

Fire and Pines

Field Tour on the Palouse
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We learned from dating fire scars on old tree stumps that fires burned every 5 to 8 years in the forests on the edge of the Palouse prairie 1650-1900. From land surveyors' field notes made in the late 1870s, we know the adjacent prairie was extensive. Today, agriculture, towns and rural homes have replaced both prairie and what once were open ponderosa pine forests, while forest patches once had more ponderosa pine than they do now. What are the conservation implications? How can we restore open pine forests? Currently we have lightning but few wildfires. What will the future hold?

Walk in the woods with local landowners and land managers. This field trip includes some walking on and off trails. Bring lunch and water, sunscreen (hopefully you'll need it!), and layers of clothing for the day.

Saturday April 4, 2020, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Meet at Rosauer's Parking lot (SE corner) @ 8:50 am to carpool

Optional Tour Phillips Farm Restoration Project 3:30-4:30 pm,
meet at the Gazebo at the Phillips Farm

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