

February 4, 2009

Dear Ponderosa Pine Enthusiast,

Enclosed is the 2008 Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Conservation Association annual report. Please take a moment to review our activities during the past year.

The Association continues to promote the planting of native Valley ponderosa pine. Future efforts will include insuring a dependable seed source, improved pine management techniques for Willamette Valley soil types and weather conditions and better manufacturing and marketing programs.

Seedlings are available from several nurseries for out-planting. There is now a website where growers and landowners can search for or post surplus seedlings. If you are looking for seedlings try www.forestseedlingnetwork.com.

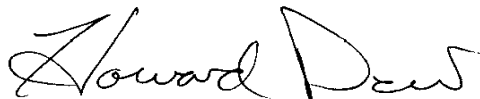
The Annual Meeting of the Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Conservation Association will be Wednesday, March 4, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Linn County Extension Office, Old Armory building on 4th and Lyon, in Albany. Please note the meeting will be in the afternoon again this year. It will begin at 1:30 with a short business meeting to elect two executive committee members.

The program will feature a presentation by Steve Bowers. He will discuss marketing of ponderosa pine logs, and the importance of cutting to proper lengths.

Bob McNitt will outline the procedures for plantation measurements to help build growth and yield tables. Well stocked Willamette Valley Ponderosa plantations over five acres, fifteen plus years old, with good spacing may qualify as candidates. If you have plantations that meet these criteria and would like to allow measurements of your plantation contact Bob; bobmcn@att.net.

Jim Christian will host an informal ponderosa pine tour sponsored by the Lane County Small Woodland Association on Saturday July 18th. WVPPCA members and associates are invited. Check the WVPPCA website for details

As always, thank you for your shared interest in Willamette Valley Ponderosa pine. I look forward to seeing you the afternoon of March 4, 2009.



Howard Dew, President