Oregon Conservation Law Forum
Thursday December 5, 2019
The Nature Conservancy - Oregon Conservation Center
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Agenda

8:45am  Coffee and Networking

9:00am  Welcome and Introductions - Nancy Duhnkrack
Jim Desmond will offer an orientation of The Nature Conservancy's new building.

9:15am  Mergers – Fritz Paulus, Jacqueline O'Keefe and Nancy Duhnkrack
Mergers may occur when a land trust owns a conservation easement, and then acquires fee title to the underlying property. A panel of experts will discuss current law and land trust practice in Oregon, compare the Oregon statutes to those in other states, and explore best practices to ensure conservation values are protected in perpetuity. Two land trusts (Greenbelt Land Trust and North Coast Land Conservancy) will share examples of their approach to mergers.

10:30am Prescribed Burning in Oregon - Amanda Rau from The Nature Conservancy and Tim Holschbach from the Oregon Department of Forestry
Amanda Rau is a Burn Boss & Fire Manager for The Nature Conservancy’s North America Region and will talk about prescribed burning as a conservation management strategy and the outcomes it creates. Amanda will walk through the experience of working within three different jurisdictions in Oregon to complete a prescribed burned. Tim, Fire Prevention and Policy Manager for ODF, will provide a primer about ODF’s protection program and basic laws related to prevention, liability and smoke management. Tim oversees the Department’s fuels mitigation, prevention and education, cost recovery and investigation, and fire crew contracting functions.

NOON LUNCH PROVIDED (working lunch)

(30 min)  Recreational Immunity - Nancy Duhnkrack
During lunch Nancy will discuss land trust liability under the Oregon Public Use of Lands Act and what land trusts can do to protect their interests. We will share examples of how land trusts manage risk when they invite people on property that is regularly closed to the public.

12:30pm  Round Robin Discussion
(30 min)  The group will discuss current issues and questions about private land conservation in a free-flowing discussion.

1:00pm  Adjourn

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