Pacific Northwest Agroforestry Working Group
An Exploratory Workshop

OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Center
Aurora, Oregon       May 14, 2013       9 AM to 5 PM

Free workshop registration:  email Badege.Bishaw@oregonstate.edu or call 541-737-9495
This one day workshop is organized at the request of the USDA National Agroforestry Center as part of their strategic plan to foster the science, practice and application of agroforestry in the U.S. The USDA has asked us to investigate the creation of an Agroforestry Working Group in our region, similar to those that have been formed in other parts of the country. This meeting is intended to bring together potential agroforestry practicing agencies, cooperators and farmers from the Pacific Northwest (PNW) region, to learn from each other and hear who is doing what in relation to agroforestry education, research and outreach. We hope the workshop will energize the agroforestry community in the PNW and ignite interest to identify work to be done, roles to be played, and potential funding sources.

Oregon State University is hosting the meeting at the OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Center. Complimentary lunch and coffee will be provided for meeting participants.

REGISTRATION: Please send your name, affiliation, and contact information to Badege Bishaw to register for this free workshop: Badege.Bishaw@oregonstate.edu.

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AGENDA
9:00 – 9:30 Registration, coffee and breakfast pastries
9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and opening remarks: Dr. James Johnson, Associate Dean and Program Leader, Forestry & Natural Resources Extension, College of Forestry, Oregon State University (OSU)
9:45 – 10:15 An Overview of past and current Pacific Northwest Agroforestry practices: Dr. Steve Sharrow, OSU Emeritus Agroforestry Professor
10:15 – 10:30 Break
10:30 – 11:00 Agroforestry Development in the United States and the USDA Agroforestry Strategic Framework: Russ Hatz, Acting National Forester, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Technical Support Center, Portland
11:00 – 11:30 Agroforestry Extension Service in both Oregon and Washington: Chad Kruger, Washington State University (WSU)
11:30 – 12:00 Native culinary truffles have a potential role in forestry, agriculture, and tourism Dr. Daniel Luoma, Forest Ecosystems and Society, OSU
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 Current Christmas tree research and potential for Agroforestry Demonstration at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, Oregon: Chal Landgren, Extension Specialist, OSU
1:30 – 2:00 Advanced Hardwood Biofuels Northwest Project: Nora Haider, Program Specialist, WSU
2:00 – 2:30 The Importance of Agroforestry Working Groups, Lessons from Mid-America: Dr. Andy Mason, Director, USDA National Agroforestry Center (WEBINAR).
2:30 – 3:30 Breakout groups for facilitated discussions: What is the potential for an Agroforestry Working Group in the PNW? Dr. Badege Bishaw, OSU Agroforestry Instructor; Director, Master of Natural Resources
3:30 -3:45 Break
3:45 – 4:15 Summarize findings of each group – what this work group plans to achieve and the way forward: Dr. Badege Bishaw
4:30- 5:00 Concluding remarks: Dr. Connie Harrington, Research Forester, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station.