



Leaping Lamb Farm Stay

Summer 2010

CPRCD Receives Two RBEGs

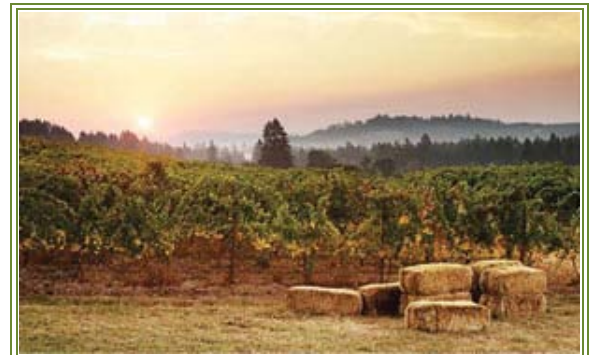
CPRCD was awarded two Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEGs) for projects to promote and strengthen rural businesses.

A grant for \$18,000 will help expand the **Oregon Country Trails** program, which markets unique rural businesses through self-guided tours and online shopping. The grant will enable creation of 11 new trails throughout the state, each promoting 15 rural businesses.

The **Oregon Farm Stay Website** project received a \$17,000 grant to develop a site that provides direct marketing for on-farm accommodations. The site will also educate Oregon farmers on how to offer accommodations as a value-added service.

Contact the following people for more information on these programs.

- Oregon Country Trails: Danuta Pfeiffer, Danuta1@aol.com.
- Oregon Farm Stay: Scottie Jones, sjones@leapinglambfarm.com.



Pfeiffer Vineyard

NW Weed Management Partnership Report Available

The 2009 report from CPRCD's Northwest Weed Management Partnership (NWMP) is now available online at www.cascadepacific.org/2009_NWMP_report.pdf.

NWMP was created in 2004 as a fresh, collaborative approach to habitat protection and restoration. For many years, invasive weeds were controlled in a piecemeal fashion as staff and resources permitted. These isolated projects were found to have little long-term impact in protecting ag/timber lands and wildlife habitat. Further, managing weeds without restoring the sites with desirable species made it extremely easy for a new wave of weeds to invade.

NWMP was modeled after successful Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) programs used in Montana, Idaho and California. These programs pooled the limited resources of several entities, which worked together at local and regional levels to control invasive weeds, restore wildlife habitat, and increase crop and timber production.

According to the new report, as of December 2009 there were over 100 signed Memorandums of Agreement between partnering organizations and NWMP. For more information, contact Vern Holm, NWMP Coordinator, at (971) 241-2173 or vgholm1@verizon.net.

2010 Calendar

CPRCD Full Board Meeting
Siuslaw National Forest
4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis
July 15, 1-4 pm

**Celebration at Ritner Creek
Bridge**
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July 17, 2-4 pm
[See story below](#)

**CPRCD Executive Board
Meeting**
Tangent Office
August 18, 10-noon
**Pacific Rim RC&D Regional
Conference**
Homer, Alaska
September 8-10

[For more, see
www.pacrimrcd.org](#)

CPRCD Annual Meeting
Inn at Diamond Woods, Monroe
September 16, 5-8 pm

5-Year Strategic Plan Completed

CPRCD has completed a long-range plan that provides the organization's strategic direction for July 2010 through June 2015.

The plan was developed after gathering public input from meetings in each of CPRCD's six counties -- Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk. It was guided by the CRPCD Board and developed in cooperation with local citizens, communities, government entities, and public and private organizations.

Contingent on final approval by the CPRCD Board, the strategic plan will be available online the week of July 19 at www.cascadepacific.org.

For more information, contact Karen Strohmeier, RC&D Coordinator, Cascade Pacific RC&D, at Karen.Strohmeier@or.usda.gov

Save the Date! CPRCD Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the CPRCD Annual Meeting, which will be held Thursday, September 16, 5-8 pm at the Inn at Diamond Woods in Monroe.

Details will be available soon. Keep an eye on our website for more: www.cascadepacific.org.

Celebration at Ritner Creek Bridge

The Friends of Ritner Creek Bridge and Luckiamute Watershed Council will celebrate the historic covered bridge on July 17 at 2:00.

The celebration will honor the community's ongoing support of the 1926 bridge, restored to its former glory in 2008. The day's events include a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open a newly-paved footpath made of engraved bricks donated by supporters. Other events include tours of the Council's piling removal project, a native plant tour, a workshop by Polk Soil & Water Conservation District, and a review of local history. Music will be provided by Home Grown, an old-timey band.

To register, call Gail Oberst, 503-871-1242, or send your e-mail to: gailoberst@yahoo.com.