



## FORESTRY CONTEST

### APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

**When:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Coaches complete Final Registration - contestants pick up promotional item
- 9:00 Group Picture - at site of Announcements
- 9:10 Announcements
- 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 as far as number of teams and individual competitors – if there are any changes from pre-registration let Registrars know, and then hand write complete list of your competitors. 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](http://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. 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 2009 – Fred Omodt

Congratulations to Fred Omodt, this year's Honorary Chairman. Fred works at McFarland Cascade Pole & Lumber Company in Sandpoint. Fred has been in charge of the Mapping Station since the first Contest was held in 1983! He has also coached several Boy Scout troops. Thank you, Fred, for your dedication to the field of forestry, and your commitment to the Forestry Contest!

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and Wood River.

### North Idaho Timberfest

Many Many Thanks to  
**Ken Carter & the Timber Festival Committee**  
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