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June 22nd Resilient Forestry Tour

Visit a working model of the future of forestry

Ashland, ORE. – Beyond Toxics and the owners of Willow-Witt Ranch near Ashland, Oregon will host a **Resilient Forestry Tour** on **Saturday, June 22nd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.**

This tour provides the *community a unique opportunity to look inside a sustainably-managed forest and see how this approach creates healthy ecosystems and sequesters carbon while sustaining healthy air and water in the face of climate change.* Suzanne Willow and Lanita Witt, owners of the Willow-Witt Ranch will guide community members through a working forest and wetland and highlight their management practices that focus on non-toxic management, environmental protection, wildlife and botanical biodiversity, and carbon storage. Topics such as caring for rich soil and honoring the development of slow growth trees and undisturbed wetlands without the use of synthetic herbicides and fertilizers will be discussed. Beyond Toxics Executive Director Lisa Arkin will give remarks on state climate legislation and the role of forestry to reduce carbon emissions.

There is a \$10 registration fee for this event that includes a light lunch and transportation to and from Ashland. Register at beyondtoxics.org. For more information, contact Lisa Arkin at info@beyondtoxics.org

Beyond Toxics has been providing public and private tours of smaller, sustainably-managed forests since spring of 2016. These tours of forests using “**Resilient Forestry**” practices provide a glimpse of the future of modern forestry that will serve both human needs and forest biodiversity to better adapt to the challenges of climate change.

Located 30 minutes outside of Ashland, Willow-Witt Ranch is a 445-acre gem in Southern Oregon’s high country. The tour is part walking and part bus transportation. Total walking distance is about 1 to 1.5 miles and the trails are level. Tennis shoes would work fine. No dogs allowed on premises.

Members of the press are invited to attend. To register, call 541-465-8860 or go to BeyondToxics.org/events.

Beyond Toxics protects and enhances human and environmental health. We promote environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities. We empower communities to enact lasting solutions to environmental health threats.

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