



## Final Agenda

# Ecological, Economic, and Social Objectives for Managing Stands “over 80”

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**Purpose:** Forest management programs for the USFS and BLM on the Westside of the Cascades are currently dominated by thinning in previously-managed stands, generally less than 80 years of age. Once stands have reached CMAI, are older than ~ 80 years, or have met a particular diameter limitation, their management can become socially and/or politically charged. Projections indicate this emphasis is not sustainable, may not be meeting stand and/or landscape objectives, and it may be foreclosing restoration opportunities.

This workshop will explore the current science related to the ecological, economic, and social context of this issue, with the aim to improve the quality of our discussions during project planning. The workshop should aid in the construction of logic paths around active and/or passive management strategies.

*Later viewing: A Youtube video and all the PowerPoints will be posted at the Ecoshare website within a month of the event (<http://ecoshare.info/>).*

**Sponsors:** *Central Cascades Adaptive Management Partnership and the NW Oregon Ecology Group.*



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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
0900 - 0910	Welcome! Overview of the day.	<i>Cheryl Friesen, Science Liaison, Willamette National Forest</i>
0910 - 0930	Some definitions to carry us through the day: What do we mean by "over-80," "late successional," and "old growth?" Not all ">80" are the same!	<i>Ray Davis, Old Growth and Spotted Owl Monitoring Lead, USFS and BLM</i>
0930 - 1030	Historical and current dynamics in west-side forests: where did they come from and where are they going?	<i>Jane Kertis, Ecologist, NW Oregon Ecology Group and Matthew Reilly, Research Assistant, OSU</i>
1030 - 1045	Break	
1045 - 1115	What the Northwest Forest Plan says about 80+ year old trees: a practitioner's perspective.	<i>Nancy Lankford, Natural Resources Staff, Mt. Hood NF</i>
1115 - 1145	Implementation of the NWFP: What forests are being actively managed, and what are being "deferred?" What are the consequences?	<i>Tim Lahey, Forest Products Program Manager, Willamette National Forest and Kristen Sexton, Umpqua National Forest, Natural Resource Staff Officer</i>
1145 - 1245	Lunch	

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1245 - 1315	What makes forest management a "social" issue? How do we assess what the public wants?	<i>Stanley Asah, Assistant Professor, Univ. of WA with Dale Blahna, Research Social Scientist, USFS, Pacific Northwest Research Station</i>
1315 - 1345	Stand-level silviculture to meet stand and landscape-level objectives in >80 year old stands.	<i>Matt Powers, Assistant Professor, Forest Ecosystems and Society, OSU; and Stephanie Wessel, Resource Area Silviculturist, Salem BLM</i>
1345 - 1415	What does it mean when >80 equals spotted owl habitat? Recovery Plan and Critical Habitat Unit Designation: stand and landscape considerations.	<i>Betsy Glenn, USFWS, State Office</i>
1415 - 1430	Break	
1430 - 1500	Western Oregon BLM -- Stand and landscape objectives for late successional and old growth forests: RMP alternatives.	<i>Abe Wheeler and Craig Kintop, Foresters with the Roseburg BLM</i>
1500 - 1520	The importance of forest planning: an opportunity for blending social, ecological and economic tradeoffs.	<i>Lis Grinspoon, USFS Regional Social Scientist</i>
1520 - 1545	What's left? An example of landscape considerations on a wet, west-side watershed.	<i>Cheryl Friesen, Science Liaison, Willamette National Forest</i>
1545 - 1610	What's left? An example of landscape considerations on a dry, west-side watershed.	<i>Josh Chapman, R6 Wildlife Program Manager</i>
1610 - 1630	Argument analysis: a way of looking at all sides and the path that led there.	<i>Michael Nelson, Ethicist, Forest Ecosystems and Society, OSU</i>

