

**The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Oregon State University
for the period October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006**

RREA programs help Oregon forest owners, farmers, and ranchers manage their lands in a productive and environmentally sound manner, while also insuring economic sustainability. RREA programs also assist in funding the Oregon Forestry Outreach Education Program for teachers and school children across the state. RREA funds are leveraged with funds from Oregon Cooperative Extension (OES), other state and federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations. OES staff also partner regularly with experts from other agencies and organizations to deliver timely, credible and practical educational programs. In public educational programs conducted by Oregon State University, each RREA dollar is typically leveraged with about \$6.50 from external sources, such as the USDA Forest Service, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and the Oregon Department of Forestry. In the past year RREA funds have been used

- To write and publish an award-winning book entitled *Ecology and Management of Eastern Oregon Forests: A Comprehensive Manual for Forest Managers*. Based on the book, extension foresters conducted four forest management workshops, in which 80 forest managers, loggers, and forest owners increased their awareness of proper management practices in eastside forests.
- To support the first regional symposium on In-Stream Gravel Extraction and its Effect on Fish Habitats. Eighty-nine natural resources managers learned techniques for mitigating damaging impacts of gravel removal from streams.
- To support an animal behavior training workshop for extension agents and range managers from the Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Warm Springs Tribe, which will lead to sound ecological, economic, and social strategies for managing rangelands.
- To conduct forty-two workshops reaching nearly 700 educators, including K-12 and pre-service teachers, covering topics as diverse as energy, forest fire ecology, watershed ecology, science behind the management, forest stewardship, and wildlife habitats.

Extension education programs from Oregon State University have taught me to see both the forest and the trees. After completing my forestry workshops, my eyes were opened and it was a life-changing experience.

Source.....Oregon woodland owner who later became a National Tree Farmer of the Year through the American Tree Farm System.



Oregon landowners learn tree values

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