He’s blazing trails: Oregon Department of Forestry employee nationally recognized

ODF’s Dave Hiatt is the recipient of the International Off-Highway Vehicles Administrators Association 2012 Special Recognition Award, a new award designed to recognize significant achievement in contributing to and furthering the sport of Off-Highway Vehicle recreation.

Dave, an OHV Specialist at the Tillamook State Forest, was also the driving force behind obtaining the state-of-the-art single track 240 trail construction machine – a blader, grader, and backhoe – that’s making a significant positive impact on trails within the Tillamook.

You can see Dave and the ST 240 Trail Machine in action on a past episode of Grant’s Getaways at: tinyurl.com/c4stpk7

New resource guide published for family forestland owners

Anyone who owns forestland, even a small parcel, likely has questions about how to manage and protect it while still achieving their goals and objectives.

Fortunately, to help family forestland owners find answers, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute has published a 16-page booklet: “Family Forests: A guide to technical, financial and educational resources for family forest landowners.”

“The idea behind the resource guide is to introduce small woodland owners to an active community where they can learn and get help from peers and experts,” says Mike Cloughesy, OFRI director of forestry.

The new publication can be ordered or downloaded for free from OFRI’s website, at OregonForests.org

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Japanese Stewartia (Stewartia pseudo camellia)

Looking for an attractive tree that provides year-round interest in the landscape, and is well-suited to small-to-medium size yards? Look no further than Stewartia, a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a 15 to 30-foot spread that reaches about 30 feet in height.

This tree shows off white camellia-like flowers in mid-summer. Once the trunk attains two to three inches in diameter it features stunning bark that exfoliates in strips of gray, orange and reddish brown. It also boasts great fall foliage.

Stewartia prefers moist, acidic, well-drained soil in full morning sun or partial shade. Avoid sites with hot afternoon sun. This is a slow-growing tree, so be patient and you’ll be rewarded year-round.

Though slow-growing, Japanese Stewartia provides year-round interest in the landscape. Flowers and bark, left.

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