



## OREGON TREE FARM SYSTEM

Our Values: Connectivity; Collaboration; Stewardship; Inclusivity; Gratitude

Our Mission: Empowering private landowners to manage their forests sustainably

Our Purpose: Impacting the world by making Oregon a better place one acre at a time

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Hello Oregon Tree Farm Members! We wish you a very happy and productive summer!

Many of you were present at the Oregon Family Forest Convention, held in Lebanon on June 13-15<sup>th</sup>, and it was really pleasant being there with you in person. For those of you who could not be there, you were missed. At the convention, we presented Jim and Ed Merzenich with their 2023 Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year sign, and then announced the 2024 State Tree Farmers of the year: Pam and Jock Dalton from Polk County. Here is the press release:

The Oregon Tree Farm System is proud to announce that Pam and Jock Dalton of Polk County have been selected as Oregon's Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year for 2024. Pam and Jock received this title and award at the Oregon Family Forest Convention, jointly hosted by the Oregon Tree Farm System and the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, on June 14, 2024. Pam Dalton has deep roots on the family's 700+ acre tree farm near Dallas, Oregon, and Jock plays an integral role in actively managing the forest with Pam. The Oregon Tree Farm System emphasizes the values of Wood, Water, Wildlife, and Recreation, and Pam and Jock epitomize the attention tree farmers give to the sustainability of all four values. The Daltons harvest timber and replant, as well as promoting forest health and growth through a pre-commercial and commercial thinning regime. They maintain and protect two springs on their forest, as well as a pond, replacing the dike as necessary using their own heavy equipment. Bear, cougar, deer and elk have happy homes on their forest, along with a host of birds and smaller mammals. The Daltons host campouts at their family gathering spot in a shelter built by an earlier generation, complete with a dinner bell that Pam enjoys ringing. Pam and Jock are proud of their Tree Farm Certification and the hard work they do that shows they are managing their forest by the International Standards of Sustainability, and the Oregon Tree Farm System is proud of them and the part they play in fulfilling the Purpose of the Oregon Tree Farm System: Making Oregon a Better Place, One Acre at a Time.



*Plases let us know of OTFS questions or concerns. Steve & Wylda Cafferata, OTFS Co-Chairs*