

## Ten Year Celebration and Silent Auction Success

As many of you may remember the Gifford Pinchot Task Force is celebrating its tenth year. We kicked off our celebrations with a silent auction on June 1st. Over eighty of our members, partners, and friends showed up to celebrate ten years of the Task Force's accomplishments; to honor our special guests including the esteemed local author of *Where Bigfoot Walks*, Robert Michael Pyle; and to bid on some great silent auction items. Thanks to everyone's support the Task Force was able to raise over \$9,000!

### **The Task Force was proud to present the following awards:**

**Bigfoot Award:** to honor a leader in forest conservation who has left a large imprint on our work to protect and restore the Gifford Pinchot. We were pleased to give the first ever Bigfoot Award to Susan Jane Brown. Ms. Brown was the first Task Force executive director, and now works as Natural Resources Counsel for Representative DeFazio.

**Best Volunteer Award:** to honor our longest-running, hardest-working Task Force volunteer. The Best Volunteer Award was presented to Roger Cole, a retired cartographer, who has been volunteering with the Task Force for five years.

**Best Contractor Award:** to honor a forest contractor doing the best restoration work on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF). The Best Contractor Award was given to Kim Erion who runs LKE Corporation. Ms Erion has completed high quality road decommissioning and other restoration on the GPNF. We hope to give her more opportunities in the future.



Julia DeGraw and David Jennings chatting at the Celebration

### **The Task Force thanks these major silent auction donors:**

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Attendees mingled and perused the silent auction

### **We couldn't have succeeded without the help of our event volunteers:**

Ryan Theill, Eric Lam, Perin DeJong, Betsy Platt, Roger Cole, Brett Brownscombe, and Shannon Byers.

### **The Task Force would like to thank the major supporters and sponsors of the event as well:**

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**We look forward to seeing you next year at our annual membership dinner and silent auction!**