

## 2009 Pacific Northwest Teacher Forestry Tour Comments

*Please know how much you made a difference. I hope you keep doing this forever – it will ripple out and keep reaching teachers and students. I have such a wider and also more in-depth view and understanding of forestry. I cannot say it enough that coming here changed and enriched my understanding!!* **Marianne Bickett, Campbell, CA. Sponsored by Economy Lumber & Federated Insurance (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*The people involved in the field are committed and passionate about sustainability. Fire and clear cutting are a natural and necessary part of the forest life cycle. I was pleased that the use percent of a tree is close to 100% I loved the machinery and reminder of American ingenuity when it comes to technology. I will approach the teaching of resources from a different perspective. The forest Industry has become extremely cognizant of their role as stewards for the next generation. Forest industry and private industry have banded together to certify 'best practices' in the health of forests and its practices. Wood is good! Dick Powell was a phenomenal asset. Definitely the BEST educational opportunity I have participated in. Thank you!* **Katie Barrett, Denver, CO. Sponsored by ProBuild (MSLBMDA).**

*I grew up as a member of a family with both loggers and environmentalists. I always felt a disconnect between those two parts. This tour opened my eyes to the fact that a person can be both. The timber industry and environmentalism can coexist, and do.* **Adrienne Madsen, Portland, OR. Sponsored by Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.**

*I enjoyed meeting with educators from other parts of the country and discussing the diverse challenges that we all face in teaching environmental education and stewardship. The tours showed the complexity of forest use issues and were very enjoyable. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this course! I would highly recommend this tour to other educators.* **Mark Mann, Rib Lake, WI. Sponsored by International Paper Foundation.**

*I fully enjoyed the entire program. Actually seeing the "life cycle" of wood from sprout to product was amazing. Also seeing how logging can be a beneficial thing to the environment was a wonderful "A HA" moment. I now have a new way of thinking I understand that forestry can be a type of farming and that it promotes new and changing ecological environments.* **Audra Peterson, Commerce City, CO. Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser (MSLBMDA).**

*I valued the opportunity to observe, discuss and learn about forest management practices. I have an interest in forest certification and the information and my observations during this program have truly been educational for me. I will bring [this new knowledge] into my discussions and deliberations with environmental activists and concerned environmentalists.* **Keith Martin, structural engineer from Torrance, CA. Sponsored by WoodWorks – California, For Non-Residential Construction.**

*I [have] designed with wood for 12 years, but have never been in a lumber mill or on a forestry tour! Great to see the big picture. Thank you.* **Dmitry Ozeryansky, structural engineer from Berkeley, CA. Sponsored by WoodWorks – California, For Non-Residential Construction.**

*[I enjoyed] being treated like a professional and being treated to a week in the woods. We work very hard and everything about this workshop gave me the feeling there are people out there who are really pulling for us. Teaching is a moral and political act. We need support to keep this up. Thank you.* **Linda Preminger, San Leandro, CA. Sponsored by Southern California Hoo-Hoo Club #117.**

*I enjoyed learning more about all of the different industries that are connected by forestry. It was interesting and informative learning about the ways that forests are being managed sustainably. In my personal life, I will strive to make more conscious choices...in my professional life, I will use the information that I gained on this tour with my students, especially the PLT.* **Ashley Fields, Puyallup, WA. Sponsored by Tacoma-Olympia Hoo-Hoo Club #89.**

*My perception of seeing a clear cut area is changed forever! I used to look at it as a hole, an ugly hole, in the forest. I never thought of the reasons why we clear cut and the processes that happen after that. Huge revelation for me! I have so much learning to do!* **Suzanne Coons, Littleton/Denver, CO. Sponsored by Denver Lumber Company (MSLBMDA).**

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*The tours were excellent, well planned and organized. I enjoyed seeing all sectors of the forestry industry and having the time to ask questions and connect with industry. I will continue training my FFA Forestry team with this new knowledge and will also implement more sustainability lessons into my new environmental science class. I highly recommend this program to others.* **Rhonda Juergens, Blaine, WA. Sponsored by Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association.**

*I already had a positive opinion of foresters and the forest products industry, however, my knowledge of the role they play has been significantly enhanced. I found the foresters that we met on the tour to be very open to feedback and concerns. I acquired a lot of new resources that I will share with my team and encourage them to use moving forward.* **Bryan Schuyler, Regional Director, WoodWorks – California, For Non-Residential Construction, Danville, CA. Sponsored by Woodworks.**

*I live in a wood house, but yet, I'm a tree hugger. This tour helps me find balance in my thinking and teaching. I teach in a lumber mill town. I will use this info to communicate issues and understanding to students and their families. I will simply share info the way it was shared with me and let them make their own conclusions!* **Elaine Fillmore, Lebanon, OR. Sponsored by Oregon Forest Resources Institute.**

*I really didn't understand the process of growing timber or the business behind it. In fact I didn't know anything prior to this trip so I'm leaving with a plethora of new knowledge. I plan on incorporating greener practices into my classroom. I want to make my students more environmentally aware.* **Jessica Petree, Lakewood, WA. Sponsored by Tacoma-Olympia Hoo-Hoo Club #89.**

*I have learned so much from this conference, from the names of the different species of trees, to how the forest industry directly impacts us daily. There are so many areas we can connect to with our students. I can use many of the ideas presented immediately in my classroom.* **Kelly Bashor, Dana Point, CA. Sponsored by Ganahl Lumber Company (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*I appreciate the opportunity to be a life-long learner. This was a truly VIP tour for educators.* **Lynn Mills, Hililani, HI. Sponsored by Honolulu Hoo-Hoo Club #142.**

*I would love to get my kids to really analyze all the complexities of sustainable land use and what uses our forests serve. Our forests are a natural resource.* **Stacie Phillips, Keizer, OR. Sponsored by Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.**

*I appreciated that this program can enlighten people about misconceptions about our forests and the forestry industry. I will be able to better inform my students as consumers and future policy makers.* **Eric Hossler, Battle Ground, WA. Sponsored by Clark Country Farm Forestry Association.**

*I would like kids to know more about careers in science that can find solutions for our future. I look forward to including more PLT activities! Kids at a younger age now, need to be critical thinkers and learn to research both sides of issues. This was a very nurturing and rewarding experience.* **Kathryn Rhodes, Portland, OR. Sponsored by Oregon Forest Resources Institute.**

*I now feel that when teaching the life cycle of a tree that it is very important to also teach the life cycle of a forest and the impact the management of a forest has on us as consumers.* **Peggy Horne, Vancouver, WA. Sponsored by Clark Country Farm Forestry Association.**

*I enjoyed meeting a variety of teachers from different areas of the country. Different perspectives and experiences were both interesting and informative. The teacher activity book has many practical and useful projects and lesson plans.* **Tapatha Cooksey, Anaheim, CA. Sponsored by Ganahl Lumber Company (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*I learned a great deal of new information that I hadn't been exposed to before. I will incorporate the material into my science, math, and social studies lessons.* **Andy Biller, Westminster, CO. Sponsored by Boise Cascade (MSLBMDA).**

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*I enjoyed learning about the dynamics of the forest and its incredible impact on our lives/environment that I did not realize before. I've always taught my students about how everything in nature is connected and affects each other. This tour really magnified/clarified my knowledge of this concept. The program is full of great information.* **Stephanie Petris, Brea, CA. Sponsored by Ganahl Lumber Company (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*[I will] let my students know how sustainability is achieved, the many different types of jobs and the education required for them, [and] the many products that come from wood products.* **Mark Kusel, Napa, CA. Sponsored by Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club #181 (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*I loved to see how environmentally sustainable forestry practices are. I plan on preparing lesson plans to go along with the current environmental science curriculum.* **Gianluca Corsi, Fort Worth, TX. Sponsored by Conner Industries.**

*[I enjoyed] seeing sustainability through the eyes of educators [and] their enthusiasm.* **Doug Litchfield, structural engineer from Sun Valley, CA. Sponsored by WoodWorks – California, For Non-Residential Construction.**

*I enjoyed the tours – all of them. I teach forestry in our school. I will use a lot of the new knowledge and DVDs in my curriculum. I want more of our teachers to attend from our area.* **Jonathan Esvelt, Colville, WA. Sponsored by North East Washington Hoo-Hoo Club #238.**

*This information will be integrated into my teaching through science and math. We have a class that helps students decide on classes for a career path. This information could help students better understand choices that could be a good fit. The statistics and math possibilities for lessons are huge.* **Sherri Wilson, Battle Ground, WA. Sponsored by Clark Country Farm Forestry Association.**

*I've been given more ideas to use and present to my students. Thanks for all of your effort in setting this all up and taking care of us in the process.* **Ken Johnson, Bellingham, WA. Sponsored by Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association.**

*[I will] encourage non-biased, inquiry based discussion of social and environmental issues based on data collection and analysis of all available information.* **Terry Nylen, Ferndale, WA. Sponsored by Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association.**

*[I enjoyed] direct first-hand exposure to multiple aspects of forest industry and the opportunity to talk with experts in the field.* **Brian Belet, Campbell, CA. Sponsored by Owen-Dunn Insurance Services (through the Lumber Association of California & Nevada).**

*I can now explain to my students how timber is really a crop and that the decisions about management and harvesting are driven by market conditions and concern for the environment.* **Gary Albers, Battle Ground, WA. Sponsored by Clark Country Farm Forestry Association.**





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Date Time	<b>Tuesday</b> July 14	<b>Wednesday</b> July 15	<b>Thursday</b> July 16	<b>Friday</b> July 17
<b>Breakfast</b>	Portland International Airport (PDX)	Breakfast at hotel 6 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel 6 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel 6:30 a.m.
<b>A.M.</b>	Registration from 3:00 p.m. in hotel lobby  Hotel: Salbasgeon Suites 1730 NW 9th Street Corvallis, OR 97330 541.753.4320	7:00 am Bus Departs  <b>GP Mill Tour</b>  <b>Philomath School Distr.</b>  <b>Harvesting Operation</b>	7:00 am Bus Departs  <b>Holiday Tree Farms</b>  <b>Hull-Oakes Lumber</b>  <b>Finley Wildlife Refuge</b>	7:30 am Wrap Up Begins  <b>Wrap Up</b> Evaluations Adjourn 10 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>		<b>Starker Forests</b>	<b>Finley Wildlife Refuge</b>	
<b>P.M.</b>	Orientation @ 5:00 Key Note Speaker <b>Hal Salwasser, Ph.D.</b> <b>Dean, College of Forestry</b> <b>OSU</b>	<b>Starker Forests</b> Education Trail  <b>Bezell Forest Ed Center</b> OFRI – PLT Program	<b>International Paper Mill</b> Paper Mill  <b>McDonald Dunn</b> Research Forest	
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner at Hotel</b>	<b>BBQ at Bezell</b>	<b>Adair Clubhouse</b>	

**Designated Airport:** Portland International Airport (PDX)