



IUFRO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Reforestation under Drought

JULY 7-10, 2026

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, USA



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Monday

Arrival
Evening welcome social @
The Independence Hotel

Tuesday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day conference w/ lunch
Evening poster reception at Hotel

Wednesday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day conference w/ lunch
Dinner on your own

Thursday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day field trip w/ lunch
Evening reception at a winery

Friday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Half-day conference
Departure and lunch on your own

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Simon Landhäusser is a professor at the University of Alberta specializing in both fundamental and applied forest ecology. His research bridges foundational tree and seedling physiology with innovative advancements in silviculture, forest restoration, and regeneration. He is widely recognized for his ecophysiological work on carbon reserve allocation, which provides key insights into tree health and stress resilience.



Simon Landhäusser



Juan Oliet

Forester. Full Professor of Forest restoration, Forest management and Silviculture at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain). Research interest focused on forest restoration, with more than 25 years of experience. Specifically, He's worked on ecophysiological aspects of restoration, with emphasis on understanding drivers of plant establishment to improve planting/sowing success under dry (more specifically, mediterranean) environment. Areas of research are: nursery seedling quality, the interactive effects of abiotic and biotic stress on physiological response of planted seedlings, and underplanting to convert mediterranean plantations in forests.

The results of his research are being applied to the development of ecotechnologies and planting practices based on regeneration niche theories that are improving planting and direct seedling results in Mediterranean countries. In this and another fields of forest restoration, he has co-authored 34 JCR indexed papers since 2015, 22 of them in the Q1 position. He has also co-authored 37 books/chapters, four books and eight book chapters as a first author. Advisor in six Doctoral Theses. Since 2010, he's been PI in four competitive projects funded by Department of Science of Spain (526.250 €), and participated (or currently participating) in several projects from European, national and regional agencies.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Owen T. Burney is a Professor in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University and serves as Director of the John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center in Mora, New Mexico. His research and professional interests span the full reforestation pipeline, from seed to nursery systems to outplanting activities, with a particular focus on the mechanisms that drive forest tree growth and physiology under environmental stress and silvicultural management.



Owen Burney

He is also one of the main developers of the New Mexico Reforestation Center, a new facility being developed to help meet current and future reforestation needs across the southwestern United States through integrated seed banking, nursery production, planting operations, research, education, and outreach.



José Luis Stape

Jose Luiz Stape is a Professor of Forest Ecophysiology in the Forestry Department at Sao Paulo State University (UNESP), Brazil. Stape has worked in Brazil and the US (North Carolina State University), collaborating with numerous countries, in South America and Asia, and companies to advance silvicultural recommendations for forest sustainability, including clonal deployment, site preparation, nutrition, and spacing.

His current interests include the integration of remote sensing, environmental drivers (specifically water availability), and genomic data into breeding, forest protection, precision forestry, and forest responses to drought.

FIELD TRIP

Two field tours will take place on Thursday, July 9.

Pre-registration is required. If you registered for the entire conference, the field trip is included. There will be no on-site field tour registration. You will select your option at check-in on 7/7.

To ensure accurate transportation and catered lunch arrangements, it is important that you attend the field tour for which you are registered.

Please meet your group by 8:00 a.m. in front of the Independence Civic Center & Hotel to load into the vans for departure. Transportation, lunch, refreshments, and detailed itineraries will be provided during the tours.

Field tours will return to the Independence Civic Center & Hotel at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Tour Options

Tour Option 1:

Visit nurseries (bareroot and container), seed orchards, a genetic × environment interaction study, and a Christmas tree farm.

Tour Option 2:

Visit an old-growth forest at the Oregon State University College of Forestry Research Forest, industrial operational plantations, and reforestation study sites.

What to Wear / Bring

- Comfortable shoes suitable for walking on uneven ground
- Layered clothing
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Notebook and pen

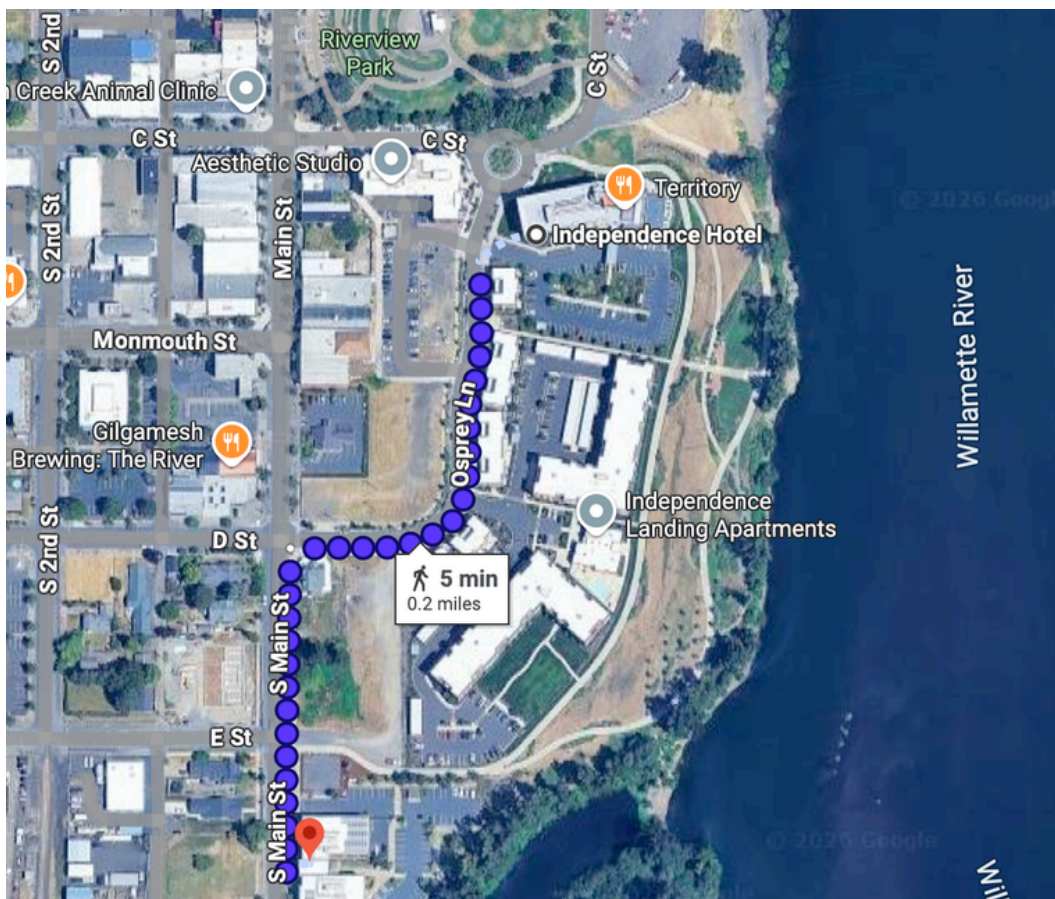
VENUE DETAILS

Independence, OR is a quaint western town located on the Willamette River in the heart of the Willamette Valley. The town features a charming walkable main street with plenty of shops and eateries as well as a riverfront park.

The Conference will take place at the Independence Civic Center in Independence.

555 S Main St, Independence, OR 97351

44°50'56.0"N 123°11'04.0"W



The Civic Center is a 5-minute walk from the Independence Hotel.

201 Osprey Ln, Independence, OR 97351

44°51'05.0"N 123°10'59.5"W

THE INDEPENDENCE HOTEL

A boutique hotel on the banks of the Willamette river. The hotel offers a roof deck, gym, reservable private hot tub, EV charging, and free loaner bikes.

Directly north of the hotel is the beautiful Riverview Park.



THE INDEPENDENCE CIVIC CENTER

For those not staying at the hotel, the civic center has free parking in the rear of the building.

The best entrance for the conference is also found at the rear of the building on the ground level.





PARKING TIP:
If you are able, please leave parking in high traffic areas (shown in dashes) available for those with increased accessibility needs. This is applicable towards both customers and employees - a short walk to your destination can be very enjoyable!

★ NOTE:
There is no parking in the Umpqua Bank Lot from 7AM - 3PM on Saturdays.

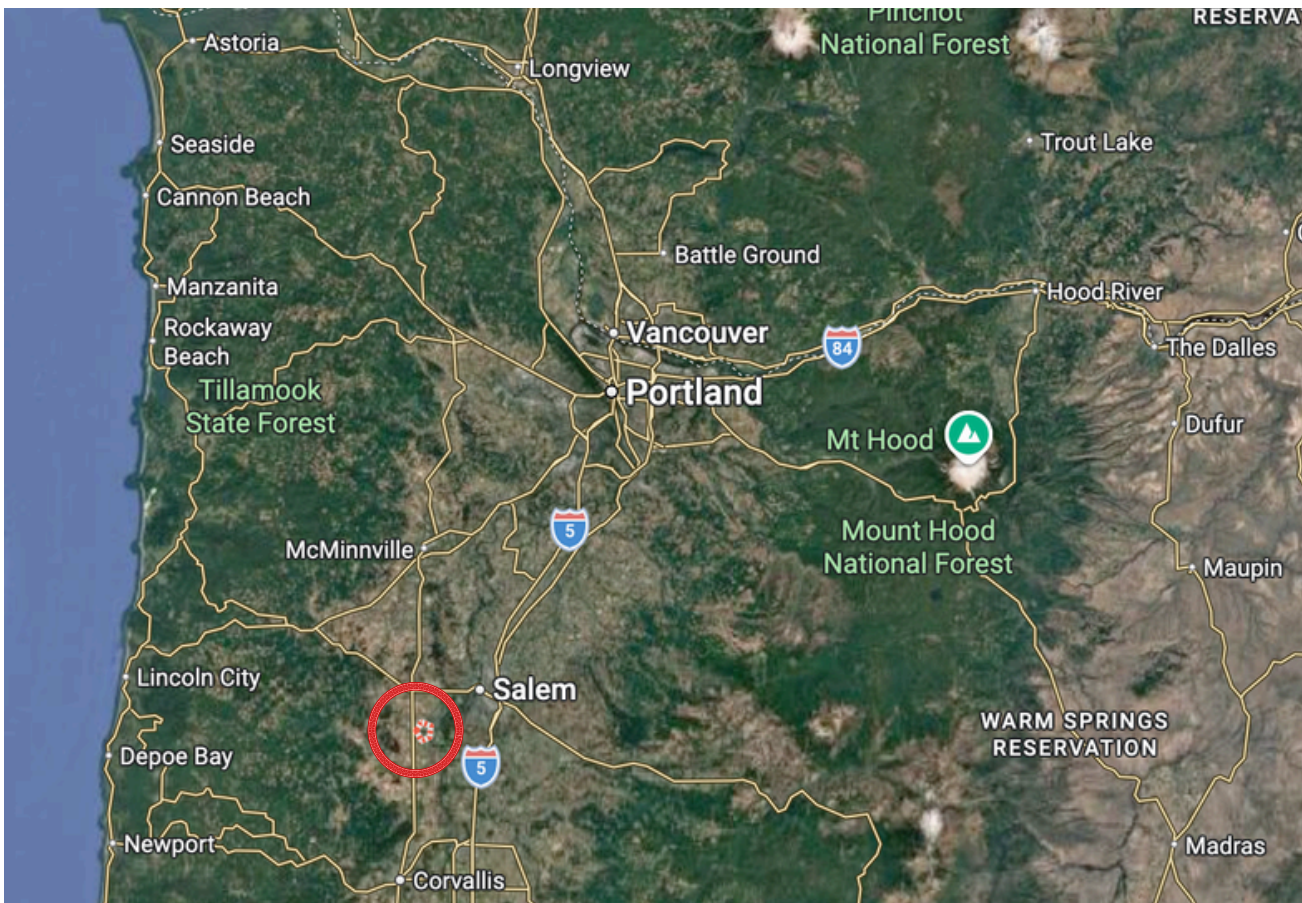
DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENCE FREE PARKING

public parking after business hours in **PURPLE**

public parking lot in **BLUE**

street parking in **ORANGE**

GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE



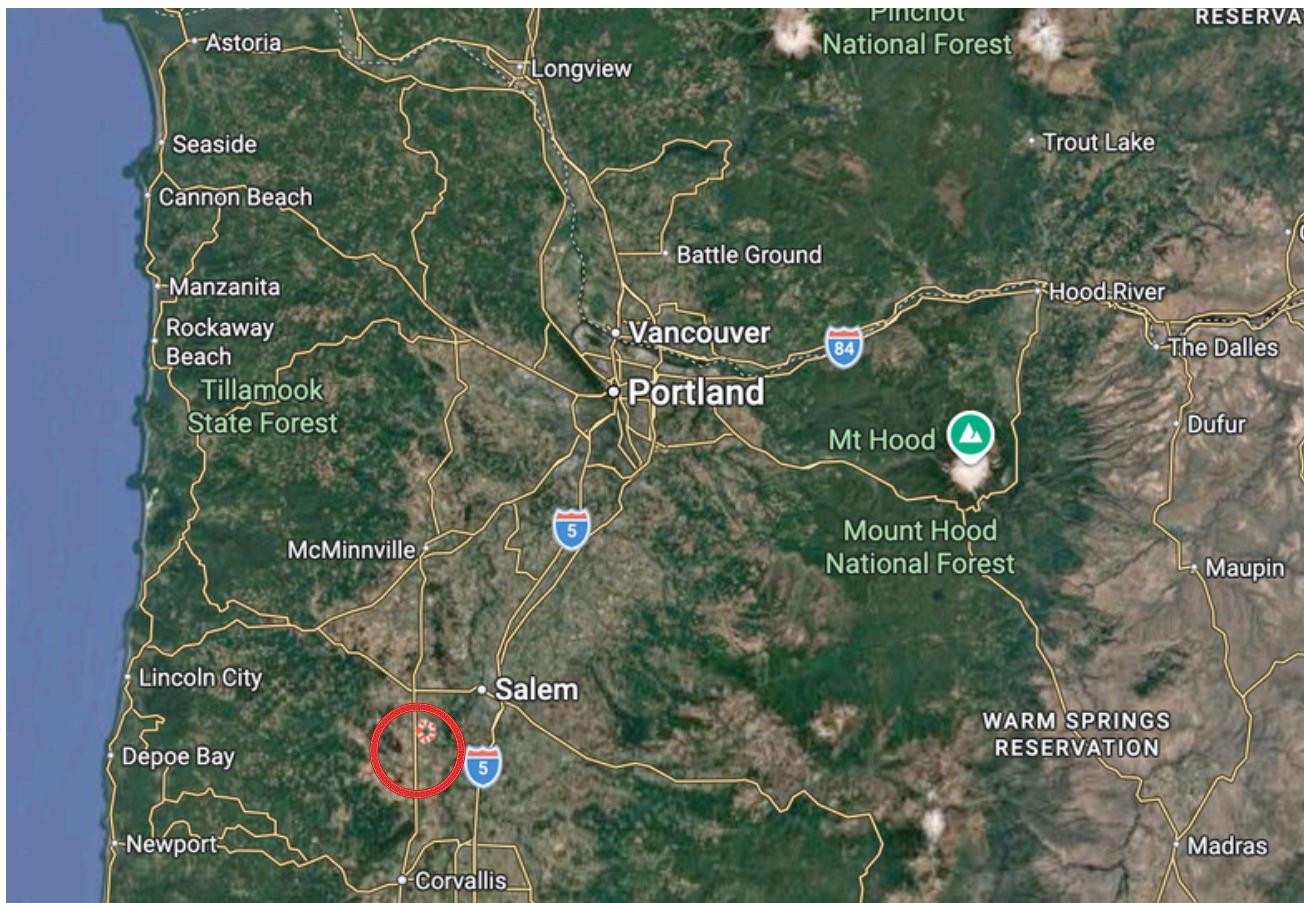
By Plane

For folks flying into the area, PDX (Portland, OR) and SEA (Seattle, WA) are the two major airports.

Independence is an 80-minute drive from the Portland Airport (PDX).

Independence is a 4-5 hour drive from the Sea-Tac Airport (SEA)

GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE



By Car

Shuttles are available from PDX to the Salem, OR Holiday Inn via Groome Transportation.

Shuttles are approximately \$50 each way and depart every hour on the :30. It takes 1.5 hours.

From Salem, you can take a Lyft or Uber to Independence for about \$35.



GROOME

transportation

PICKUP LOCATIONS

ALBANY

- Groome Office**
34030 Excor Rd
No Parking
- Comfort Suites**
100 Opal Ct NE
Parking for Daily Rate
Check w/ Front Desk

CORVALLIS

- Comfort Suites**
1730 NW 9th St
Free Parking for
Up to 14 Days
Check w/ Front Desk
- OSU**
Hilton Garden Inn
2500 SW Western Blvd
Parking for Daily Rate
Check w/ Front Desk
- Courtyard Marriott**
400 SW 1st St
Parking for Daily Rate
Check w/ Front Desk

SALEM

- Holiday Inn Salem**
3301 Market St NE
Parking for Daily Rate
Check w/ Front Desk

WOODBURN

- Best Western**
2980 Tom Tennant Dr
Parking for Daily Rate
Check w/ Front Desk

PORTLAND AIRPORT

- Portland International Airport (PDX)**
7000 NE Airport Way
Ground Transportation
Island 2 - "Scheduled Airporter" Pickup Location



GROOME

transportation

CORVALLIS to PORTLAND (PDX)

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PORTLAND (PDX) to CORVALLIS

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GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE

By Train

From the Portland Airport, you can take the light rail, called the MAX, to Union Station. Take the red line and walk to Union Station or connect to the green line. The Max costs \$2.80 per ride.

TriMet trip planner

From Union Station, you can take Amtrak train or bus to Salem, OR for approximately \$10-20. Buses and trains depart about every 1-2 hours from 7am-9pm.

From the Seattle airport, you can take the light rail to International District/Chinatown stop and then walk to King St. Station. From there, you can take Amtrak direct to Salem. A 5-6 hour train trip for about \$40-\$120.

Amtrak

From Salem, you can you can take a Lyft or Uber to Independence for about \$30.

WHAT TO DO IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The Willamette Valley is a renowned tourism locale celebrated for its wineries, abundant agrotourism, charming towns, and beautiful natural areas.



Area highlights:

Woodburn Premium Outlets
(Woodburn)

Evergreen Aviation & Space
Museum (McMinnville)

Silver Falls State Park
(Silverton)

Wineries Map

For more information check out

www.willamettevalley.org

Silver Falls State Park, located in Silverton, OR, is the crown jewel of the OR state parks system. Known for being home to more than 10 waterfalls.

WHAT TO DO IN PORTLAND

Portland, the largest city in Oregon, is nicknamed Stumptown. This moniker originates from the mid-1800s when trees were being cut down more rapidly than stumps could be removed to make way for streets and houses.

Portland-area highlights:

World Forestry Center
Portland Zoo
Japanese Garden
Tax-free shopping

<https://www.travelportland.com/>

Looking for a place to stay in Portland?

Park Lane Suites and Inn is a lovely, budget-friendly option in NW Portland with free parking conveniently located near the World Forestry Center & Zoo. Guests of the hotel receive free tickets to the Japanese Garden - a value of \$22.50 per ticket.