "We have been hoping for a breakthrough in funding support like this. We can hardly wait to get started!" ▲

Program Delivery on Fast-Track

The grant will fund four program activities at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm. First, the Volunteer Work Day program—offered every other month for the past 12 years—will now be expanded to every month beginning in March. And, the target audience for the Work Days will broaden to include more community members, service groups and the public.

According to Everett, "Our goal with the Work Days is to get more people in the community involved in the process of managing a



Basal spraying on a Work Day.

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forest. We think this is the best way to learn. I hope we can have a nice mix of woodland owners and the public to rub shoulders, work together and learn from each other."

Second, a variety of public education tours, programs and activities will be scheduled this coming summer. Again, the

goal will be to reach out to a wider array of audience groups. These activities will include programs like the weekend summer tours



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Students Pitch In with Pruning



Chemeketa Community College's Silviculture Class visits Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm each year to learn all about forest pruning. We get them involved "hands-on"—including a little pitch!

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offered on Saturdays and events targeting special interest groups like wildflower and birding clubs and orienteering organizations. Plans call for these events to begin in April.

Third, several larger public education events will be planned, too, designed to provide an opportunity to come visit the tree farm to learn about forestry while hiking and recreating. Volksmarch groups, hiking clubs and the public will be invited to participate.

Finally, facility upgrades will include improved interpretive sign-

ing—including four new information kiosks. The first kiosk is already under construction (see, *OSSC Projects Taking Shape*, page 3).

And, a "people mover" vehicle will be acquired to help transport groups visiting the farm. "For some time we've needed some way to move visitors around the tree farm more efficiently," Everett said. "The Title III grant will help us reach this goal, too. With all of the tours and programs coming this year, the people mover will really become even more important." ▲

Lichen Returns to Tree Farm

Tim Lichen has been hired, part-time, to help launch the new educational programs to be delivered through FFI's Title III grant.



Lichen, a Beaver Creek resident, formerly worked for Oregon State University in Clackamas County leading the Project Learning Tree youth and teacher education program from 1993-1996.

Since leaving OSU, Lichen has been employed by the City of Portland in the Water Services Department focusing on water resource education. Currently, he is an Environmental Education Information Specialist with the Washington State University Extension Service in Vancouver.

Lichen continues to work for WSU while working part time on nights and weekends for FFI. His first task will be to get the Volunteer Work Days up and going on a monthly basis.

"We'll get started on Saturday, March 8 and try to maintain a 'second Saturday of the month' sched-

ule", Lichen said. "We'll use the same format for the Work Days that have been held for years, doing a variety of projects and providing lunch for all of our volunteers."

"I really look forward to continuing to work with all of our regular volunteers as we expand this program. I'm excited to reach out to more community groups, too.

Lichen has been educating youth and adults about forestry for nearly 15 years. He is well-known as an excellent teacher who combines a practical understanding of natural resources with environmental balance. ▲

How You Can Get Involved...

Contact Tim Lichen for more information about the Volunteer Work Day program or any of the other activities planned. Tim will have an office at MAP, Inc. in Oregon City. The phone is 503-655-5524.

Since 1990, Forests Forever, Inc., an all-volunteer organization, has owned & operated Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm in Beaver Creek, OR

—Where Learning and Growing Go Hand in Hand—

Owen Sabin Skill Center Projects Take Shape

The high school vocational forestry students from the Owen Sabin Skill Center are at it again this year. The group includes 25 sophomores, juniors and seniors—the largest class since the program began at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm in 1994. The students work at the farm every other day of the school year through May.

Five main projects are now underway, each including a team of two to five students. Included are a logging and rehabilitation project, completing the amphitheater, constructing stair step risers at the puncheon, building an information kiosk at the uneven age management area and a reforestation project. ▲



Logging and rehabilitation project at Post Annex.



Amphitheater construction.



Stair risers at puncheon.



Kiosk under construction at uneven aged management area.



Uneven aged management reforestation site.

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Tree School: Next Big Event for FFI

Tree School is Oregon's largest educational event for family forest owners. Each year, FFI helps sponsor this major program. Our role is to coordinate the Exhibit Area and to host several of the field forestry classes offered during the day at the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm.



Nearly 100 family forest owners are expected to participate in classes held at the Tree Farm during Tree School 2003 on Saturday, April 5. This year's sessions coming to the farm include: *Hosting Woodland Tours*, *GPS for Dummies—not really!*, *Understanding Oregon's Stream Rules*, and *Introduction to Uneven Age Forestry*.

Each class is ideally suited to be hosted by FFI at Hopkins according to Mike Bondi, Oregon State University Extension Forestry Agent and Tree School organizer. "It's great to have an outdoor teaching facility—and a first-rate classroom—so close to town and our event location at the Clackamas Community College in Oregon City." This year, two of the classes will rely on the classroom in Hopkins Hall as an integral part of their teaching experience, too.

Last year at Tree School, Forests Forever sponsored the first fundraising raffle to help support educational programs at Hopkins. FFI President Ken Everett gathered several donation items that were raffled off in the Exhibit Area. The effort raised nearly \$1,000 for Forests Forever.

"We plan to return with our 2nd Annual Forests Forever Raffle," said Everett. "It's a great way to focus attention on FFI and what we do. When you have 600 people or more at an event like Tree School, it seems like a perfect chance to give folks a chance to get involved." ▲

COMING EVENTS...

Forest Pruning Clinic (forestry students from Chemeketa Community College)

Thurs., February 6 (9:30-11:30am)

The Forests Forever Story (State Foresters from several states) Thurs., February 20 (1:00-3:30pm)

Volunteer Work Day (everyone invited) Sat., March 8 (8:30am-3:30pm)

Tree School (family forest owners) Sat., April 5 (8:15am-5:15pm)

FFI Board Meeting (directors) Thurs, April 10 (8:30am-Noon)

Resource Management Planning Shortcourse (family forest owners) Wed., April 16 (7:00-9:15pm)

Resource Management Planning Shortcourse (family forest owners) Saturday, April 19 (8:30am-4:00pm)

Binnsmead Middle School Forest Field Days (students, teachers, adults) Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 (9:30am-3:00pm)

Owen Sabin Skills Center (vocational forestry students) Every other day of the week (mornings)

For information about any of these events, contact FFI at 503-655-5524



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