

Master Woodland Manager

Skillbuilding Service Stewardship

Master Woodland Managers: *A passion for stewardship*

Master Woodland Manager volunteers represent the wide array of landowner groups and forests throughout Oregon. Whether they own 10 acres or a thousand, they share a passion for stewardship of their forests and for helping others to better manage their forestland.

Who are MWMs?

MWM volunteers are owner-managers of forestland who want to expand their knowledge and forest management skills and want to contribute to the greater forestry community. MWM participants take 80 hours of hands-on field and classroom sessions in technical topics such as silviculture, applied ecology, reforestation, business management, wildlife and fish habitat, and watershed sciences. Integrated in all these sessions are volunteer, teaching, and leadership skillbuilding opportunities.

How do MWMs help other forestland owners?

MWM volunteers provide technical assistance, referrals, and learning opportunities.



One of the families that contacted me lives on the way to work. We planted western larch and Douglas-fir near the road, so I am able to watch the trees progress every week. I talk to people with a lot more confidence, and that makes me feel good.

Larry Rankin, Linn County,
MWM volunteer since 1987

Technical assistance

- Evaluate opportunities to plant trees, thin, improve wildlife habitat, and take other management steps
- Demonstrate tree measurement, planting, and other basics
- Identify important steps in protecting forestland from fire, insects, disease, and other hazards

Referrals

- Sources of tree seedlings, forest equipment, and other supplies
- Professional service providers such as consulting foresters, state wildlife biologists, and loggers
- Financial help such as cost-share programs, reforestation tax credits, and loans

Learning opportunities

- Upcoming woodland tours, meetings, workshops, and other events sponsored by groups such as the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and OSU Extension Service



Want to know more?

- Contact the OSU Extension forester who serves your county <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/locations.php>
- Contact an MWM volunteer in your area
- Visit the OSU Extension MWM website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm/>

The MWM program has opened many opportunities for me. I believe the greatest success story I have to tell is my own.

Lyle Defrees, Baker County,
MWM volunteer since 1990

