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## Interview with Sarah Deumling, Zena Timber, 2006 (audio)

Sarah Deumling

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Interviewee: Sarah Deumling, Zena Timber  
 Interviewer: Glenn Esler  
 Date: August 4, 2006  
 Location of Interview:(Eola Hills) Rickreall, OR 97371  
 Research Assistant: Margie Crawford  
 Interview Series: Sustaining Northwest Landscapes & Communities

Time	Notes
0:00	Oregonian; graduated from Molalla H.S., Whitman College – Political Science B.A.- Reed College M.A.
1:35	Germany – met husband.
2:00	Arizona – taught school on the Navaho Reservation; had 4 children – 1 died 5 years ago at 17 years old
3:10	1987 back to Oregon from Germany – husband in forestry. Zena Timber Company a subsidiary of a family-owned German forestry company.
4:39	1996 Husband dies of cancer. Sarah took over.
5:24	FSC certified in 1998 which just affirmed their forestry practices.
6:20	No clear cutting, no chemicals, no compaction.
8:30	FSC is expensive. Assessment for certification.
10:15	Trout Mountain Forestry is their certified “umbrella” now which makes their FSC certification more reasonable. Barry Simms
13:00	Political issues with state government
14:01	OFRI
15:00	Department of Forestry, OSU
15:45	Ecotrust
16:35	OPB – “Marketplace” appearance
16:50	Measure 37
17:20	Hunting on property by permission
19:57	Wood products – log sales to
21:09	German owners appreciate hardwoods like maple and oak.
23:07	Compatible trees complimenting each other’s growth
25:50	Governor’s office of Rural Economic Development
26:40	Trillium in Portland sold her oak flooring
28:10	Germans selling the property due to inheritance tax consequences
28:55	Trust for Public Land
30:25	Maple counter tops – son’s business
31:00	She has bought 200 acres of her own.
31:50	Value-added hardwood products in the Valley
32:15	Oak savannahs
34:30	Build Local Alliance is organization helpful to sustainable local foresters
35:00	Multi-cultured forests