

## **Belton Family Tree Farm Forest Tour**

**When:** Saturday, September 27, 2008

**Where:** East of Sandy Oregon. Please email John Belton, [jcbtrees@aol.com](mailto:jcbtrees@aol.com) for directions.

**RSVP:** No later than September 21, 2008

Contact: John Belton, [jcbtrees@aol.com](mailto:jcbtrees@aol.com)

**Info:** Please bring lunch, water, raingear, and appropriate footwear.

The field tour will be hosted by John Belton and will provide participants with an opportunity to see a forest of mixed species that has been actively managed to meet two objectives, good habitat for a large and diverse list of animals and also production of lumber products of high quality. These two objectives are difficult to achieve in the same forest because they often require constant monitoring and they sometimes require different management practices. You will see the result of our management over a 65 year period.

You will see Douglas fir trees that are 110 years of age growing in a fully stocked forest. Under this high canopy of Douglas firs you will see a natural stand of western hemlock and red cedar growing. The other two species that have made a contribution to our forest have been western white pine and red alder. John will discuss the unique characteristics of these species and the challenges of increasing the species mix.

The Belton's have also been studying the aquatic species that live in their forest streams. There will be a discussion of some of the challenges facing wild fish populations in the area as well as some of the Belton's efforts to affect changes in water quality in the property's small forest streams.

The Belton's look forward to sharing their forest and their management experiences with you.