



IDAHO FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION



FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS & MANAGERS CONFERENCE & EXPO

The 24th Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition will convene Monday through Wednesday, March 19-21, 2012 at the University Inn Best Western in Moscow. This year's theme is *"FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS IN ACTION: TOGETHER WE GET RESULTS!"* In addition to an exemplary small-scale forestry equipment Exposition in the Palouse Mall, this *not to be missed* event also features the IFOA Annual Meeting, the Idaho Tree Farm Program Awards Meeting, and an optional "Ties to the Land – Your Family Forest Heritage" workshop.

The agenda kicks off Monday morning with the new IDL Director, Tom Schultz, speaking on the future of the IDL and Service Forestry Program. Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation, will present AFF and Tree Farm advantages for family forest owners. After the morning break Steve and Janet Funk, 2011 *National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year* from Coeur d'Alene, will tell us how they got there, and Don Heikkila, 2011 *Idaho Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year* from Harrison, will tell us his story.

During lunch four representatives will explain the differences between our Idaho family forest landowner programs. Monday afternoon Gary Johnson, ATFS Woodlands Committee Western Representative from Missoula, will show us how each of us can be heard at the legislative level, followed by Janet Funk's proactive experience getting together with other landowners to rehabilitate a severely degraded watershed. Tom Eckberg, IDL Forest Health Specialist and Mike Wolcott, Inland Forest Management, Inc. consulting forester, will explain how landowners got together to battle tussock moth damage in their woods.

Next, everyone is invited to the "Small-Scale Equipment for Family Forest Operations—Exposition in the Palouse Mall", a no-host social, and the "Spit and Whittle" session. The evening continues with the Tree Farm Awards.

Tuesday begins bright and early with the IFOA Annual Meeting before Thom McEvoy, University of Vermont Extension Forestry Professor from Burlington asks us to give our land "a seat at the table"

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MEET A MEMBER: PAUL AND JILL BUCKLAND, COEUR D'ALENE

Paul was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1969 where his dad worked in the petrochemical industry. The job demanded a lot of relocations so Paul grew up with the opportunity to see many parts of the United States. It was in Marietta, Ohio when attending high school that Paul met Jill and they decided to become lifelong partners. However, it was not to be until Paul was finishing up his last year of college at the University of Montana in Missoula when they tied the knot in 1994. By then, it looked like college expenses were nearing an end and real employment money would soon start to come in. Paul graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Forest Management.

Paul worked on summer internships for Weyerhaeuser Company while attending school, spending time in Longview and Raymond, Washington. After graduation he went to work full time for Atterbury Consultants in Portland, OR for two years. Then, in 1997, Inland Empire Paper Company (IEPC) offered Paul a field forester position and he moved to the Coeur d'Alene area. After working in the forests of the Inland Empire for 9 years, Paul reluctantly gave up this job that he thoroughly enjoyed to accept a promotion to Forest Resource Manager for IEPC. He remains in that position today. He loves his job, but has fond memories of the days when he spent 90% of his work time in the woods compared to 10% today. Such is the fate of those who get promoted to the paper shuffling, meeting attending, budget preparing, and report writing tasks of administrators.

About the same time this decided to buy a 10 acre forested d'Alene. The property had a house their two children, Sophia and tively. The forest provided Paul since he was not getting his needed sibilities. Now when Paul gets changes into his work clothes and with his trees. Their forest has maining trees are primarily Doug- are not the best specimens to pro- plan is to use the group selection the least desirable trees and re- and western larch, species in short This will eventually restore the condition.



Paul & Jill Buckland at Wiseacres

promotion occurred, Paul and Jill parcel in Cougar Gulch near Coeur on it that was pleasing to them and Sam, who are now 14 and 12, respectively a place to escape to, especially "woods fix" with his new job respon- home after a day in the office, he heads out into his forest to commune been logged in the past and the re- las fir and grand fir, some of which vide seed for a future forest. Paul's method and harvest mini-clearcuts of place them with western white pine supply because of previous logging. forest to a more natural and healthy

Paul and Jill have a 38" diameter Douglas fir near their back deck that provides a home for a great horned owl family and subsequently good wildlife viewing for the Bucklands. Another favorite place in their forest is a dense thicket of conifers that is a cool retreat on the warmest days of summer.

Jill chose the honorable course of staying at home and nurturing their children until they entered school. Since then she has worked as a teacher's aide at the same school her children attend so she can continue to keep a watchful eye on them.

Paul's employer, IEPC, has been a member of Idaho Forest Owners Association (IFOA) since 1989. When Paul was asked to consider running for the IFOA Board so that he could share some of his forestry knowledge and experience with fellow forest owners, he accepted the opportunity. In 2010, the IFOA membership elected him to serve on the Board.

Paul was always good-naturedly referred to as a wiseacre by his granddaddy. Paul always kids Jill about being a wiseacre. When it came time to name their tree farm, you guessed it, they agreed on WISEACRE TREE FARM. Although the name was meant to be funny, I think the literal meaning also has relevance because of the wisdom that Paul brings to the management of this 10 acre forest. *by Tom Leege*

LANDOWNER CONFERENCE (CONT.)

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and Clint Bentz, CPA and AFF Board of Trustees Chair from Oregon, explains the differences in LLCs, FLPs, and trusts. Three Master-Naturalist/Forest/Water/ Stewards will introduce proactive opportunities each of us can get involved in and learn from.

After the morning break Thom McEvoy, Clint Bentz, the Funks and Al Kyle will get together for a panel discussion on family forest succession planning, providing an open microphone, interactive question and answer opportunity for the audience! Wayne Olson from the WSU/USDA Plant Introduction Unit will present information on his program to save germplasm (seeds?) for future use as environmental conditions evolve.

The Tuesday lunch program includes updates and awards from participating landowner organizations as well as the ever-popular IFOA raffle. The afternoon starts with Chris Schnepf, UI Extension Forester, reporting findings from family forest landowner input on what they know or want to know about climate change, followed by Anthony Watts of Intelliweather in Chico, CA dis-

cussing scientific investigation efforts of Earth's climate.

Teresa Jain, Research Forester from the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Moscow, will inform us about white pine's apparent resilience to environmental changes.

After the break (be sure to claim your silent auction winnings) Alan Martinson, Latah County Weed Superintendent from Moscow will explain family forest landowner joint action through the cooperative weed management areas, and the ever popular Charley McKetta, of ForestEcon, Inc. will give us his latest report on trends and forecasts for forestry marketing opportunities.

To register for the 2012 Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition, use the registration brochure inserted in this Winter 2012 IFOA Newsletter or download a copy from the internet at www.idahoforestowners.org.

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To receive a free Patron Program information packet, send an e-mail to info@idahoforestowners.org

IFOA STANDING COMMITTEES

IFOA has Operating Procedures for each of the Association's standing committees.

AUDIT & TELLERS COMMITTEE, 1 year terms:

BYLAWS COMMITTEE, 1 year terms:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, 1 year terms:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 1 year terms:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 3 year terms:

*Membership on these committees is open at any time to IFOA members in good standing (dues paid). New committee members and new ideas are needed constantly, so *don't be shy*, get active in your IFOA today! IFOA encourages members interested in contributing ideas and/or assistance to the performance of these vital functions to contact IFOA at:*

info@idahoforestowners.org -or- PO Box 1257, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-1257

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

Backyard Forests
Coeur d'Alene, Monday, 2/13/12

ATFS Leadership Conference
Portland, OR, 2/14-16/12

IFOA Board of Directors Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tuesday, 2/14/12

An Introduction to Conservation Easements
Moscow, Wednesday, 2/15/12

Backyard Forests
Sandpoint, Saturday, 2/18/12

MARCH 2012

LEAP Update
Post Falls, Thurs.-Fri., 3/8-9/12

IFOA Board of Directors Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tuesday, 3/13/12

LEAP Update
Moscow, Tues.-Wed., 3/13-14/12

LEAP Update
Saint Maries, Thurs.-Fri., 3/15-16/12

FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS & MANAGERS CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION
Moscow, Mon.-Tues., 3/19-20/12

"Ties to the Land" - Your Family Forest Heritage
Moscow, Wednesday, 3/21/12

LEAP Update
Ponderay, Thurs.-Fri., 3/22-23/12

LEAP Update
Orofino, Thurs.-Fri., 3/29-30/12

APRIL 2012

Landscaping for Fire Prevention
Coeur d'Alene, Monday, 4/9/12

IFOA Board of Directors Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tuesday, 4/10/12

LEAP Update
Emmett, Tues.-Wed., 4/10-11/12

Map and Compass for Forest Owners
Coeur d'Alene, Sat., 4/14/12

Idaho Master Forest Stewards 2012
Coeur d'Alene, Sat., 4/21/12

Logger Education to Advance Professionalism
Coeur d'Alene, Tues.-Thurs., 4/24-26/12

Idaho Arbor Day
Friday, 4/27/12

MAY 2012

Logger Education to Advance Professionalism
Moscow, Tues.-Thurs., 5/1-3/12

IFOA Board of Directors Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tuesday, 5/8/12

Backyard Forests
Bonners Ferry, Wed., 5/9/12

Idaho State Forestry Contest
Careywood, Thursday, 5/10/12

Using Your GPS
Coeur d'Alene, Friday, 5/11/12

Using Your GPS
Sandpoint, Saturday, 5/12/12

Contact information for family forest owner interests:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Website</u>
Idaho Forest Owners Association	683-3168	info@idahoforestowners.org	www.idahoforestowners.org
Idaho Tree Farm Program	667-4641	admin@idahotreefarm.org	www.idahotreefarm.org
Idaho Forest Stewardship Program	666-8636	aandrea@idl.idaho.gov	www.idl.idaho.gov
Environmental Quality Incentives Prog.	746-9886x113	frank.gariglio@id.usda.gov	www.id.nrcs.usda.gov
National Woodland Owners Association	(800) 476-8733	argow@nwoa.net	www.woodlandowners.net

IFOA NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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1/4 page	18.00	25.00
1/3 page	26.50	33.00
1/2 page	35.00	52.00
Full page	69.50	96.00

IFOA now has a "Members Only" website page. The page is neither apparent nor directly linked from the IFOA website homepage. IFOA members who have an e-mail address on file received directions to the page address. Items posted to the Members Only page will *not* be posted to the public website or published in the Newsletter. An e-mail from IFOA will notify members of new additions. If you haven't already, check out what is posted there now!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FOLLOW-UP ISSUES:

Mike and Chantell Sackett's Dilemma

Last fall our news letter included information regarding an Idaho couple's struggle to build their home on a .63 acre plot in an established development. The EPA issued a compliance order to stop all building and return the area to its natural state; replace and plant trees; place a fence around the land and maintain the property in pristine condition. Their choice was to comply or be sued by the EPA and face fines between 35 -75 thousand dollars per day. There is no right to challenge the order.

At stake is the right to seek a pre-enforcement challenge to accusations. The Ninth Circuit Court ruled not only that the Sacketts must comply with the orders, but they could not challenge the government agency in court at all.

The Sacketts requested a hearing in front of the Supreme Court. On January 9th, the US Supreme Court heard the case. The heart of the matter is whether or not the EPA is violating the Fifth Amendment by denying pre-enforcement challenges. Several conservative members of the Court criticized the EPA for heavy-handed enforcement. Justice Antonin Scalia assailed the "high-handedness" of the EPA when dealing with private property. Justice Samuel Alito called the EPA actions outrageous. This isn't over yet. The justices will rule by summer. Stay tuned for the rest of the story.

Clean Water Act Forest Roads Order, Ninth Circuit Court again

The US Supreme Court moved closer toward review of the Ninth Circuit's reversal of a 35 year clean water precedent. Wait a minute, isn't the Ninth Circuit the same court who told property owners they couldn't challenge a government agency in court? The Supreme Court issued an order asking the Solicitor General for the Federal Government views on the petitions challenging the 9th Circuit Court's ruling that logging roads are "point sources" that require an industrial discharge permit under the Clean Water Act (CWA). With this action, the Supreme Court is not only hearing the voice of the Forest Owner but also that of 26 Attorney Generals who joined a brief supporting the EPA's historic approach. For decades, the EPA has supported the rights of states to manage flexible and effective water quality protection during forestry operations through Best Management Practices. The Ninth Circuit's decision threatens this progress by replacing an efficient system with inflexible permit requirements.

Meanwhile, in Washington DC, Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson and Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch included a rider to a must-pass appropriations bill that would delay the Ninth Circuit Court's decision. The bill passed and has been signed by President Obama. Oregon's Senator Wyden and Representative Schrader have backed bills that would permanently overturn the Court's decision.

IDAHO LEGISLATURE

It's still January and already Bills are flowing through the Idaho Legislature. Of particular interest to forest owners are House bills 357 and 358. H0357 amends existing law to establish standards and methods for the taxation valuation of forest lands under the productivity option to apply to a ten year period. Land values for taxation purposes will be floored at the 2011 level. The ten year period will be capped at 30% above the 2011 forest land value. The annual change cannot be more than a 5% increase or decrease from the prior year. This passed the House on January 23rd. H0358 amends existing law to authorize the county auditor to notify political subdivisions and to provide valuation statements the first Monday of August.

Forestry Day at the Idaho Legislature is February 16th. Hope to see you there.

by JoAnn Mack, IFOA Legislative Committee Chair

RENÉE'S REVIEW - "SEEDS"

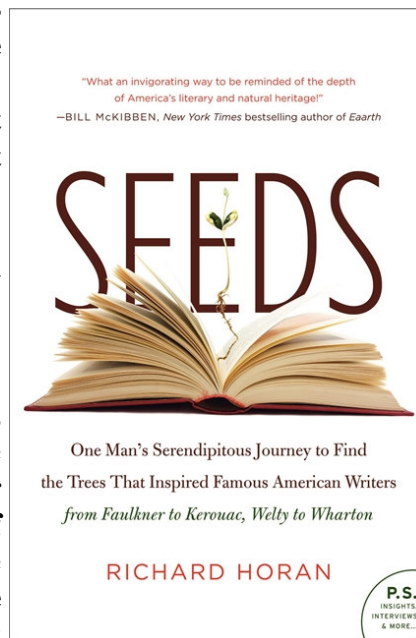
Richard Horan is a man who understands that until the recent advent of eBooks, and after monks stopped using animal skins to make prayer books, our printed books came from trees. In that sense his book, *Seeds: One Man's Serendipitous Journey to Find the Trees That Inspired Famous American Writers from Faulkner to Kerouac, Welty to Wharton* (Harper Perennial, 2011), is dedicated to Horan's love for "all the trees that have provided the vital wood flesh for millions of magical books throughout the ages." *Seeds* is about famous authors and their favorite trees, but it is also a book about Horan himself. His journey collecting actual seeds across America is an engaging and hopeful travelogue, homage, and memoir.

Horan isn't shy about including his own opinions while making pilgrimages to authors' homes. This aspect elevates what could be simply a travel tale about a quirky guy collecting seeds of famous writers to the level of the literature written by the varied American authors Horan so admires and from whom he quotes so well. For those who grew up playing in trees, and climbing them, Horan's book will be a welcome friend. Horan writes, "I remember the red maple tree out in front of my own house, more a playmate than a plant. I used to sit up in the topmost branches and look out over the world like a crow, imagining infinite forests, unbound freedom, and life before cars and cities." And for those who daily touch trees and work with them, Horan's dedication to collecting and propagating seeds will resonate: "Before too long I had a tiny forest advancing along every indoor sill in my house."

The book also celebrates a country that produced writers as diverse as John Muir and William Faulkner, Shirley Jackson and Rachel Carson. For an example of this breadth, Horan writes, "To go from the gnarly, opiate-addicted, avant-garde, nonlinear Beat novelist [William S. Burroughs] to the sweet, genteel, beloved, domes-

tic aunty of the short story [Eudora Welty] is a long and winding road." Horan admits, "But of the two, my heart belongs to Eudora."

Quotes about trees from famous authors are priceless gems dotted as section breaks throughout *Seeds* such as this one from Willa Cather: "I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do." And my favorite from Kate Chopin: "I wonder if anyone else has an ear so tuned and sharpened as I have, to detect the music, not of spheres, but of earth, subtleties of major and minor chord that the wind strikes upon the tree branches. Have you ever heard the earth breathe?"



Accompanied by a beautiful sketch, in each chapter Horan lists the popular species name (and the Latin name, too) associated with each author. Under John Muir, he lists: "California laurel, deodar cedar, California horse chestnut, and canyon live oak." Under the conservationist Rachel Carson appears: "tulip poplar, northern catalpa, and black cherry." Horan writes, "It took Rachel Carson, a marine biologist from [a] tiny town in Pennsylvania, to point out that the manufacturers of DDT were poisoning the world with increasingly deadlier doses." Carson's home is a National Historic Landmark, and the woods where she played as a child are preserved, but Horan finds "the trees themselves... surprisingly misshapen and in ill health. No doubt the mission statement was to leave the little wood in its original state."

Horan's *Seeds* is an engaging, delightful narrative. After reading straight through, I suggest one continue to use it as a reference book for literature and tree fun facts alike; for example, take a look at what Horan writes about California forest fires: "The eucalyptus tree is an import with not a particularly good reputation in this country. It has created a great deal of havoc in areas prone to wildfire."

by Renée E. D'Aoust, IFOA member

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

JUDITH L. ADAMS, CAREYWOOD

Current profession or job: Tenured Instructor in Math: Statistics, Finite Math for Business at North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene

Previous work or volunteer experience: Risk Manager, Alameda County, Oakland, CA and City of Aurora, CO; Safety Professional and Research Chemist, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Research Chemist, Dow Chemical, Midland, MI

Education: BS, Chemistry, Cal-State University; MS, Chemistry, Indiana University

Military Service: None

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: My forest land ownership began in 1983, with expansion now to 26 acres. A 20 acre piece has recently achieved American Tree Farm System certification as well as Forest Stewardship designation from the Idaho Department of Lands, due to several accomplishments I completed. These include pre-commercial thinning, annual tree planting, brush pile burning, skid road maintenance, grass seeding and noxious weed control using insects. This property continues to be managed according to the management plan I wrote. All pieces of land, including land previously sold, continue to have trees planted on a regular basis. There is now a management plan for another forested land which includes a wetland. I have taken several workshops, field trips and short courses about forestry. All of the above is exciting and fun!

IFOA membership and activities:

Year joined IFOA: 2007

IFOA offices and positions (committees, etc.): Current IFOA Director. Three articles have been written and published in the IFOA Newsletter which included topics about Whitebark Pine Survival, Insects for Control of Noxious Weeds, and the Woody Biomass Growing Impact.

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Spokane Astronomical Society; Inland Empire section of the Better Investing Clubs, Vice-President, Spokane investment club. Statistics was completed for the US Forest Service on the Whitebark Pine data they had collected.

Other community or personal activities, including hobbies: Gym workouts, backpacking, river and sea kayaking, prospecting, and water color painting.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT: Environmental resource management is an important topic to everyone. This includes forest management with long term sustainability of our forests. Forest management is greatly enhanced by the cooperative effort of those involved in the IFOA. Therefore, I support the IFOA in its efforts to reach forest owners through workshops, field days, newsletter, and education. Also, collective action by those involved has positive results for the sustainability of our natural resources provided by our forests. It is very effective to involve those at the local levels of government. I would promote forest management plans with the goal of long term sustainability.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

NEIL P. FITZSIMMONS, COEUR D'ALENE

Current profession or job: Professional Engineer/Land Surveyor-retired 2005 from Meckel Engineering and Surveying, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Previous work or volunteer experience:

1981-2005 Project Engineer – Meckel Engineering & Surveying, CdA

1980-1995 Volunteer and Board member of Mica-Kidd Island Fire Association

1980-1981 Clerk – Koerner Furniture & Hardware, CdA

1967-1979 Agricultural Engineer USDA-Soil Conservation Service, ID

Education:

BS Agricultural Engineering, UI 1962

AS Engineering, NIJC 1960

Military Service:

1964-1966 US Army Artillery assigned to Recruiting, Honorable Discharge as 1st Lt.

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: Lifetime resident of Idaho who returned to the family farm in 1979 to become part owner and build what is my current residence. The land was first settled in 1898 by my paternal grandfather and was farmed and managed by my father throughout his working life. Under his watch it became what is now the oldest non-industrial Tree Farm in the state. The bulk of the farm he owned is now the Fitz Tree Farm LLC with my five family members as partners/owners. We enjoy the pioneer heritage that is now ours to manage.

IFOA membership and activities:

***Year joined IFOA:* 2008**

***IFOA offices and positions (committees, etc.):* None**

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Long time member of the Mica Flats Grange #436

Other community or personal activities, including hobbies:

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT: I have much admiration and respect for the organization and for the individuals who have so ably served us in committees and as Directors. While it is rewarding to receive the benefits of their efforts from my passive sideline position, I am willing to become more active and be better informed to find ways to represent my fellow members. Since my wife, Kay, is the most influential person in my life, she will also be a part of the package helping me recognize opportunities of service.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

J. STEPHEN (STEVE) FUNK, COEUR D'ALENE

Current profession or job: semi-retired
Staff Anesthetist, River City Anesthesia, Post Falls, ID

Previous work or volunteer experience:
1983-2011 Staff Anesthetist, CdA Anesthesia Associates

Education:
ARNA, Anesthesia, Rochester State School of Anesthesia 1966

Military Service:
Active: 1966-1972 US Air Force Captain
Reserve: US Army Major, Ret.

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: We started owning forest land in 1973 with 80 acres and have been acquiring more land since. We now have 375 ac of managed lands. We have been active members of ATFS since 1974, involved with Idaho Forest Stewardship and IFOA. Our forest related activities gained us the 2010 Idaho Outstanding Tree Farm award and in 2011 we were recognized as the National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, a first for Idaho!

IFOA membership and activities:
Year joined IFOA: 1995

IFOA offices and positions (committees, etc.): Vice President – 4 years, Patron Committee member, Membership Committee Chair

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Idaho Tree Farm Committee representative, Idaho Forest Stewardship Program, Idaho Master Forest Steward, NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee participant, UI Forest Research Nursery Advisory Board

Other community or personal activities, including hobbies: I served as Trustee for our community club. I am serving as a Board member of my investment group. Enjoy traveling, cooking, farming, and I like to operate my on-farm sawmill.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT: Serving on the IFOA Board of Directors gives me a platform to advocate the importance of sustainable forestry, clean water, a balanced wildlife population, as well as an appreciation of nature through recreation. IFOA is a very credible source of information that can be passed on to like-minded people to excite curiosity and stimulate thought. I would like to initiate ways to increase our IFOA membership and tie our activities in with the Idaho Tree Farm Program.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

ALICE J. ROCKHILL, HARVARD

Current profession or job: Retired in June, 2004 after teaching 32 years in Garfield-Palouse High School.

Previous work or volunteer experience:

Volunteer/Paid Parenting Class Teacher – Palouse Industries, Pullman, WA, 2006 - 2010
Special Programs Provider and substitute librarian – Whitman County Library, 2004 – 2006
French and English Teacher – Garfield School District, Garfield, WA, 1970 - 2004

Education:

Continuing education courses from Eastern Wash, Central Wash, Seattle Pacific, etc. during 30 years of teaching.

BA degree in French/Education from WSU and U of W, 1962

Military service: None

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: My husband King and I purchased our original 80 acres in 1975 as an investment for retirement. An additional 4 acres were purchased from the Forest Service through the Small Tracts Relief Act in the early eighties and we began our first stewardship plans. We have engaged in cost sharing conservation programs such as replanting pines through Idaho Department of Lands and a pre-commercial thinning through NRCS. Both agencies have helped to establish our priorities and methods for continuing work on our own, as well as provided excellent information for silvopasturing, pasture grass management, and stream protection. We have also attended Forest Owners Stewardship conferences for the last ten or fifteen years.

IFOA membership and activities:

Year joined IFOA: 2011

IFOA offices and positions (committees, etc.): None

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Both my husband and I have been twenty or more year members of the Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association. I am a previous board member and served the past two years as president.

Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies:

Potlatch Community Band – 2010

Garfield, WA United Methodist Church – since 1968

Horseback riding, hiking, and sightseeing in our National Forests and State Parks – lifetime

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT: I would like to serve on the IFOA Board of Directors because this association provides much needed information and direction for small private timber holders. I am appreciative of the quality and variety of information available. I would like to see IFOA continue its outreach by its hospitable attitude and willingness to serve.

TOP TEN FAMILY FORESTRY ISSUES FOR 2012

As e-mailed to IFOA members last October, the chart below shows the categories and IFOA's rankings of the topics NWOA presented to IFOA for prioritization in our August 2011 membership survey which looked forward to the coming year.

The chart below shows the combined results of state affiliate's surveys using NWOA's ten topics (as indicated at the left in the IFOA results). Of note is that NWOA changed the title and topic subjects slightly (which can make a difference in interpretation) and did not report a #7 category.

<i>IFOA</i> MEMBERS' RANKING OF NWOA's "2012 TOP TEN PRIVATE FORESTRY ISSUES"
#1 Property Rights: Regulations, Takings, and the Right to Practice Forestry
#2 Taxes: Fair Income, Inheritance and Property
#3 Keeping Working Forests as Working Forests
#4 Invasives and Forest Health
#5 Extension Education and Service Forestry
#6 Water Quality
#7 Wildfire: Suppression Limits, Fuels, and Prescribed Fire
#8 Stewardship Incentives: Cost-sharing, Tax Credits
#9 Markets: Timber, Biomass, Carbon, and Free Trade
#10 Certification: Forest Practices, Loggers, Foresters

<i>NWOA</i> 'S RANKING OF "TOP TEN FAMILY FORESTRY ISSUES FOR 2012"
#1 Fair Income, Inheritance and Property Taxes
#2 Timber Markets, Biomass, and Free Trade
#3 Right to Practice Forestry & Private Property Rights
#4 Extension Education and Service Forestry
#5 Keeping Forests as Forests
#6 Water Quality & Quantity
#7 ?
#8 Stewardship Incentives: Cost-Sharing & Tax Credits
#9 Certification of Forest Practices & Practitioners
#10 Wildfire Suppression & Early Detection

Regardless of the differences in terminology, it is informative to observe the validating similarities in the Fair Taxes or Right to Practice Forestry topics near the top, Extension and Water Quality topics near the middle, and the Stewardship Incentives and Certification topics near the bottom.

THANK YOU TO THESE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ADDITIONAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO IFOA FOR 2012

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Ward D Merkeley
Tom L & Deann C Turcott**

**Vincent P & Diane M Corrao
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Hunt T & Leticia Hatch
Kurt & Sandy Koetter
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IDAHO LANDS RESOURCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

In 2011 the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) decided to discontinue the Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee and the Idaho Community Forestry Advisory Council. These two bodies were formed when the 1990 federal Farm Bill authorized state forestry agencies to receive funding for family (non-industrial private) forestry assistance (management plan creation and project technical expertise) through the Forest Stewardship Program and urban (municipal) forestry assistance through the Urban & Community Forestry Program. These funds are delivered through and overseen by the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry (S&PF) Division. To receive funding, states are required to form the committees to advise the State Forester on use of the funds in the state. After twenty years of operation, the IDL decided to downsize and consolidate these two advisory bodies, along with representatives from the State Fire Plan Working Group (which will continue to exist separately), into a single Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC). Member entities to the new council selected to represent family forestry interests are: USDA Forest Service – S&PF, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, University of Idaho Extension Forestry, Idaho Forest Owners Association, Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts or a conservation organization, Association of Consulting Foresters – Inland Empire Chapter, and Idaho Tree Farm Program. These entities each nominate representatives from whom one is appointed by the IDL to the ILRCC.

Entities that make up the remainder of the representation on the ILRCC include: USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDA National Forest Systems (fire staff), Idaho Fire Chiefs, State Fire Marshall, Bureau of Homeland Security, University or College - urban planning or arborist program, Idaho Association of Counties, Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho Planning Association, Tribes, a City forester, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association or green industry, and a utility company representative.

IDL presents the duties of the ILRCC as:

- ◆ Assist the State Forester with multi-objective strategic planning through prioritization and implementation of the Forest Action Plan (FAP). This includes developing annual and long-term statewide action plans focusing on priority resource issues rather than individual programs, monitoring and reviewing accomplishments, refining and prioritizing actions, informing and involving stakeholders, and incorporating new information and filling data gaps. Overarching focus should be “Healthy Forests for all Idahoans.”

- ◆ Facilitate sound land management across all land ownerships through enhanced interaction between communities, private landowners, and local, state, and federal agencies and related interest groups. Clarify roles of partners and collaborative groups.

- ◆ Assist the State Forester in reviewing policy issues. Develop position papers in collaboration with relevant constituencies and interest groups.

- ◆ Identify and coordinate funding opportunities to strategically address FAP objectives. Coordinate competitive grants, National Fire Plan grants, Forest Health grants, and other non-S&PF funding opportunities. Include partner/stakeholder involvement and leverage.

- ◆ Advise the State Forester on use of non-grant base level program funds. Provide oversight for Idaho Forest Legacy Program.

The first meeting (of two meetings/year) of the ILRCC is planned for March 29, 2012 at the IDL office, 3284 West Industrial Loop, in Coeur d'Alene.

ILRCC members appointed to represent family forest owner interests are: Forest Service S&PF, Dee Sessions; NRCS, Frank Gariglio; IDF&G, Gregg Servheen; UI Extension Forestry, Randy Brooks; IFOA, Kirk David; Land Trust Coalition, Robin Miller; Association of Consulting Foresters, Fred Ebel; and Idaho Tree Farm, Janet Funk.

If you have questions about the future of the Forest Stewardship Program or family forestry assistance in Idaho, contact an ILRCC representative or Craig Foss, IDL Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, at cfoss@idl.idaho.gov or (208) 666-8632.

QUARTERLY LOG MARKET REPORT

<i>Species</i>	<i>February 2012</i>	<i>October 2011</i>
Douglas-fir/western larch	\$300 - \$360/MBF	\$310 - \$380/MBF
Grand fir/western hemlock	\$290 - \$340	\$300 - \$350
Lodgepole pine	\$285 - \$340	\$310 - \$350
Ponderosa Pine	\$275 (6-7") - \$360 (12"+)	\$275 (6-7") - \$410 (12"+)
Western white pine	\$250 - \$400	\$325 - \$425
Western redcedar	\$560 - \$650	\$540 - \$650
Cedar poles	*\$1,000*	*\$1,000*
Pulp	\$28- \$40/ton	\$32 - \$40/ton
Tonwood	\$42 - \$45/ton	\$42 - \$47/ton

Note: These figures represent prices paid by competitive domestic facilities in the Inland Northwest, and are based on average-sized logs and standard log lengths - usually 16'6" and 33'. MBF = Thousand Board Feet. *Pole value varies widely depending upon length. Market information as of February 1, 2012

Because early winter weather conditions were perfect for logging, most sawmills are currently carrying high log inventories. Consequently, this situation has created less demand for logs and a softening of log prices. In fact, some mill inventories are so high they have stopped accepting private landowner timber. Concerning lumber prices, they have remained fairly stable, but continue to hover in the range of low value.

Most log buyers are optimistic that prices will trend slightly upward as we come out of spring break-up weather conditions, but there remains little hope for a significant improvement in the log market during 2012.

by Mike Wolcott, ACF, Certified Forester

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THE BOARD WALK: NOV., DEC., & JAN.

November 8, 2011

1. Craig Foss and Ara Andrea from IDL spoke to the Board about the formation of an Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILWRCC) to replace the Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee, Idaho Community Forestry Advisory Council and Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group.

2. Legislative Committee Chair Mack reminded the Board that the Farm Bill is currently being rewritten, and reported on a number of important issues including the EPA charge against Idaho citizens Mike and Chantell Sackett for wetland "violations" on their house lot. The case is heading for the US Supreme Court.

3. The Audit & Tellers committee met 1) to examine the books listing inventory items for resale. Treasurer Mack has a good system set up for inventory. The previously determined Purchase Order system will be used for Board approved purchases. The IFOA State Sales and Use Tax Permit number is on the Purchase Order form so that items purchased for resale by IFOA will not incur sales tax at point of purchase by IFOA. 2) Since a 1099 is issued, IFOA may want to write a contract to clarify responsibilities of the EVP position as a contractor or employee.

4. The Nominating committee is searching for candidates to fill Directors positions.

5. After evaluating thirteen banks, IFOA funds are being consolidated into Sterling Bank.

6. Plans are moving forward for the 2012 Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition in Moscow in March.

December 6, 2011

1. The Audit & Tellers committee confirmed results of the membership mail-in ballot pertaining to the dues increase and Bylaws changes. Both issues passed.

2. Director Hess volunteered to draft new policy statements necessitated by the modified objectives in the revised Bylaws.

3. Director Nichols reported that Congress had proposed a 30% cut in the federal fire protection budget.

4. Saturday, July 14, 2012 is the date for the IFOA Benewah County Woods Day to be held on Director Thornes property. Funding sources are being sought for this event.

5. The Snake River Basin Adjudication has a dispute about Section 4.

6. Member Jane Thornes attended an Idaho Project Learning Tree Committee meeting. There have been 20 workshops throughout the state with 355 teachers attending. *Focus on Forests* is a new guide this year.

7. The IFOA 2012 draft budget was discussed.

January 10, 2012

1. The IFOA 2012 budget was discussed and adopted.

2. The 2012 Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition plans are moving

ahead. Brochures will be mailed shortly. Sponsors are still needed for some parts of the conference. Director Dimico has procured a 1923 Browning 12 gauge shotgun by Remington for the raffle. Silent auction items are needed.

3. The 2012 IFOA Benewah County Woods Day plans are proceeding.

4. Director Stewart reported that the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices will propose a bill in the legislature regarding the composition of the board. It is currently proposed that IFOA represent those land owners with acreages up to 50,000 acres.

5. EVP David was selected to be proposed as our representative to the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council. An alternate will be selected.

6. Member Madeline David reported that there has been a positive response to Constant Contact emails sent out by IFOA.

7. Director and Mrs. Funk will once again participate in the Washington D.C. "fly in" to meet with legislators. IFOA will pay for one (of four) night's lodging.

8. Director Dimico and Member Janet Funk reported on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest meetings pertaining to the request for comments on the proposed forest plans.

9. IFOA will reimburse expenses for Legislative Committee member(s) to carpool to Boise for the 2012 Forestry Day at the Legislature.

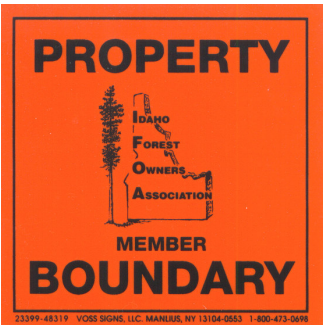
10. Candidates to fill Directors positions are still being sought.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FROM IFOA

- ...IFOA COFFEE MUG... ◀◀ *HANDY!* perfect before going to the woods
- ...IFOA HAT... ◀◀ *LOW CROWN STYLE!* perfect for walks in the woods
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PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

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