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INTERVIEWEE: Mike Paine

Interviewer: James Pritchett

Date: May 28, 2008

Location of Interview: Gaining Ground Farm

Research Assistant: Derek Runberg

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
0:00	Background – Hawaii-Portland-CT-Bronx
1:35	No farming background
2:25	Peace Corps, starts farming
4:00	Returns to California to work on Environmental Policy
4:25	Manages farm in Costa Rica
5:50	Goes to UC Davis for Masters
6:50	Decides to avoid policy and start Gaining Ground Farm
8:10	Finds this land at 76acres
8:30	Previous land owner history- Archie Hield – recently deceased
9:30	Problems securing the land for purchase
10:00	Description of property
11:10	Starts farming in 2004
11:55	First year of CSA
12:30	Number of members for various years
13:00	Farmer’s Markets
14:25	Farming acreage expansions on GGF
15:30	Landscape rotation
16:30	Green Houses for interns

