

Trees to Tap: Forest Management and Drinking Water in Oregon

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Speakers

Jeff Behan, Senior Policy Research Analyst, Institute of Natural Resources. Jeff has over 20 years of experience working with state and federal agencies, universities and native tribes to acquire, synthesize and deliver natural resource science knowledge. Jeff's professional interests include science-based natural resource and water policy, science synthesis and knowledge transfer, sustainability, public land management, river management and outdoor recreation policy and management.

Jennifer Beath, Forester & Outreach Manager, Starker Forests, Inc. As a fifth generation business, Starker Forests holds over 87,000 acres of forestland in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Polk counties. Their lands are carefully managed by a team of highly trained foresters to provide high-quality timber products and ecosystem services for the benefit of human and ecological communities.

Marko Bey, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Lomakatsi Restoration Project. Marko oversees all aspects of the organization's efforts, with a central focus on program and organizational development, project procurement, planning and operations. He also serves as one of the core members of Lomakatsi's Technical Team, working closely with the organization's staff of ecosystem resource professionals on the overall design of ecological forestry projects, silvicultural prescriptions, habitat restoration and watershed enhancement projects.

Kevin Bladon, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Forest Hydrology in FERM. Kevin is interested in natural (wildfire, pests, pathogens) and human (conventional and salvage harvesting) disturbance effects on water quantity, water quality, and aquatic ecology. He has previously been involved with transdisciplinary teams, researching the implications of forest disturbance on drinking water treatability. This research examined source water supply and protections strategies to enable both forest and community resiliency to respond to disturbances. He has a Ph.D. in Forest Hydrology from the University of Alberta.

Chris Chambers, Forest Division Chief, City of Ashland/Ashland Fire & Rescue. The City of Ashland manages nearly 1,000 acres of forestlands in the Wildland-Urban Interface for public safety, recreation, habitat and watershed protection.

Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry, Oregon Forest Resources Institute. Mike is responsible for developing and implementing OFRI's forestry education programs for landowners and the general public. Prior to joining OFRI in 2003, Mike was the director of outreach education at the Oregon State University College of Forestry and the assistant leader of the Forestry Extension Program and Professor of Forest Resources. Mike also spent 11 years as an extension forester for OSU in Douglas and Lane counties. He holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from Iowa State University and a master's degree in forest science from OSU.

Emily Jane Davis, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in the Forest Ecosystems and Society (FES) Department, and Specialist in the Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program. Emily Jane's research and technical assistance focuses on natural resource social science, environmental governance, collaboration and partnerships, community development, wildfire response, and science delivery. She has a Ph.D. and M.A. in Human Geography from the University of British Columbia, and a B.A. in History from McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Michelle Day, M.S., Courtesy Faculty at Oregon State University College of Forestry and Biological Scientist with the U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. Michelle co-wrote the section on Fire Risk in the *Trees to Tap Science Review (2020)* and provided fire risk maps for each of the 156 community water supply watersheds in an accompanying Atlas.

Melaney Dunne, Executive Director, Coquille Watershed Association. Before joining the Coquille Watershed Association, Melaney worked on a variety of watershed restoration projects ranging from lakes in Minnesota to streams in Washington. The Coquille Watershed Association is a 501(c)(3), community driven organization with the mission to work collaboratively with landowners to develop and implement voluntary watershed restoration, enhancement, and engagement activities that promote healthy and resilient ecosystems and economies in the Coquille watershed.

Whitney Henneman, Forester, C&D Lumber. Whitney is a third generation forester. She works for Silver Butte Timber Company based in Riddle, Oregon (Silver Butte is the timber company associated with C&D Lumber). Whitney manages reforestation to harvest, and everything in between on 45,000 acres of timberland in Coos, Douglas and Jackson counties.

Donna Mickley, Siskiyou Mountains District Ranger, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Donna began her Forest Service career on the Gold Beach district in 1989. Prior to her work with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, she was the special projects coordinator for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, working on issues along the Rocky Mountain Front Range in Colorado.

Karl Morgenstern, Drinking Water Source Protection Coordinator, Eugene Water & Electric Board. Karl has spent the last eleven years at EWEB developing and implementing a drinking water source protection program to safeguard Eugene's sole source of drinking water – the McKenzie River. Prior to EWEB, Karl spent 10 years at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and seven years as an environmental consultant managing high priority cleanups at abandoned hazardous waste sites and responding to hazardous material spills.

Paul Newman, Commissioner, Oceanside Water District. The Oceanside Water District serves the approximately 800 rate-payers of water service in the Oceanside and Cape Meares communities.

Chris Ringo, M.S., Senior Faculty Research Assistant in the Department of Crop and Soil Science, Oregon State University. Chris co-wrote the section on Fire Risk in the *Trees to Tap Science Review (2020)* and provided fire risk maps for each of the 156 community water supply watersheds in an accompanying Atlas.

Stephanie Reid, City Engineer, City of Lincoln City.

Josh Seeds, Nonpoint Source Analyst in the Drinking Water Protection program at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Josh's work focuses on nonpoint source pollution risks, natural

processes, land management, and drinking water provision. He has a B.S in Biochemistry, and an M.S in Environmental Science, from Washington State University.

Jon A. Souder, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in the Forest Engineering, Resources, and Management (FERM) Department; and, Forest Watershed Specialist in the Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program, and the concluding director of the Watersheds Research Cooperative (WRC). From 2000 until joining OSU, he was Executive Director of the Coos Watershed Association in Charleston, OR, managing their water quality assessment, restoration, and monitoring programs. He has a Ph.D. and M.S. in Wildland Resources Science from the University of California, Berkeley and a B.S. in biology (limnology) from Marlboro College, VT.

Jay Walters, Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry. Jay has been a forester and stewardship forester for ODF since 2013. Prior to working with ODF, he was a forester and project manager for Barnes & Associates, Inc., and a GIS Coordinator for the Cow Creek Umqua Indians. Jay has a B.S. in Forest Resources from the University of Washington.

Jon Wehage, Forester, Stimson Lumber. Jon has 34 years of experience in forestry, and manages timberland in a community watershed. Stimson Lumber Company owns and manages over 500,000 acres of forest land in the western United States.