



Since most of our workshops focus on grasslands, we decided to offer a different venue. The Willamette Valley can hardly be considered traditional rangeland, but it is an interesting area. It was critically important in the birth and development of the State of Oregon; and, while it encompasses most of the state's population, much of it remains agricultural. The vegetation has undergone significant modifications since white settlement began in the 1840's. In recent years, there has been considerable effort to understand these changes and to restore two of the most critical native vegetation communities: oak woodlands and oak savannas. What makes these efforts of particular interest to resource managers is that they are characterized by extensive and often innovative partnerships.

Accordingly, our workshop will consist of a tour of three oak woodland/savannah sites in various stages of restoration around the Baskett-Slough NWR. Our evening speaker will be Mr. Ed Alverson, who has worked as a field botanist and stewardship ecologist in the Pacific Northwest (particularly in Oregon's Willamette Valley) for over 35 years. He will present vegetation changes in the Willamette Valley since the 1850's.

Schedule

October 12 - Wednesday

3:30 – 5:30	Board Meeting	Hilton Garden Inn (see attached map)
6:00 – 8:00	Registration / Meet and Greet	Hilton Garden Inn

October 13 - Thursday

8:00 – 5:00	Depart Hilton Garden for field tour of oak woodland/oak savanna restorations	
5:30 – 6:30	No-host Social	Oldfield Bldg (see attached map)

Informal student poster session

6:30 – 9:00	Dinner, awards, speaker, silent auction,	Oldfield Bldg
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No-threat plant identification challenge

October 14 - Friday

8:00 – 11:00	Oldfield Bldg: Presentations	
	Dr. Carlos Ochoa: Using drones in field research	
	Dr. Claudia Ingham: Targeted grazing	
	Yvette Gibson: Online education in natural resources/range management	
1100-12:30	Annual Membership Meeting	

Registration
PNW Section Fall Workshop & Tour
October 12-14, 2016
Corvallis, Oregon

Name _____ Phone number: _____
 Guest Name (if applicable) _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State/ Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____

	# Persons	Total Amount	
Early registration fee by Sept 30	\$85 X _____	= _____	To register by mail, make a check payable to "Central Oregon SRM" & send with registration form to: Crook County OSU Extension Service 498 SE Lynn Blvd Prineville, OR 97754
Late registration fee after Sept 30	\$105 X _____	= _____	
Student Registration	\$45 X _____	= _____	
Extra Dinner Ticket (Thursday night)	\$29 X _____	= _____	

(all fees in U.S. dollars, Canadian residents please send money order in U.S. dollars if paying by mail)

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Wednesday evening hors d'oeuvres, Thursday transportation, lunch and dinner

On-line deposits can be made in PayPal by logging into your account, going to the Send Money tab and sending amount to cobermil@blm.gov.

For more information on the tour/accommodations or meeting contact:
 Bob Ehrhart, 1020 NW Crestbrook Court, McMinnville, OR 97128 503-857-0930

Housing

Hilton Garden Inn, 2500 SW Western Blvd, Corvallis OR 97333; 541-752-5000; www.corvallis.hgi.com is holding ten rooms at a government rate of \$89/night plus tax and an additional 30 rooms at a group rate of \$122/night plus tax. Other hotels have varying prices depending on which booking site you use: Best Western Inn, Corvallis Budget Inn, Econo Lodge, and University Inn.

These rates will only be held until September 26, 2016.

A few locals may have a guest bedroom and/or sleeping bag space for out-of-towners who'd like to opt for a home stay. Contact John Buckhouse, john.c.buckhouse@oregonstate.edu or 541-760-8269 soon if you'd like him to try to find such a space for you.

Silent Auction

Don't forget your Silent Auction items. If you have items you would like to send ahead of time, you can mail them to Pat Shaver @ 12620 Rolling Hills Rd. Monmouth, OR 97361 USA. Include the suggested starting price or minimum bid for each item.

Directions

To Hilton Garden Inn from I-5:

- From I-5, turn west onto Oregon-20 and proceed about 8 miles
- Across from the Trysting Tree Golf Course, take a left onto the Oregon-34 Bypass (also still US-20; across the bridge it also becomes SW Philomath Blvd).
- Turn right onto SW 26th Street and proceed to stop light at SW Western Blvd. Hilton is on your right; entrance is off SW Western Blvd: 2600 SW Western Blvd.

To Oldfield Teaching Facility, OSU Campus (on west end of Campus Way)

- From Hilton, take SW Western Blvd (left out of parking lot) west to 35th street
- Turn right onto 35th street and proceed north to Campus Way
- Turn left onto Campus Way; Oldfield will be on the right. Look for parking signs.

