


# POLICY STATEMENT

*addressing the IFOA objective to:*

**“educate forest owners of the economic returns available from sound forest management”**



 The advantages of private ownership comes with many demands, not the least of which is stewarding one’s financial assets in such a way as to maintain the possibility of continued ownership.



There are as many different reasons for owning private forest land as there are private forest owners. The fact common to all is the increasing costs for the opportunity to engage in these various uses of forest land.

As Idaho’s human population continues to expand both in numbers and spatially across the landscape, pressure for “highest and best” use valuations of real estate escalates at an equally alarming rate.

A plethora of economic returns from their lands are available to forest owners in order to keep their forests intact and affordable. These opportunities range from the traditional to the imaginatively exotic, but are allowing concerned and creative owners the means to provide all the environmental services that only properly maintained forest lands can.

IFOA advocates for education and expansion of ideas and opportunities for forest owners to keep the resource in affordable private ownership. “Private forests do the public good!” and should be supported by public policies that make it possible.



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