

# **EARTH, WATER, FIRE AND TREES: FOREST OWNER ISSUES**

*A Conference for Family Forest Landowners and Managers*

**MARCH 17-18, 2008**  
**Best Western University Inn**  
**Moscow, Idaho**

Clearwater Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.  
Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.  
Upper Columbia Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.  
Idaho Department of Lands  
University of Idaho  
University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System  
USDA Forest Service, Regions 1 & 4  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Monday, March 17, 2008** (Note: All main sessions held in University/Empire Rooms)

**8:00 a.m.**      **Registration**

**9:00 a.m.**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Harry Lee, Professor Emeritus, Forest Products Department, University of Idaho  
Chair, Conference Steering Committee, Moscow, ID*

**Session I: Earth—United We Stand**

*Moderator: Ken Stinson, District Manager, Latah Soil & Water Conservation District, Moscow, ID*

**9:15 a.m.**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Current Issues and Challenges**  
*George Bacon, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, Boise, ID*

**10:00 a.m.**      **BREAK** (Time to network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items)

**10:30 a.m.**      **PANEL DISCUSSION: Dealing with the Pressures to Fragment the Forest Landscape**

**Clearwater County, Idaho, Commissioner's Perspective**  
*John Allen, Clearwater County Commissioner, Orofino, ID*

**Kootenai County Planning Department's Perspective**  
*Mark Mussman, Planner III, Kootenai County Building & Planning Department, Coeur d'Alene, ID*

**Landowner's Perspective**  
*Bob Reggear, Reggear Tree Farms and Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District, Orofino, ID*

**Developer's Perspective**  
*John Kellogg, Principal Planner, Professional Consultants, Inc., Missoula, MT*

**12:00 p.m.**      **LUNCH** (Provided in the Silver/Gold Rooms)  
*Updates from forest landowner organization representatives*

**1:00 p.m.**      *Network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items*

**Session II: Earth—Divided We Fall**

*Moderator: G. Kirk David, National Council, Society of American Foresters;  
Member, Panhandle Lakes RC&D Council, Inc., Coeur d'Alene, ID*

**1:30 p.m.**      **PANEL DISCUSSION: Forest Legacy Program**  
*Lon Merrifield, Clifty View Nursery, Bonners Ferry, ID  
Dee Sessions, Regional Coordinator and Legacy Program Manager, State & Private Forestry,  
USDA-Forest Service, Regions 1 & 4, Ogden, UT  
Ed Warner, Forest Legacy Program Coordinator, Idaho Department of Lands, Coeur d'Alene, ID*

**2:15 p.m.**      **Idaho Ranch, Farm and Forest Protection Act—Proposed Legislation**  
[Speaker to be announced]

**2:45 p.m.**      **Idaho Land Legacy Trust**  
*Greg Servheen, Wildlife Program Coordinator, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Boise, ID*

**3:15 p.m.**      **BREAK** (Time to network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items)

**3:45 p.m.**      **Land Trust Options**  
*Chris Deforest, Executive Director, Inland Northwest Land Trust, Spokane, WA  
Robyn Miller, Inland Northwest Conservation Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Coeur d'Alene, ID*

**5:00 p.m.**      **Adjourn**

—————**EVENING ACTIVITIES**—————

**5:30 p.m.**      **No-Host Social – Everyone Invited** (University/Empire Rooms)

**6:00 p.m.**      **Idaho Tree Farm® Annual Awards Meeting – Everyone Welcome** (Hors d'oeuvres served (\$10/person);  
University/Empire Rooms)

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7:00 a.m. **Idaho Forest Owners Association Annual Meeting** (Continental breakfast \$6.00/person); University/Empire Rooms)

**Session III: Trees...and Other Profitable Activities from Your Working Family Forest**  
*Moderator: Ara Andrea, Service and Regulatory Program Manager, Idaho Department of Lands, Coeur d'Alene, ID*

- 8:30 a.m. **Master Woodland Owner Program**  
*Chris Schnepf, University of Idaho Extension-Forestry, Coeur d'Alene, ID*
- 9:00 a.m. **Portable Sawmilling**  
*Dave Poxleitner, Keuterville, ID*
- 9:30 a.m. **Harvesting Specialty Wood Products from Sustainable Forests**  
*Mark Vander Meer, Northern Rockies Regional Coordinator, National Network of Forest Practitioners, Missoula, MT*
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK** (Time to network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items)
- 10:30 a.m. **Manufacturing and Selling Your Own Lumber Products**  
*Steve Funk, Coeur d'Alene, ID*
- 11:00 a.m. **Horse Logging on Your Property: What Role in Forest Management Today?**  
*Mark Germain, Woodland Stewardship Institute, Deary, ID*
- 11:30 a.m. **Huckleberry Tent and Breakfast**  
*Christine & Timothy Dick, Clark Fork, ID*
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH** (Provided in the Silver/Gold Rooms)  
*Updates from forest landowner organization representatives*
- 1:00 p.m. *Network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items*

**Session IV: Water and Fire—Protection and Use on the Family Forest**  
*Moderator: Mike Bowman, Clearwater RC&D Council, Inc., Moscow, ID*

- 1:30 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION: Water Rights Laws & Regulations—A cursory Review**  
*Bob Haynes, Regional Manager, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Coeur d'Alene, ID*  
**Water Adjudication: What Impacts on Family Forest Landowners?**  
*Art Macomber, Attorney at Law, Coeur d'Alene, ID*
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK** (Time to network and visit displays, vendors, and silent auction items)
- 3:30 p.m. **Fire: Living in the Wildland Urban Interface: Are We Safe from Fire?**  
*Joyce Dearstynne, Executive Director, Framing Our Community, Inc., Elk City, ID*  
*Susan Jenkins, Fire Prevention & Education Specialist, Salmon River Ranger District, USDA-Forest Service, White Bird, ID*
- 4:30 p.m. **Conference Wrap-Up**  
*Harry Lee*
- 5:00 p.m. **Idaho Department of Lands and Forestry Consultants "Spit & Whittle" Session** (University/Empire Rooms)

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

- 8:00 a.m. to Noon: **Post-Conference Tour** (registration required). See insert for details.  
Immediately after the tour: **Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting.** See insert for details.

***Wednesday, March 19, 2008***

**8:00 a.m. to Noon**      **Post-Conference Tour** (*Registration required*)  
**Spangler and Knight Small-Scale Sawmill Operations, Viola, Idaho**

Meet at 8:15 a.m. in Rosauers Food & Drug parking lot, North 411 Main Street, Moscow for carpooling. Depart for sawmill sites at 8:30 a.m. SHARP (Note: \$10/person lunch cost).

We will visit two small sawmills. Both of these are stationary mills in the Viola area along Four Mile/Flannigan Creek Road. The first stop is with Tom Spangler, retired Latah County Commissioner. Tom has a commercial Woodmizer mill enclosed in a shop. He saws whatever anyone wants, can handle fairly large logs, including hardwoods as well as native conifers. Tom makes toys and fancy small boxes.... Ever see a log truck with black walnut wheels, or a blued pine doll cradle?

The second stop, about 1/2 mile from Tom, is with Dan Knight, retired logger. Dan designed and manufactured his own mill and has lots of special features. His mill is partially enclosed and can handle long logs as big as 36 inches plus! Dan custom saws softwoods and hardwoods, and has even had some exotic species from the tropics. He makes furniture and gun cabinets and has some jigs set up to make custom siding, tongue and groove, etc.

Both Tom and Dan have stockpiles of various woods, and it is fun to try to guess what they are.

### ***Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting***

**Meet in the Centennial Room at the Best Western University Inn immediately following the tour.**