

# MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL CARDWELL HILL PROJECT NEWS FEBRUARY 2007

## LANDOWNER MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST - 7-9PM

WREN COMMUNITY HALL

Western Pond Turtles - *with Dave Vesely*

USFWS Partners in Fish & Wildlife Agreements &  
Living in Critical Habitat - Q&A *with Steve Smith*

A look at the Completed Habitat Plans

Implementing the Oak & Prairie Restoration Grant



## OAK & PRAIRIE RESTORATION FUNDING AWARDED

The Watershed Council will receive \$100K from Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Landowner Incentive Program for restoring oak woodlands, oak savanna and prairie with 9 Cardwell Hill landowners.



## LOCAL POND PROJECTS

A proposal has been submitted to help 3 landowners build or improve ponds. Also, Pacific Wildlife Research will expand efforts to track turtle nest sites with telemetry techniques this summer - hear more at the March 1st meeting.



**HABITAT PROJECT PLANS** have been completed for six landowners in the Cardwell Hill area. **Project Consultant:** Josh Cerra of David Evans Assoc.

**Proposal for 13 more Habitat Plans** has been submitted to OWEB - we should know more in March.

**Funded by:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

*"Strength in numbers...being able to obtain technical and financial assistance more easily than a stand alone landowner."* Ken Faulk

## BENTON CO. PRAIRIE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN



Last summer, 26 Cardwell Hill landowners participated in plant surveys that identified many local populations of threatened Kincaid's lupine and endangered Fender's blue butterflies. Fender's blue is a small butterfly with an approximately 1 inch wingspan. Upper wings are blue in males, and brown in females. The underside of both gender's wings are creamy tan with two rows of black spots and a white border.

Visit <http://www.co.benton.or.us/parks/hcp/index.php> for more info.



## SCOTCH BROOM

'Tis the season, while the ground's nice and wet, to pull Scotch broom - the smaller ones will pull right up, roots and all!!

## AWARDS

**Ken & Karin Faulk**

Oregon Small Woodlands Association Tree Farmers of the Year

**Emerald Valley Thinning - the Smouse Family**

Oregon Department of Forestry Operators of the Year

*"To share in that excitement with our neighbors feels so empowering, knowing at a small level we will make a difference to create an amazing natural habitat on a much larger level."*

Lorin & Josh Liddell