

Forest Resource Trust

Advisory Committee Members

Mike Atkinson, Landowner

Mike is a retired district forester from Weyerhaeuser Co. (Springfield, OR), where he worked for nearly 36 years. He was involved in forest inventory and an internal woods auditor (logging, construction and forestry). He spent 18 years in silviculture, during which time he was responsible for planting 17 million seedlings among other things. He retired in 2000 to his tree farm where he lived since 1964. Currently, Mike does a small amount of forestry consulting along with many other activities.

John Breese, Landowner

John has a range and timber ranch in Central Oregon. John served as President of the Pacific NW Section of the Society of Range Management; past President of Central Oregon Small Woodland Association and past President of the Eastern Oregon Forest Protection Association. John received the ODF Landowner Stewardship and ODFW Eastern Oregon Landowner of the Year Award. He has degrees from OSU and served on the original advisory group.

Matt Delaney, Forestry Consultant

Matt holds an MS in forestry from the University of Illinois. He has been the owner of Delaney Forestry Services since 2004, and specializes in carbon measuring and monitoring (M&M) for forest based carbon projects. Prior to beginning his business, Matt helped Winrock International build their carbon program. He has experience in all aspects of carbon M&M. He's worked on forest conservation carbon projects (in Alaska, California, and South America) as well as afforestation carbon projects in the lower Mississippi River Valley. Currently, he is helping to develop a carbon sequestration program for the Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Conservation Association (WVPPCA) based in Stayton.

Ken Everett, Forestry Consultant

Ken is the president and owner of MAP, Inc, a forest consulting company. MAP provides a full range of timber management services including timber marketing, logging supervision, and reforestation services. MAP also specializes in timber cruising, timber appraisals, and preparation of forest management plans. Ken has had experience in setting up and successfully implementing Forest Resource Trust projects in Clackamas County and surrounding areas.

Rick Fletcher, OSU Forestry Extension

Rick Fletcher is an Extension forester and professor with OSU Extension Service, developing educational programs and materials for a range of off campus audiences including forest landowners, Christmas tree growers, foresters and forestry contractors. He is a native Oregonian, forest landowner, and has been a professional forester and educator for 29 years. He was a member of the committee that originally put the Forest Resource Trust together and is interested in ways to improve management of private forest lands.

Mike Heath, Forest Products Industry (Interim Chair)

Mike currently works with the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District as a project manager for the District's Miller Woods property. Previously, Mike managed Stimson Lumber Company's landowner assistance program; advising landowners on market conditions, timber stand development, taxation issues and other natural resource issues. He has 17 years of professional forest management experience and is knowledgeable about every aspect of timber management, logging administration, log marketing, and public relations. He serves as Chair of Membership/Publicity Committee, Oregon Tree Farm System; and actively participates in local Oregon Small Woodland Association community events.

Jim Johnson, OSU College of Forestry

Jim is the Associate Dean for Extended Education and Program Leader for Forestry Extension at OSU College of Forestry. Johnson holds a B.S. degree in Forest Watershed Management from Colorado State University, an M.S. degree in Forestry from the University of Maine (Silviculture), and a Ph.D. in Forestry (Silviculture) from Virginia Tech. Johnson spent the last 18 years in Virginia, where he served as an Extension Specialist in Silviculture, Extension Project Leader, and in his most recent position, Associate Dean for Outreach in Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources. Prior to his time in Virginia, he taught Silviculture and Forest Soils in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point for seven years.

Tom Stoops, Oregon Dept. of Energy

For the past 25 years Tom has been conducting environmental remediation and geotechnical projects for a wide range of clients on many different landscapes. This experience has taught him that there are a number of diverse opinions that have to be heard, acknowledged, and incorporated into the deliberation that leads to the decision. Tom plans to use his technical and decision-making background to help establish appropriate forest policies that are reflective of our values and knowledge.

Sara Vickerman, Environmental

Sara Vickerman has been with Defenders of Wildlife for many years. Defenders focuses on policies and programs that effectively conserve native plants and animals in functioning ecosystems. Sara has a special interest in improving landowner incentives and market-based strategies for conservation. She also serves on the State Sustainability Board, and assisted the Department of Forestry in the development of sustainability indicators.