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OREGON STATE FORESTRY EXTENSION WINS 2008 FAMILY FORESTS EDUCATION AWARD

Reno: Nov. 2008 More than half of America's home grown wood supply comes from woodlands managed by nearly 10 million family forest landowners in all 50 states. How well they manage their lands defines the quality of the future lumber, furniture and paper supply in the U.S.



This year the Oregon Master Woodland Program is the national winner, in a tight competition among three finalists. Patterned after the successful Master Gardeners program, the participants receive 60 hours of training over a six month period in forest management, wildlife, water quality, timber harvest and responsible stewardship. They are asked to contribute 60 hours in return by mentoring fellow landowners, but often give much more.

The Oregon State University College of Forestry and the Extension Forestry Program is the winner of the 2008 Family Forests Education Award presented by the National Association of Forest Resources Programs and the National Woodland Owners Association.

The award is based on innovation, degree of faculty involvement on campus and in the woods, training materials, documented results.

Presented annually since 1997, most recent winners are the University of Florida's Forest Stewardship Program, and the Appalachian Hardwood Center at West Virginia University.