

Business Notes

Citizen input on forestry board agenda

Citizen involvement in forestry issues, a model that estimates harvest and wildlife habitat on state forests, Measure 37 claims, and smoke management are among the agenda items the Oregon Board of Forestry will discuss Wednesday, June 8, in the Tillamook Room at Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) headquarters, 2600 State St., Salem. The meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. Agenda items involv-

ing state forests in northwestern Oregon include progress on the Board of Forestry work plan, and Swiss needle cast disease

The board will consider forming a work group to manage a public involvement process to identify and organize proposed major policy issues for the board in 2006. The proposed group would include a member of the public; a representative of the forestry aca-

demic community; three persons representing respectively the Committee for Family Forestlands, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee and the Regional Forest Practices Committee; two Board of Forestry members; and potentially additional work group members selected by the board.

ODF staff will present work plans for the Fire Program and the Smoke Management Plan, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will brief the board on its draft Oregon Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. The conservation strategy is an important step in accomplishing the Board's strategic plan, the Forestry Program for Oregon.

A complete list of the June 8 agenda items can be found on the web, <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/BOARD_INFO/meetings.shtml>.

Public comments on forestry-related items not included in the agenda will be accepted from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Those wishing to comment on a specific agenda item will have opportunity to address the board during the time the item is scheduled.

Research findings on Swiss needle cast disease will be topic for ODF

New research on harvesting Douglas-fir stands affected by Swiss needle cast disease will be discussed Friday, June 3, in Astoria at a meeting of the Oregon Department of Forestry's advisory committee for state-managed forestland in northwest and southwest Oregon.

The research, in regard to whether affected stands should be clearcut or partial cut, shows that thinning does not increase the severity of the disease, which stunts the growth of Douglas-fir trees. The study also showed that thinning the number of trees in a stand results in positive growth.

The committee will also receive an update on the harvest and habitat modeling project currently under way to more

accurately forecast future harvest levels and potential for developing habitat under the forest management plan. An update on public comments for annual operations plans also will be presented.

The meeting is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn, 400 Industry St., in Astoria. The meeting is open to the public, and comment periods are scheduled at 8:00 a.m. and 1:50 p.m. The 14-member advisory committee represents environmental, recreational and timber industry groups, as well as individuals not affiliated with particular interests. Oregon counties receiving revenue from timber sales are also represented.

Local recycling business is now open, will accept many materials

Dad's Recycling will open today, June 2, and be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. behind the Vernonia Solid Waste Transfer Station.

All metal will be accepted, including computers, monitors and other equipment, at no charge. At this time, televisions can not be accepted. Newspa-

per and cardboard will also be accepted.

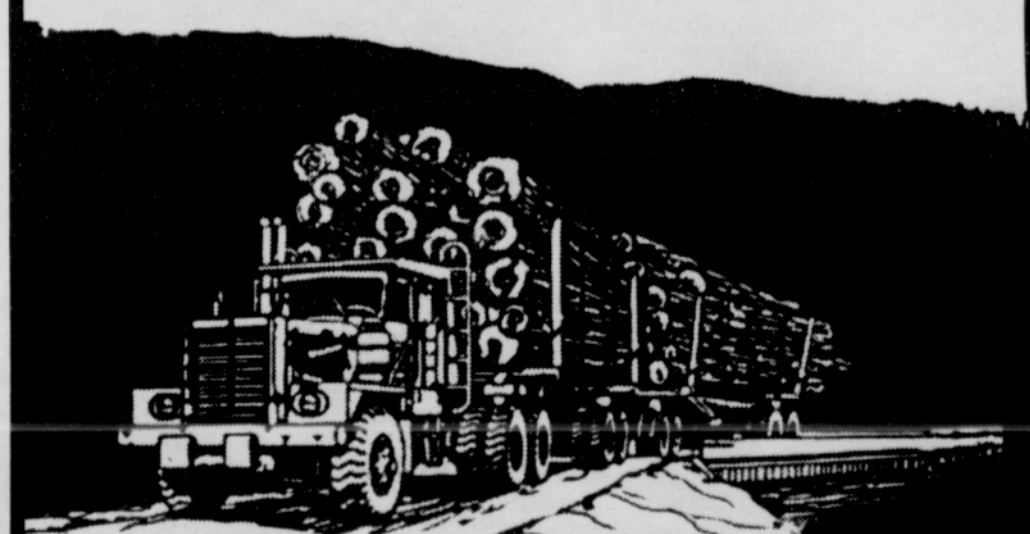
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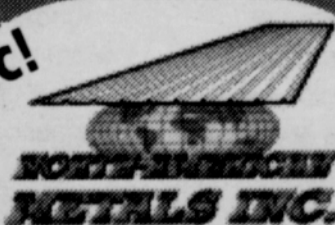


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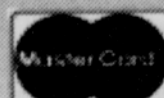
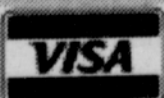
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