

Andy and Sandy Westfall Receive 2013 Stewardship Award

The Buckeye held its Annual Meeting in January at Fortuna's River Lodge at which time Andy and Sandy Westfall were presented with The Buckeye 2013 Stewardship Award. Surrounded by family and friends, the Westfalls humbly accepted the honor.

Following are excerpts from Andy upon receiving the award.

"With this award, The Buckeye has placed us in the company of some pretty accomplished ranching families. For that we are both honored and humbled.

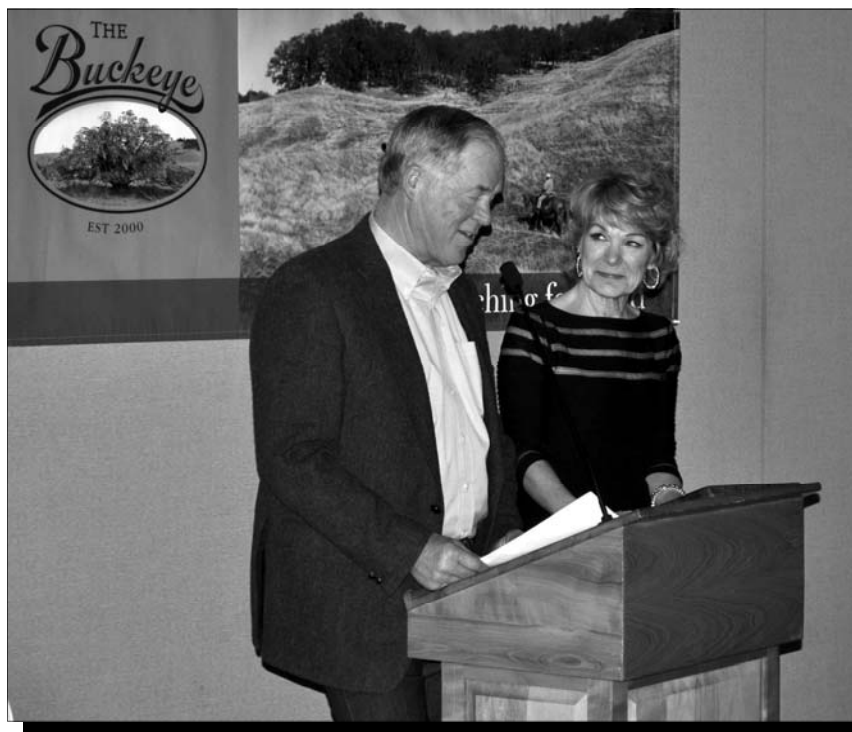
We receive this award as affirmation...not so much for what we have done, but for the direction we're headed. We are still very much a work in progress.

Good stewardship is a lot like good horsemanship, it's something you are always moving toward – always working on it, learning, trying to improve.

When we got into ranching 24 years ago, we had a pretty steep learning curve in front of us. Sandy, our son Graham and I attended the Ranching for Profit

school, but the real education and help came from our friends here in forestry and the ranching community."

Andy gave a special thanks to Pete Bussman, Bill Branstetter and Dan Cohoon who were instrumental to the Westfalls' success.



Andy and Sandy Westfall

involved with, to improving the grassland and meadow areas through fencing and intensive grazing management. Their work and stewardship will leave these wildlands improved and sustainable for their family and future generations."

Dan Cohoon, Registered Professional Forester had this to say about the Westfalls being selected for the Stewardship Award, "In working with Andy and Sandy Westfall, managing their hill ranches from the early 1990's to date, it has been abundantly evident that they had an overriding desire to improve the landscape. This ranged from road and timber stand improvements, which I was personally

Congratulations to the Westfalls!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I want to borrow a quote that former Chairman Gary Rynearson stated in the Winter 2012 issue of *The Buckeye Conservator* which is: "this is truly a grass-roots (and tree roots) organization that is dedicated to preserving our way of life and our working landscapes" for the betterment of the ecological and familial values that we hold dear. Our newsletter masthead has the branding statement of: PROTECTING OPEN SPACE AND FAMILY RANCH LAND VALUES ON CALIFORNIA'S NORTH COAST and this is what The Buckeye and its valued membership are all about. Inherent in that branding is the parenthetic phrase use by Gary---tree roots--and we all well know that our local landscapes are a complex mosaic of various plant, soil, and geologic associations. So woody or herbaceous vegetation that provides a multitude of goods and services for society is the essence of why we work so hard to maintain our working landscapes.

Speaking of "working landscapes", UC Cooperative Extension is conducting a 2013 Farm Tour Series called *LET'S GET LOCAL* beginning in June. Check out the monthly tour agenda at: <http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu/> and attend one or more tours. They go until October and highlight the diversity of productivity of our Northcoast Working Landscapes.



Dr. Ken Fulgham

I am working on an idea that I had about getting The Buckeye more closely working with some of the other local organizations that support the sustainability of the Northcoast working landscapes. To that end, there will be a "summit" held during the summer to bring together the leadership from The Buckeye, Humboldt-Del Norte Cattlemen's and CattleWomen's Associations, Humboldt County Farm Bureau, Yager Environmental Stewards and Northcoast Regional Land Trust.

Having worked at Humboldt State for over three decades I really understand the value of the term "strength in numbers" and the aforementioned organizations all have sustainable working landscapes at the forefront.

Inside this edition of *The Buckeye Conservator* you will find updates on several fronts. The Buckeye Board has been very active locally and across the state. We cannot do this alone and

your continued support is critical so please make an effort to recruit at least one more person to become a member of The Buckeye. It is my pleasure to serve all of you!!!

Sincerely,

Kenneth O. Fulgham,
Professor of Rangeland Resources and Chair, Department of Forestry & Wildland Resources @ Humboldt State University.

Calling All Members

Our Members are the lifeblood of The Buckeye. If you are a business or have friends, family or acquaintances who believe in the mission of The Buckeye, we encourage you to invite them to join. We always welcome new members!

If you are receiving this Newsletter and are not currently a member, we hope you will consider joining us. You can find more membership information on our webpage www.buckeyeconservancy.org or call the office at 725-8847.

Buckeye Launches Tree Farm Project

Project Title: *How to Sustain Tree Farms in California in Today's Economic and Regulatory Climate.*

With funding from the American Tree Farm Society, The Buckeye will host a two-day workshop, October 24 – 25, to demonstrate both the opportunities and challenges of non-industrial Tree Farming in California.

We believe through education and outreach we can demonstrate to regulators and decision makers that Tree Farms are a valuable asset to California's timber production and that identifying problems and seeking solutions to their success is key.

Keying off the effective Buckeye Forest Project, we will conduct an on the ground experiment of costs and cumulative impacts of proposed and newly-instituted regulatory elements relative to Tree Farms. Beginning with a field day at a non-industrial Tree Farm demonstration property, the

experts will discuss, for the site, the cost and cumulative impacts of regulatory elements followed by a one day facilitated workshop discussion to explore the complexities of these and other basic management concepts related to timber harvest. The 2 day conference will culminate with an in depth survey among agency, legislative, private sector and landowner participants.



Tree Farms serve a valuable role by maintaining open space, public trust values through fish and wildlife habitat restoration and stewarding forested landscapes. Our goal is to demonstrate and develop a heightened awareness to California regulators and decision makers of the complexities, expense and cumulative effects on non-industrial Tree Farmers of regulations related to timber harvest.

We hope our demonstration will help inspire the legislature and regulatory agencies to create policies that encourage and reward forest stewardship by Tree Farmers.

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The Buckeye Advocates for Members

The Buckeye has been busy this year on behalf of our members and supporters. Following is a list of some of our activities:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The Buckeye continues its participation in the General Plan Update process. Currently, the Board of Supervisors is reviewing Forest Resources. As part of the Resource Lands Working Group, The Buckeye is reviewing and commenting on all aspects of the Plan which affects our members' interests.

ASSEMBLY BILL 904 – Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan bill.

The Buckeye has been actively involved in the support of the NTMP since our inception and is working hard to pass AB 904.

Buckeye has been deeply involved in AB 904, the current process to expand the acreage limit of NTMP authored by Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro. In December of 2012, Buckeye co-sponsored a workshop held in Eureka and Buckeye staff and members participated to develop and explore the legislation.

We support the current legislative proposal to create a new NTMP program for owners up to 15,000 acres and to provide additional options for small (<320 acres) timberland owners. The proposal will not affect landowners currently enrolled in the existing NTMP program.

STATUS – AB 904 has passed Assembly Natural Resources Committee and Appropriations Committee, and cleared the floor of the Assembly on May 29 on a 64-1 vote. We are hopeful that AB 904 will have similar success when it moves to the Senate side for review and vote.

ASSEMBLY BILL 350 - Forest thinning bill.

The Buckeye actively supported this bill with input and letters of support.

This legislation would help to protect our forests and state from the growing threat of wildfires. Following the devastating wildfires in Southern California, the

Forest Fire Protection Exemption law was enacted in 2003. However, in the past decade, thinning on private forest lands has dropped to fewer than a thousand acres annually.

AB 350 would assist and incentivize landowners to complete more thinning projects safeguarding the state from dangerous impacts caused by wildfires.

AB 350 would increase the stump diameter of trees that qualify to be cleared under the Forest Fire Protection Exemption law to 28 inches, up from the current 18 and 24 inches. Increasing the stump diameter would allow more thinning projects to help create healthy forests which are more resistant to wildfires and improve the health of our ecosystems defending them from insect infestations and disease.

AB 350 would allow those living and working within the forested areas to better protect the environment, safeguard Californians and their homes and save the state from billions of dollars in wildfire suppression costs.

STATUS – Referred to Assembly Natural Resources Committee – Chairman Wesley Chesbro. The bill is being held in Committee pending further discussions with the Chesbro Working Group. There may be an opportunity to reconsider the bill after the summer break. If not, AB 350 will become a two-year bill.

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL – Petition (submitted by EPIC) to list as a candidate species with California Fish and Game.

The Buckeye opposes State listing of the Northern Spotted Owl and provided input to California State Fish and Game Commission asking them to reject the petition.

The proposal to list the Northern Spotted Owl as a candidate species could have a devastating effect on timberland owners and ranchers. This species has been listed under the federal ESA since 1990. Since that time this species has been extensively studied and is the subject of specific regulatory protections.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service recently updated the search protocols for the species to insure detection prior to land management activities. This federal agency also

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recently designated critical habitat and has developed a recovery plan for the owl.

The THP process requires protocol surveys and habitat retention consistent with Board of Forestry regulations. This system has been in place for nearly 20 years, and has provided protection for the owl. Each year prior to harvesting operations that are on or near owl habitat all THPs and NTMPs are required to demonstrate that owls are not at risk of take.

If the current owl program is modified or abandoned, it will have a devastating effect on 2013 timber harvesting activities.

STATUS - The Fish and Game Commission at its April meeting considered the petition and voted to defer it to their August 7 – 8 meeting. At the May meeting in Los Angeles they considered a petition from the California Forestry Association to start a standard rule making process for a 2084 (incidental take permit) regulation. The Commission voted to a 2-2 tie resulting in the rejection of the petition. However, both Commission members and the Director noted that several witnesses had indicated the significant impact Candidate status of the owl could have on forest landowners. There still may be an opportunity to submit a request for an emergency 2084 if the Commission votes to elevate the species to a Candidate.

NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD – Adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0005 Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans – General Waste Discharge Requirements.

The Buckeye worked with the Regional Board and staff making tremendous progress from the current waiver process landing on a much more sensible approach for reviewing NTMPs. The outcome of the time and participation by everyone proved that communication can lead to better understanding and is well worth the investment.

As the Regional Board’s notice of May 1 points out – “Among other points of agreement, which have been incorporated into the proposed Order, focus group participants concluded that establishing general WDRs for NTMPs would be more consistent with the long

term planning horizon inherent in NTMPs and associated ECPs.

Revised conditions require an inspection prior to completion of an NTO and annual inspections during the erosion control maintenance period, and specify that inspections conducted pursuant to FPR requirements, including CAL FIRE completion and maintenance inspections, can satisfy these inspection needs.”

The Buckeye especially applauded the rigorous efforts of the Regional Board’s staff to ‘align’ with CAL FIRE’s implementation of the Forest Practice Act to produce a sensible approach to NTMP-related protection of the beneficial uses of water.

STATUS - Overall, the adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0005 was embraced as a positive outcome. The Buckeye remains committed to working with the Regional Board and staff in the future.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION - Eel River Estuary Preserve, Humboldt County Project # 12-025-01

The Buckeye opposed the proposed authorization to disburse up to \$250,000 to Wildlands Conservancy to implement public access at the Eel River Estuary Preserve in Humboldt County.

The Buckeye submitted a letter stating we do not think the public access plan as submitted by Wildlands Conservancy is acceptable and lacks serious analysis of the potential cumulative negative impacts on private productive agricultural land.

The Buckeye maintained there is no basis for inserting public access through private property. Instead, consideration should be given to project alternatives including improvements to existing public access locations and facilities in the area which will readily access the Eel River Estuary. Spending public funds on this unnecessary access would undoubtedly result in a waste of public resources.

STATUS – Although Chairman Bosco made note of The Buckeye’s comments, they approved funding for this project.

Unlock the Door with Communication

by Sarah Mora

For many of us communicating with consumers and customers is far down the list of priorities we have on any given day. For me, personally while I have a personal Facebook account and a business account, the amount of time I spend on them monthly is limited to seconds. However, no one can deny the growth of social media over the past decade, or the influence it can have on consumers and decision makers. It was with that in mind that The Buckeye asked Jeff Fowle to speak at our 2013 Annual Meeting in January.

A little background.....Jeff is a fourth generation family farmer/rancher in Etna, California. He and his wife raise cattle, horses and hay. He is also the author of a blog called Common Sense Agriculture and is known as the "Twittering Cowboy". He has learned how to use Social Media to advance agriculture's story.

Jeff's message at our Annual Meeting was about ways to "share" our story rather than the old adage of "telling" our story. He emphasized the importance of hearing the questions that our customers are asking, and answering those questions in a way that can be understood.

Jeff gave us clues on how to target our message to the appropriate audiences. He shared that there are three types of people we engage with - 10% are Activists/Antagonists (think PETA), 10% are Allies and 80% are Neutral. We succeed when we engage the Neutral 80%. You will never change the minds of the Activists and the Allies are already on your side.

Additionally Jeff spoke of thinking about how we communicate with our customers in a new way:

Old Agriculture

New Agriculture

Maximize Production	Optimize Production
Educate the Public	Listen to our Customers (2 ears 1 mouth)
Shout/Tell Your Story	Engage in Conversation - Ask about them, respect their beliefs, have patience.
Need more Resources	Think Smarter -Ag population is shrinking. Embrace "window" gardeners, community gardeners, nontraditional farmers.
Keep Media Off the Farm	Find Ways to be More Transparent. Avoid - "What are you hiding?"

Jeff's take home message was simple. We have to be willing to look at new ways to share agriculture's message with our consumers. Some of the simplest ways is in how we speak about ourselves and our products. i.e. Instead of saying "We Feed the World" how about saying "We Provide for Healthy Local Communities." What we say is as important as how we engage. Moving forward, we need to train ourselves to:

- Listen to Opposing Views
- Embrace Challenges
- Acknowledge New Ideas
- Be Dedicated to Positive Solutions
- Encourage Others
- Respect Diversity



Jeff Fowle

Melanie Satterlee contributed to this article.

The Buckeye Welcomes New Board Members

Our newest Director, Melanie Satterlee became part of The Buckeye team in May. Melanie was born and raised in Merced, California on her family's almond farm. She met her husband, Blake Satterlee, while getting her degree in Agricultural Business at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Melanie moved to Humboldt after they married in 2006 and currently lives in Eureka. Blake, a Registered Professional Forester, was raised in Humboldt County on the Fort Seward Ranch in Southern Humboldt. Melanie is the Business Development Manager at Advanced Security Systems and also works for the Humboldt Auction Yard and Moonlight Catering. She is the President of Humboldt County CattleWomen. Melanie looks forward to helping The Buckeye preserve our natural resources so future generations have the opportunity to experience the



Melanie Satterlee

lifestyle and values that result from farming and ranching.



Mel Krebs

Pepperwood resident Mel Krebs joined The Buckeye board of directors in April. Mel recently retired from California Conservation Corp after 32 years. After starting out as a natural resource crew supervisor, he worked his way up through the organization. While northern district director he managed a diverse group of

CCC camps including residential wild land fire bases and coastal fisheries restoration programs, nonresidential urban camps and an extensive summer backcountry trails program. He was also directly involved in the creation of four federally funded AmeriCorps programs. As a member of the department's executive team he developed statewide public and departmental policy, supervised state managers and gained financial support for the CCC's program through his contacts with state, city and county elected officials.

Mel's second career focus is sustainable community based local agriculture. He and his wife Holly own Flood Plain Produce on the Avenue of the Giants. They have been in business since 1983 and follow organic practices. Because of a limited land base, they farm intensively using drip irrigation, compact row spacing, in season crop rotation and direct marketing. Their blackberry popsicles have been recommended in many travel publications and bring customers to their produce stand from all over the world. Mel serves on farmer's market boards and a statewide nonprofit supporting organic agricultural policy at the state and federal level.

Newsletter Ideas?

One of The Buckeye's goals for 2013 is to increase member outreach through our Newsletters. Do you have an idea for an article? Would you like to write an article? Human interest, historical and personal reflection stories are welcome.

If so, please contact: Johanna Rodoni at 725-8847 or
Email us at buckeye@humboldt1.com

Humboldt State University Forestry & Wildland Resources Department

Humboldt County is the center of California's forest industry, producing more of California's annual timber harvest than any other county. Humboldt County is also the home of Humboldt State University which has graduated many distinguished professionals in forestry and wildland resources. The Forestry and Wildland Resources Department has excellent working relationships with industrial timberland owners (Barnum Timber Company, Green Diamond, Humboldt Redwood Company, Mendocino Redwood Company and Sierra Pacific) as well as private timberland owners and is granted routine access to hundreds of thousands of private timber lands for class use and research. This makes the study of Forestry and Wildland Resources at HSU a field-oriented and not just a classroom experience.

Private ranches and state and federal lands, just minutes from campus, provide countless opportunities to gain hands-on experience. The coastal grasslands and pastures provide opportunities for production of grass fed and organic beef.

The Forestry and Wildland Resources Department's Wildland Fire laboratory, is among the most well-equipped fire research facilities of any university in the United States. Graduate and undergraduate students and visiting scientists have access to a burning facility, a thermal infrared imaging camera, drying ovens, fuel storage capacity and equipment to support field and lab research.

Always looking to enhance and improve the quality of Humboldt State University Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources, Buckeye Chairman and Department Chairman & Professor Ken Fulgham welcomed two new faculty members, Dr. Jeff Kane and Dr. Erin Kelly who joined the department last August.

Dr. Jeff Kane is 2007 Humboldt alumnus with a

Masters in Forestry. He recently earned his Ph.D. in Forestry at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. His research interests focus broadly on fire ecology and fuels management. More specifically, he is interested in fire and drought effects on tree mortality, fuel treatment impacts and effectiveness, fuel dynamics and litter flammability/defense traits.

Dr. Erin Kelly earned her Masters and Ph.D. in Forest Social Science from Oregon State University. She spent the last two years in Newfoundland, Canada, as a post doc research fellow working on forest policy and public participation and community capacity and resilience. Dr. Kelly will work in partnership with northern California forest industry representatives.



Founders Hall

Academic programs in the Forestry and Wildlands Resources Department include undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, minors, and certificates of study. The Department administers three graduate programs, all leading to a Master of Science in Natural Resources.

In the Forestry and Wildland Resources Department students can choose to major in Forestry or Rangeland Resource Science. In Forestry there are five options: Forest hydrology, Forest operations, Forest resource conservation, Forest soils and Wildland fire management.

The Forestry major is accredited by the Society of American Foresters. In Rangeland Resource Science there are two options: Rangeland Resources and Wildland soils.

For the 2012-2013 Academic Year there were 217 Forestry undergraduates and 20 graduate students in either the Forestry or Watershed BS/MS tracks. During this same period there were 30 Rangeland Resources & Wildland Soils undergraduates and 3 graduate students.

Humboldt State University Forestry & Wildland Resources Department - cont.

In efforts to increase students in both Forestry and Range/Soils, Lisa Perry has been doing an outstanding job at recruiting students into the Forestry and Wildland Resources programs as well as across all other natural resources disciplines and the sciences. Employment opportunities for Forestry and Wildland Resources students are excellent. The programs rank near the top of all programs at Humboldt State University with over 90% of graduates getting jobs related to their major.

During the Spring 2013 Awards Banquet the department awarded nearly \$28,000 in scholarships to

22 students. In addition to the department scholarships, nearly \$10,000 in outside scholarships was awarded to Forestry and Wildland Resources students. This includes scholarships awarded by Women in Timber, California Licensed Foresters Association, Redwood Regional Logging Conference, and the California Farm Bureau to name a few.

For further information about the Humboldt State University Forestry and Wildland Resources programs, go to: <http://www.humboldt.edu/fwr/>

Farm Bureau 100th Birthday Celebration July 27, 2013

by Katherine Zeimer



erative Extension and the local 4-H Organization.

In 1913 the University of California offered the local Ag community trained specialists to help with scientific development of the agriculture needs in Humboldt County. The only requirement was at least one-fifth of the farmers in the county had to join the Farm Bureau before the "Farm Advisor" would be assigned to our area. With cooperation from the Eureka Development Association, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the University of California, support for the new Farm Advisor and office space was provided at 321 G Street in Eureka.

The 100th Celebration will be held at Samoa on Saturday, July 27 in conjunction with the Annual Timber Heritage Association Historical Open House. The event will include activities all day including Speeder

Rides, Pie Contest, Catapult Melon Throwing Contest and an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the California Milk Advisory Board. The day will conclude with a "Lumber Camp Style Dinner" at the Samoa Cookhouse with ingredients being provided to the Cookhouse chef by local agricultural producers.

Guest Speakers at the dinner are American Farm Bureau President, Bob Stallman from Columbus, Texas and California Farm Bureau President, Paul Wenger, as well as local historians and Farm Bureau members.

The HCFB Board of Directors is working hard to make this a memorable event and are requesting farm families to bring a display about your family's historical connection to the local agricultural community including photos. They are also seeking antique farm equipment to display. For more information on the family displays or antique farm equipment, please contact Chairman Gene Senestraro at 442-6396 for a space at the event.

This is an opportunity of a life-time to experience a milestone in our Farm Bureau history. Farm Bureau is extremely proud of its history and your presence at the celebration will be the crowning glory. We look forward to seeing you at the Birthday Party on Saturday, July 27th!

Estelle Fennell – 2nd District Supervisor

The Buckeye welcomes Estelle Fennell as Humboldt County Second District Supervisor. She has been hard at work since taking office in January of this year. Estelle has lived and worked on the North Coast for close to thirty years.

Before her election, Estelle served as Executive Director of the Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights. Prior to that she was the News Director at Redwood Community Radio Station, KMUD in Garberville. About those experiences Estelle says, “I learned a lot about working with people of differ-



ent political backgrounds toward a common goal and it reaffirmed my belief that this is how good decisions are reached and this is the kind of cooperation and collaboration that should be the work of all elected officials.”

She has served on numerous local Boards of Directors and as a member of Rotary International and the Garberville and Fortuna Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Fennell is especially dedicated to rural values, land use issues and the economic sustainability of Humboldt County.

Forestry Institute for Teachers Comes to Humboldt for 19th Year

On July 14 – 20 Humboldt State University will be the setting for the Forestry Institute for Teachers. The Forestry Institute for Teachers is a multi-day residence workshop developed by the Northern California Society of American Foresters, University of California Cooperative Extension, Shasta County Office of Education, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Project Learning Tree. The FIT Program is underwritten by a consortium of public and private sources.

The goal of FIT is to provide K-12 teachers with knowledge, skills and tools to effectively teach their students about forest ecology and forest resource management practices. Approximately 30 teachers from throughout California participate in the week long program. It is held in a forested setting ideal for on-site study of forest ecology and natural resource management issues. The program brings together natural resource specialists, including Buckeye Director Jim Able, and teachers from rural and urban settings, working side by side to gain a deeper understanding of forest ecosystems and human use of natural resources. They also learn about environmental education concepts and curriculum materials through

information and experiences presented by natural resource and educational specialists.

FIT provides K-12 educators with an increased understanding and appreciation of California's forest ecosystems and the complex issues involved in managing the natural resources found in public and private forests. Since 1993, 1,900 teachers have graduated from the program.

The participants enjoy several barbecue dinners throughout the week cooked by Past Buckeye President Pete Bussman.

FIT continues to receive good reviews from the participating teachers. One teacher commented:

“It is a superb learning experience to see and hear everyone’s perspective and to see individuals that are passionate about their jobs. I learned that I had been misinformed about some aspects about forestry. I am happy to see that many things have changed for the better- for our state and world. Thank you for this invaluable experience that I will treasure and share with anyone that will listen.”

State cost-share funding for oak woodlands restoration on hold - for now

by Shayne Green

It has been just over a year since private landowners in Humboldt County became eligible for cost-share funding directed at efforts to conserve and restore oak woodlands. This was made possible by a county resolution that recognized the value of oak woodlands and the importance of voluntary efforts by private landowners to manage them. The resolution was drafted by the Northcoast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) with input and support from many local landowners, including The Buckeye, Cattlemen's Association and Farm Bureau board members. The Headwaters Fund helped finance the effort.



NRLT then began working with the Wildlife Conservation Board to develop a project proposal for the restoration of oak woodlands on private lands in Humboldt County. Unfortunately, permitting and long-term maintenance requirements

bogged down this attempt at securing funds for local projects even as the state program ran out of money. While Humboldt County landowners are still eligible to apply for cost-share funding from the California Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund, it is unknown if or when the Fund will be replenished. In the meantime, landowners can continue looking to the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for cost-share and technical support. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife also provides incentives (usually deer or elk tags) for habitat enhancement projects in oak woodlands.

Questions or comments on this article can be directed to Shayne Green at the Northcoast Regional Land Trust (707-822-2242); s.green@ncrlt.org.

University of California Cooperative Extension Celebrates 100 year Anniversary

by Yana Valachovic

The Humboldt Cooperative Extension program was the very first Cooperative Extension office established in California in July of 1913.

UCCE is using this anniversary as an opportunity to celebrate and share the rich history of our region and of local producers. They would love to include you and your family's history. They are looking for 4-H alumni, historical photos, stories and other memorabilia to help mark this event.

They would especially like to honor families and farmers who share a 100 years of working together. Has your family been in 4-H for 100 years? Or has

your family been in agriculture for 100 years? If so, they want to hear from you!



They invite you to participate in a variety of events planned throughout 2013 in celebration of the **100 year milestone**. These activities include tours of local producers of farm, fiber and energy products; technical workshops; an oral history and historical timeline; presentations at the local fairs and a gala dinner on September 13th.

Please contact Yana at 445-7351 or <http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu/> to participate or for more information.



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