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Forest Stewardship Principles for Benton County Landowners, Western Oregon Landowners, and Eastern Oregon Landowners: A Planning Guide for Family Forests

<p>Place-Based Example</p>	<p>Three supplements to the National Association of State Foresters’ 2005 “<i>A Stewardship Handbook for Family Forest Ownerships: A Handbook for Planning, Managing, and Protecting Your Woods, Your Investment, and Your Environment</i>” provide locally relevant information to help Oregon families create a forest stewardship plan that is based on the Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators (MPCI) framework.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Description: Oregon State University (OSU) participated in a Sustainable Forests Partnership project to create locally relevant supplements to the National Association of State Foresters Stewardship Handbook to improve the utility of the handbook for family forest landowners in Oregon. The primary goals were to use common, everyday language to introduce the seven MPCI-based stewardship principles from the handbook, to provide local context that influences management decisions, and to provide links to sources of local information and expertise for each of the seven principles. One handbook is written at the county level, and the other two are for the distinctly different Western and Eastern regions of Oregon. Researchers attended numerous meetings with Oregon Small Woodland Association, Marys River Watershed Council, and OSU Forestry Extension, and participated in several workshops to listen to landowners’ concerns. We also consulted with Benton County Commissioners, OSU College of Forestry, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Oregon Department of Fisheries and Wildlife personnel in the preparation of these handbook supplements.</p> <p>Context: Oregon is comprised of eight different ecoregions, each with a variety of habitat types, limiting factors and key stewardship concerns. We described social, economic and environmental factors in each region and suggested a range of actions that landowners may consider in creating a stewardship plan for their forests that can contribute to larger-scale economic, environmental and social sustainability.</p> <p>Value Added: By providing local information that links landowners to broader landscape-scale natural resource management concerns, the handbooks can provide landowners with a tool to take local action that has broader landscape-level sustainability impacts.</p>
<p>Key Resources and Web Links</p>	<p>All three handbooks are available on the OSU Forestry Extension website at http://www.cof.orst.edu/cof/extended/extserv/pubs.php; and on Sustainable Forests Partnership website at http://sfp.cas.psu.edu/CI.html</p>
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