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## Who Will Own the Forest? 10

The tenth anniversary of the Who Will Own the Forest? timberland investment conference was a great success. A sold-out house of over 440 participants attended the three-day event in September. One of the highlights of the diverse discussions was a panel on how the sector can recruit and invest in the next generation of talent in an industry that requires a rare mix of financial, forestry, and environmental knowledge.

A big Thank You goes out to our 41 corporate sponsors that made this

event successful and special recognition to our two Title Sponsors, Timberland Investment Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services for their support and commitment to our mission.

You can purchase a digital copy of the conference proceedings by contacting WFI Director Sara Wu at [swu@worldforestry.org](mailto:swu@worldforestry.org).

Preceding WWOTF10 was the one-day Forest Products Forum, also held on our campus. Over 100 people showed up to learn about industry trends and talk with the experts. The event was

organized and hosted by Forest Economic Advisors.

Save the dates for next years' events:

Who Will Own the Forest? 11 will be held September 15-17, 2015 and will be immediately preceding by the Forest Products Forum on September 15, 2015.



*The Forest Products Forum had a great turnout of folks interested in industry updates.*



*The top floor of the Discovery Museum during the opening reception of WWOTF10.*

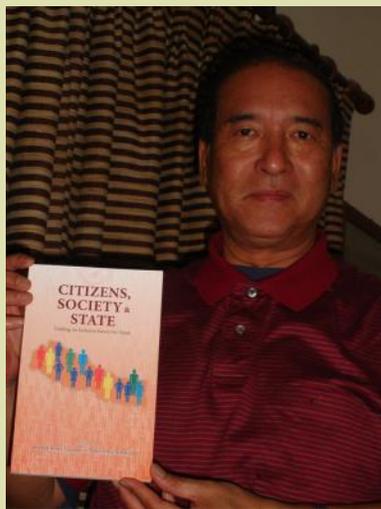
## Alumni Updates

Nigerian alumnus Gabriel Salako (2011) accepted a new faculty position at Kwara State University in Malete, Ilorin, Nigeria. Gabriel had previously been principal lecturer in the Umar Suleiman College of Education in Gashua.



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Deepak Tamang, Nepalese alumnus from 2008, is the co-editor of a new book just released called *Citizens, Society & State: Crafting an Indigenous Future for Nepal*. Deepak is the CEO of Search Nepal, a community development nonprofit in Kathmandu.



Deepak proudly displays his new book that he hopes will help others engage in civic activity.

## Pacific Logging Congress

Over 1,000 school kids from all around the region descended on Port Blakely Tree Farms for the 7th In the Woods Show in September. The show is part of the annual Pacific Logging Congress and is designed to give people a first-hand look at forestry practices in Oregon.



WFI Fellows volunteered their time to lead groups of school children through the various field stations and shared some of their own forestry expertise with them.

Top: WFI Fellows got their hard hats on, ready to head out to the woods with busloads of school kids.

Bottom: Hundreds of school kids gathered around Rob Pierce, the World Forestry Center Education Director, as he talked about how trees work.



## In the Field with The Trust for Public Lands

Don Goldberg, Senior Project Manager with the Trust for Public Lands, spent the day with WFI.

Don took the group out to Forest Park to meet with the City of Portland's ecologist about restoration in this beloved urban forest.

The Trust for Public Lands helps entities conserve land for public use and has several ongoing projects in the greater Portland area.

Don also took the group out to visit private landowners Scott and Sue Russell in Scappoose, Oregon. They have been working with TPL on various projects and WFI visited some of their stream restoration and timber harvest sites throughout the day.

More information about the Trust for Public Lands can be found [here](#).



WFI Fellows and Don Goldberg (second from left) were trying to keep dry while exploring a stream restoration project in Scappoose.



## Ecotrust Forest Management

### Current Events

#### NEW FELLOW!

WFI welcomed a new Fellow into the program this fall, Ms. Wai Wai Than from Myanmar.

Wai Wai is a researcher with the Forest Research Institute in Yezin, Myanmar where she studies policies and issues around invasive alien species.

Wai Wai was the recipient of a prestigious Fellowship award from the International Tropical Timber Organization based in Japan. She will be at WFI for 6 months studying invasive species management in the Pacific Northwest.



*Wai Wai Than is our first Fellow from Myanmar and only our third Fellow to receive a scholarship from the International Tropical Timber Organization.*

Ecotrust Forest Management is a timberland investment company and a for-profit subsidiary of the Portland-based nonprofit Ecotrust. They own forestland in various parts of the west and WFI visited one of their properties near the Oregon Coast, outside the town of Garibaldi.

EFM forester Will Hart led the group around various sites of their FSC certified property. Their overarching mission is to provide forest management that promotes whole ecosystem health. Towards this they specialize in an ecological approach to their timber management, taking into consideration values of ecosystems services such as clean water, carbon storage, and wildlife habitat, while still generating a financial return.

Several of the stops featured stands with various forms of thinning, including variable retention and clumping of retained trees. Considerations of what was best for that particular stand were laid out and with the group of WFI forestry professionals on site, there was of course discussion of the “how” and the “why” of it all!



*EFM Forester Will Hart (right) guided the group through their Garibaldi forest property with maps and on the ground.*



*A 2006 thinning, underplanted with spruce with a lot of natural regeneration from both hemlock and spruce. The bigleaf maple was left to help promote biodiversity in the stand.*



*Standing at the top of a thinned stand, WFI Fellows and EFM staff were able to look beyond EFM property, across various ownerships with a view to the ocean.*



## Redwoods National and State Parks

### Current Events

In early October a Malaysian delegation from the state of Sabah visited the World Forestry Center. Government officials, wildlife experts, and parks and recreation professionals toured several organizations in the greater Portland area, including WFC, to learn about urban park development. The Sabah delegation is interested in creating a park akin to our Forest Park in their city and are working to build a baseline for how to accomplish their project.

World Forest Institute Founder Harry Merlo was there, along with WFC Executive Director Eric Vines and Honorary WFC board member John Blackwell, who brought the delegation to WFC. John Blackwell announced his intention at the meeting to support future Malaysian Fellows to WFI.

The Redwoods are always an amazing sight to see and our recent visit there was made better by a personal tour with National Park Service Forester Jason Teraoka.

WFI spent the day with Jason looking at not only the “big” trees, but going behind locked gates to see manage-

ment and treatment sites that the NPS is working to restore.

As one of the few national parks that are mandated to actively manage their forests in addition to protecting and conserving their old growth, Redwoods NP has an excellent management plan in place for restoring and

maintaining healthy redwood forests. They manage to achieve future old-growth conditions throughout the park. Some might be surprised to know too that Douglas fir and Sitka spruce grow side by side these tall trees. A good reminder to not forget to see the forest for the trees the next time you visit!



*Top left: Fellows gathered around one of the massive Redwoods in Stout Grove.*



*Top right: A walk amongst the giants is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for some of these Fellows*

*Bottom: WFI was shown behind the scenes forest management at Redwood National Park with their Forester Jason Teraoka.*



*Harry Merlo received a gift from the Mayor of Sabah in recognition of his support of their mission.*