

Business Notes

Miller will lead OFRI again

The board of directors of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) has elected Greg Miller of Salem, Weyerhaeuser Company's government affairs manager for Oregon and California, to a second one-year term as its chair. The board also elected Carol Whipple, who owns and manages the Rocking C Ranch, a family forage and timber growing operation at Elkton, as its vice chair.

OFRI's board appointed Miller to a vacated board position in 2002, and the Oregon State Forester reappointed him to a three-year term in 2004. He represents large producers (companies paying the timber harvest tax on more than 100 million board feet annually). The board appointed Whipple to a producer-at-large position in 2001, and in 2004 the State Forester reappointed her to represent small producers (those who pay the harvest tax on less than 20 million board feet annually).

OFRI is funded by a portion of Oregon's tax on timber harvests. Its board includes representatives of small, medium and large producer classes and

small woodland owners plus members representing employees and the public. The dean of the Oregon State University College of Forestry is an ex officio member.

The Oregon Legislature created OFRI in 1991 to improve understanding of forestry and the state's forest resources and to encourage sound forest management. Key OFRI programs include forest tours, conferences and forums, support for scientific research, publications, teacher workshops and classroom education as well as training workshops and other educational programs for forest landowners.

Fibre lands opened

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the company's lands west of I-5 in Cowlitz, Lewis, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties in Washington.

All other Longview Fibre timberlands in Oregon and Washington remain closed to hunting and other public recreation due to continuing forest-fire danger.

47J board discusses policies on complaint procedures

A review of specific board policies and employment contracts was the focus of the September 8 meeting of the Vernonia School District Board of Directors. Director Kim Wallace had requested the review as a follow-up to the workshop presented last month by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA).

Board members attending the first meeting of the new school year included chairman Randy Hansen, Tim Titus, Cari Levenseller, Angie Taylor and Wallace. Board members Debbie Brown and Dick Brunsman were not at the meeting.

Superintendent Mike Funderburg told the board that, as members of OSBA, Vernonia receives new and revised policies that provide legal requirements and references. The two sets of policies reviewed describe acceptable avenues of communication and outline complaint procedures. Policies

developed by OSBA are designed to keep the board out of [legal] trouble and "in some ways we may be headed that way" according to Funderburg.

District policies say that all formal communications should be made through the superintendent and follow the established line of authority approved by the board. Wallace asked several questions to clarify how communications from staff, or members of the public, can be evaluated. Informal conversations may not need to be referred to the formal process, but complaints that may require action should be referred to the appropriate level, Funderburg explained. Board members should not accept information about a dispute or complaint outside of board meetings, he said, because the board is the final — not the first — step in the resolution process. Information re-

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Wauna names McFadden as new marketing specialist

Aimee McFadden has been named Marketing Specialist for Wauna Federal Credit Union.

McFadden is no stranger to customer service and marketing, with 15 years experience in

customer service and sales, over seven years experience in web development, ad development and marketing campaign development and implementation, more than two years as

project manager at a lending institution. She also has a strong computer background including a degree in Microcomputer Programming and Networking.

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