



FORESTRY CONTEST

April - 2008 NEWSLETTER

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation Dist. ~ Idaho Dept. of Lands ~ U.S. Forest Service
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Where and When

When: Thursday, May 8th, the day you have been preparing for, is less than 3 weeks away!

Location: The Delay Farm, West side of Hwy 95 between mile markers 454 and 455, just north of Beak's Roadhouse. There is a large red and white "Forestry Contest" sign by the turnoff. Watch out for fast-moving trains as you drive in across the double RR track.

Schedule: You should arrive around 8:00, and then proceed up to the contest site. Everything, including registration, will be at the contest site on the upper meadow.

8:00 Arrive and walk up to the meadow where the contest is held (about a mile)

8:10 Registration – pick up promotional item

9:00 Group Picture - at site of Announcements

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9:25 Students walk to first station

9:30 **3 horn blasts** – and Contest begins.

After the competition, a free BBQ hamburger lunch will be served - then the Awards will be given. Buses will load for the return trip around 2:30 p.m.

Registration - Please Read!

- **Coaches:** *Everything takes place at the contest site.* Everyone should bring what they need with them – don't leave coats, pencils, etc. on the bus. A reminder, there are two outhouses at the base of the hill off to the right, and several more at the contest site.
- **Coaches:** Please arrive early enough to walk up to the meadow contest site, complete registration, have students pick up their promotional item, and be ready at **9:00** for the group picture. Announcements are at **9:10**, then at **9:25** students will have 5 minutes to walk to their first station before the contest begins at **9:30**.
- Registration Tables will be set up just as you reach the meadow. Pick up your packets, check them for accuracy, and notify the Registrars of any corrections at this time. Distribute the color-coded brochures with attached Identification Stickers to your students (each Contestant has their own number and group color assignment). Have them immediately write their names on all ten of their stickers and wear one of the stickers as a name label.
- **Students:** At each station when the tests are handed out, place one of your Identification Stickers on the form and write your name legibly. Tests without names or labels are given a zero. *Any student who changes their assigned color group will be disqualified.*
- A separate table near registration will be set up for promotional items for contestants. Registration packets will include an extra identification sticker that students turn in at the promotional table. Please have students pick up a promotional item right after they are registered.

ALL VOLUNTEERS: Please check in at the Volunteer Station – and receive your promotional item!

Prepare for All Test Stations

Eight of the ten sections in your manual will be tested - be prepared and study all ten. If you need a manual, check either of the following websites, or call Linda at 208-263-5310.

The Bonner SWCD website is: www.icehouse.net/ksswcd and the IDL website is: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/ForestAssist/contest2008/contest2008.html>

Be Prepared for the Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring extra warm clothes in layers, and water-proof shoes or boots if possible – the meadow is still covered in snow as of April 3rd. Also bring **rain gear** - just in case. The weather can change quickly. Tents will be set up at each station, but coaches are encouraged to bring large garbage bags to be used as raincoats for students who forget to bring rain gear.

What To Bring

Participants should bring two pencils, a clipboard, a calculator and a water bottle. Clipboards can be made using thin board, a clip on the end, and a piece of acetate to cover the test in case of rain.

Honorary Chairman for 2008 – Kirk David

This year's Honorary Chairman is Kirk David, who has worked as a professional forester since he graduated from the University of Washington in Forest Resource Management in 1975. He started his career with the Washington Department of Natural Resources for 5 years, then worked for W-I Forest Products for 10 years, and in 1991 moved to Idaho to work for the Idaho Department of Lands as the State Service Forestry Program Manager. Kirk has donated his expertise to many organizations and committees throughout his career, and been an officer and active member of SAF from 1975 to the present. He retired in 2007, but continues working on several forestry-related committees – he currently is the Representative to the SAF National Council from District 1 which includes Alaska, Washington, and the Inland Empire.

Kirk has been in charge of the Forestry Contest Compass and Pacing Station since the first Contest was held in 1983! Thank you, Kirk, for your dedication to the field of forestry, and your commitment to the Forestry Contest!

Forestry Contest T-Shirts

Long-sleeved T-Shirts are available at the contest for \$12 – a few short-sleeved ones still available for \$8.

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