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Family Forest Landowners and Managers Conference, March 17-18, Moscow, ID

Earth, Water, Fire and Trees: Forest Owner Issues is the theme of a two-day conference for private forest landowners and managers scheduled for March 17-18, 2008, at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow, Idaho. The 18th such conference since 1991, it is sponsored by the Clearwater Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. and affiliated groups. The 2008 Idaho Forest Owners Association and Idaho Tree Farm Program Annual Meetings will be held in conjunction with the conference.

Approximately 20 separate presentations will focus on aspects of four main topics: forest fragmentation and ways to address landscape fragmentation issues, ways to maximize profits from the working family forest, how current and future water rights rules and regulations will impact landowners, and living with fire in the wildland urban interface. As at past conferences, panel discussions will address real, on-the-ground experiences in managing non-industrial private forestland. Conference participants interested in touring two small stationary sawmills operated by family forest landowners may do so on the morning of March 19 (space is limited to 40).

For more information, contact Harry Lee, University of Idaho Department of Forest Products at 208-885-6900. Registration costs \$50 per person and includes two luncheons and materials. To attend the Idaho Tree Farm Annual Awards Meeting or the post-conference sawmill tour costs \$10 each. To register, contact the Clearwater RC&D Office at 208-882-4960 (x 102) or clwtr@moscow.com or go to www.clearwaterRCD.org

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