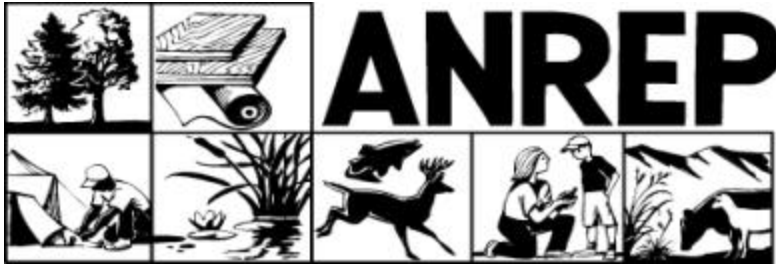


Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals

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President's Report

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What a busy spring and summer ANREP has had! We kicked off the summer with a very successful national conference in Nevada (or was it California?!) with hundreds of natural resource colleagues gathering for four days of professional and personal development. Thanks to all that made that event a very memorable one. Following the conference we were invited to participate in the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) meeting with the heads of four other major Extension organizations. These included the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA), the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-H), The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), and Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP). ANREP had petitioned for years to become an official member of this group. We pursued this for a variety of reasons but simply put, ANREP leadership over the years felt that working closely with this group would be advantageous to the membership. First of all, membership in JCEP basically recognizes our organization as an "official association" of the Extension System which carries with it certain opportunities and responsibilities. Second, membership guarantees a place at the table when future direction of the Extension System is discussed. Finally, membership ties us directly with other official member organizations. We have much to learn and benefit by working closely with these other groups. This membership however doesn't come without a cost! We'll have to work much harder as individuals and as an association as a whole to encourage membership, especially at the county level. These other organizations are strong because of their grass roots leadership. They even have county people running their organizations on any given year. I'll consider ANREP a success when we can boast that!

In other news, we'll find out soon when and where our 2002 conference will be held and who will assist Chuck Gay, our incoming ANREP President with 2001 activities. We also plan to participate in a number of regional meetings next year that will be designed to better position ANREP and natural resources/environmental management within our system. These regional meetings are slated for early spring of 2001 so stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your ANREP leadership. See www.anrep.org for more information on who's who this year. Finally, thanks to Jeff Kirwan of Virginia Tech who worked closely with Viviane Simon-Brown on this issue of the newsletter.

We appreciate your hard work Jeff! Have a great fall and I hope to see you throughout the next year.

Second National Natural Resources Extension Meeting Attracts over 300

The second national meeting devoted to natural resources Extension programs was held May 16 to 18, 2000, at Lake Tahoe. ANREP, along with the USDA-CSREES sponsored the event along with the University of California and the University of Nevada. Over 300 people registered and attended this gathering at Harrah's Resort in South Lake Tahoe, on the California-Nevada border. Two general sessions were held on the theme, "Excellence Through Partnerships." There were 72 individual papers presented in 5 concurrent sessions on topics such as: youth education, new technologies, landowner and citizen participation, public issues education, forest health, watershed management, and land use planning. Three field tours in the Lake Tahoe Basin, 66 poster presentations and ANREP and NREM awards presentations rounded out the session.

One of the key advantages of membership in ANREP is being able to share the experiences and successes of fellow colleagues working in natural resources from around the country. The Lake Tahoe meeting built on the strong base established at the first national ANREP meeting in Minnesota. The diversity of people, issues, and interest that participated were bound together by an interest in sustaining natural resources through extension education. Another exciting aspect of the conference and this organization is the opportunity to collaborate not only across state, discipline and appointment (research, teaching and Extension are represented) boundaries but also across county, state, regional, national and even international lines! Much thanks to Rick Standiford, Bill Frost, Joni Rippee and all the folks who made the meeting a success.

How Diverse an Organization is ANREP?

Extension professionals from 48 states and territories attended the recent National Extension Natural Resources Meeting. The host states of Nevada and California sent the most attendees, with Wisconsin, Oregon and Virginia rounding out the top five. The general percentages by discipline were:

Forestry- 26%
Environmental Ed.- 20%
Multi-disciplinary- 17%
Water- 13%
Range- 11%
Wildlife- 9%

What do members want from their new national organization?

Viviane Simon-Brown, Western Region Chairperson for ANREP and a faculty member at Oregon State University recently conducted an informal survey of our new organization. Her conclusion: there is a gap between what we'd like to have and what we can do right now.

(“What’s new?” she adds.) Her favorite advice: go slow and build membership. Here’s a sampling of her results. Stay tuned for a more thorough survey being developed by Viviane, Gary Goff (NE Chair) and others.

1. What roles would you like the ANREP Western Region to play?
 - ...Provide for continuing education needs not met within states
 - ...Represent natural resources interests at the national level of Extension administration
 - ...Help facilitate joint funding efforts
 - ...Discuss joint publications, video and other educational materials
 - ...Provide a forum for information exchange and relationship building
 - ...Foster cooperation for managing regional resources such as salmon fishery

2. What would you be willing to do to make these changes happen?
 - ...Represent ANREP at meetings within a half days drive
 - ...Help plan the regional conference in non-ANREP conference years
 - ...Help with a newsletter or web/email based info exchange forum

3. What are your thoughts about having a regional conference in non-ANREP conference years?
 - ...yes
 - ...travel cost to the mainland is an issue
 - ...work up to a regional conference; don't start until we have more membership.

If you have anything to add, please contact Viviane or any one of the officers (see www.anrep.org for more information).

News from the Western Region – A continuing series of news from around the region, compiled and contributed by Viviane Simon-Brown, Western Representative.



Idaho OnePlan- University of Idaho Cooperative Extension

Partners: Idaho Conservation Commission
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
EPA, NRCS

Website: www.oneplan.state.id.us

Idaho OnePlan is a web-based planning resource for landowners to help them minimize impacts on water quality. The goal is to reduce impacts without resorting to regulatory means.

By the end of the year, the site will be linked to a GIS database that will enable users to evaluate the specific characteristics of their farms, ranches, and forest lands, and link them to various regulations, BMP recommendations, and environmental concerns. There will also be modules for nutrient management and waste lagoons.

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The Watershed Stewardship Education Program (WSEP)- Oregon State University Extension

Partners: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI).

WSEP is a series of watershed education training sessions that are provided to watershed councils, farmers, foresters, and residents. The goal is to help these groups understand multiple components of their watershed, and apply this knowledge to assessments, project development, and water quality and habitat monitoring. Topics include:

- ?? Watershed Processes
- ?? Stream Ecology
- ?? Evaluating and Reducing Upland Erosion
- ?? Riparian Area Functions and Management
- ?? Evaluating and Improving Fish Habitat
- ?? Wetland/Estuary Evaluation and Enhancement
- ?? Working Together to Create Successful Groups
- ?? Water Quality Monitoring

Watershed Stewardship: A Learning Guide this 17 -chapter guide may be purchased from OSU Extension & Station Communications (422 Kerr Administration, Oregon State University, 97331-2119; fax: 541.737.0817; phone: 541.737.0799.)

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Forest Stewardship Program- Washington State University Cooperative Extension

Partners: Washington State Department of Natural Resources
USDA Forest Service R-6

The Forest Stewardship Program is a comprehensive program designed to assist nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners with their educational and technical needs. Last year 50 forest stewardship classes were taught, with 1500 landowners attending. Eight coached planning workshops resulting in over 125 landowner prepared plans. Two issues of the "Forest Stewardship Notes" newsletter were sent to 40,000 readers throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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4-H Geology Guide- Oregon State University Extension

Authors: Virginia Thompson, OSU Extension and Alex Bourdeau (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Geo-Archaeologist)

The guide is tied to Oregon Department of Education benchmarks to support school enrichment use as well as traditional 4-H clubs and camping programs. The authors are presenting three workshops in October to assist agents, teachers and other is using this curriculum with youth.

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Blackberries, Goats and At-Risk Youth: A Streamside Restoration Project- Oregon State Extension

Collaborators: Oregon Youth Authority
Applegate Watershed Council

This is an applied research and demonstration project comparing the use of goat browsing and mechanical and chemical tools in the removal of Himalayan blackberries, followed by replacement of the blackberries with native trees and vegetation. At-risk youth conduct a 4H project involving riparian fencing, observation and data collecting and learning about watersheds. Youth developed a poster of initial results and presented it at the Jackson County Fair

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Watershed Education for Real-estate Agents and Appraisers - Oregon State Extension

This curriculum grew out of a series of continuing education courses taught to real-estate agents in 1999, and is a response to an influx of new property owners into the Rogue Valley of southwest Oregon. The goals are to create linkages between new landowners and the natural resource professionals in their area, while educating real-estate agents on important watershed issues. Covered topics include 1) Water Rights and Water Quality Rules and Regulations; 2) Soil Interpretation and Management 3) Pasture and Forestry Management for Watershed Protection 3) Riparian Zone Management and 4) Well Water Protection. One objective is to help new landowners make wise land use decisions when they buy property.

Seeing the Forest: Art about Forests & Forestry- Oregon State Extension

This is a juried, traveling art exhibit that provokes thought about our beliefs concerning forests. It consists of 53 art pieces, worth \$37,000, from 26 artists. Mediums include photography, oils, watercolors, etchings, fiber arts (quilts and paper), wood products (furniture and turned wood), and folk art. Forest issues illustrated include harvesting, recreation, fire, jobs, water resources, wildlife habitat, and of course, aesthetic beauty.

A pilot test in three communities reached 68,000 viewers in just three months. Of the respondents to a questionnaire, 90% indicated the art show illustrated the diversity of forest issues in Oregon, and 73% said it increased their understanding of the complexity of forestry issues. The pilot project also generated 100% positive responses from the host sites, the artists, and the OSU faculty and volunteers who interacted with the public. This year, the show goes to seven communities in eight months, including a visitor center, two libraries, a government office building, a gallery and the State Capitol.

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2000 ANREP AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The ANREP Awards Program was created to foster high standards among our members and to help expand the use of high quality, innovative materials and programs. It honors outstanding ANREP members and partners as well as the educational materials and programs they have developed.

The following awards were presented at the national ANREP conference held at Lake Tahoe, May 16 –18. The unedited comments made during the awards presentation are included here to highlight the outstanding contributions ANREP members are making.

President's Award

[Mel Baughman](#), Extension Specialist, University of Minnesota

[Larry Biles](#), USDA-CSREES, Washington, DC

[Peter Smallidge](#), Extension Forester, Cornell University

Early Career Leadership Award

[Jeff Schalaus](#), County Director and Extension Agent in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Yavapai County Arizona.

Career Leadership Award

[Karen Bennett](#), Extension Specialist in Forest Resources, University of New Hampshire.

Individual Program Leadership Award

[Laura A. Grace](#), Associate Professor, Department of Forestry, Mississippi State University.

Outstanding Team Awards

[Cochise County Water Wise Community and School Education Program Team](#) (Arizona)

[Wildland Fire Education Toolkit Team](#) (Florida)

Outstanding Long publications

[Arizona Natural Resource Wonders: K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide](#), by ANREP members Kim McReynolds and Susan Pater.

[Oregon 4-H Earth Science-- Project Leader Guide and 4-H Geology--Member Guide](#) by Virginia Thompson (principal author).

[Environmental Awareness Series](#), by ANREP member Duane Friend, University of Illinois Extension.

Outstanding Short Publications

[Income Tax Guide for Woodland Owners](#) by Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota Extension

[The Real Dirty Dozen: Noxious Weeds of the Central Sierra](#), produced by ANREP member Franz Rulofson, University of California Cooperative Extension.

[So You Want to Sell Timber](#), by Adam Downing, Penn State Extension.

Newsletters

[Southeastern Arizona Range and Livestock News](#), co-produced by ANREP member Kim McReynolds, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

[Under the Canopy](#), co-produced by ANREP member Kim McReynolds, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

[The Woodlander](#), Adam Downing, primary author, Penn State.

Outstanding Radio Program-

[*News You Can Use*](#), by Bob Wheeler, University of Alaska Cooperative Extension

Outstanding Video-

[*New Hampshire's Living Legacy: The Biodiversity of the Granite State*](#)

ANREP member Ellen Snyder, University of New Hampshire Extension, co-producer

Outstanding Web Sites

[*Water on the Web*](#). ANREP member Cindy Hagley, University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program, co-producer. <http://wow.nrri.umn.edu/>

[*Forestry Outreach Site \(FORSite\)*](#) ANREP member Jeff Kirwan, Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech, co-producer. <http://www.fw.vt.edu/dendro/>

[*Keep Your Well Water Clean*](#). ANREP member Susan Williams, co-producer.

Mixed Media

[*Tropical Deforestation: Uncovering the Story*](#). ANREP member Gail Tischler, University of Minnesota Cooperative Extension, co-producer.

[*Keep Your Well Water Clean*](#). (English and Spanish). ANREP member Susan Williams, co-producer.

Outstanding Poster Presentations

“Adoption of Management Practices to Improve Watershed Quality on Oregon Small Acreage Horse Farms.” Gary Stephenson, Oregon State University.

Silver Award- “Living with Fire: a Coordinated Wildfire Threat Reduction Program.” Ed Smith, University of Nevada Extension.

Bronze Award- “Wisconsin Extension Educational Resources.” Mike Kroenke, University of Wisconsin Extension.