



IDAHO FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Autumn 2022 IFOA Newsletter

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, DUES RENEWALS, & A SPECIAL OFFER!

Some of this information may seem repetitive to long-time IFOA members, but every year IFOA gains new members who may not be familiar with our annual cycle. AND this year there is an *amazing* offer from NWOA that all of us will want to take advantage of. Take a look inside this Newsletter issue for the exciting details!

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Every year, all Active category IFOA members have the opportunity to declare your intent to help IFOA continue to accomplish relevant work on behalf of family forestry - perhaps by declaring to run for an IFOA Director position, but always by voting for your choice of candidates running.

The *Campaign Statements* of the candidates for the 2023-2025 term are included in this IFOA Newsletter and are posted on IFOA's website:

www.idahoforestowners.org

By November 15 each year, all Active category IFOA members are mailed a ballot to vote for your choices among the listed candidates.

The mail-in polls close on November 30, so please use the self-addressed return envelope enclosed with your ballot to cast your important vote and mail it *to arrive no later than November 30, 2022!*

It's also time to examine membership dues renewal!

The dues notice envelope you receive indicates the year through which your dues are paid. For members whose payment term has ended, the dues notice will indicate that it's now time to renew your membership! Membership payments are due by January 1 each year, and the membership roster is purged of non-payers, so please be prompt if it is time for you to renew. IFOA does not wish for you to miss out on timely information via your membership advantages such as *Northwest Woodlands* magazine, *National Woodlands* magazine, *IFOA Newsletter*, or *Constant Contact* email messages.

A convenient way to renew your membership and insure you don't miss out on important news or announcements is to return (by November 30th!) your dues payment in the self-addressed envelope provided - along with your IFOA election ballot!!!

You may *donate* extra contributions to either IFOA or the IFOA-Education Foundation [501(c)3]. If donating to the Foundation, please write a *separate* check to "IFOA-EF" to secure your *charitable donation* tax deduction.

YOUR IFOA THANKS YOU!

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2022 IFOA OFFICERS

- President – J. Frank Morado, Priest River
- Vice President – David A. Easley, Priest River
- Secretary – Marianna J. Groth, Kingston
- Treasurer – Madeline David, Athol
- Executive VP – Marrion N. Banks
 - Athol

MEET-A-MEMBER

JIM J. & NANCY G. CLAMPET, POST FALLS

Jim and Nancy Clampet own a total of 59 acres that are divided between two properties. If you ask them about their land, one glistening thread stands out: an appreciation for the land and a commitment to hard work. They own a 39-acre parcel in Benewah County and another 13 acres in Clearwater County. The Clearwater property has been in Nancy's family for 120 years and is a rich part of her family history and personal story. Her great-grandfather staked a claim for gold there and eventually got the property patented. When the property was passed down to Nancy and her siblings, they divided it into thirds. It was on that property that Nancy met Jim and got married. These days, fear of fire keeps them from investing very much time, money, or energy in the Clearwater property. It's located up a box canyon that hasn't burned or been treated since the 1910 fire, so it's ripe and overdue for burning.

With a legacy of mining, pack horses, and forest clearing in their blood, Jim and Nancy purchased 39 acres of their own in 2004, when their children were young. The acreage is in Benewah County and is primarily used for recreation, "so we wouldn't have to try to find a camping site on weekends." They quickly became invested in creating their home-away-from-home magical forestland. They manage their forest with sweat equity and with a focus on attracting wildlife. They have a small pond that is commonly visited by moose, deer, elk, and turkeys. One of their favorite spots on the land is the view from their cabin porch. From there they can gaze down at the pond, out across their healthy and growing forest toward the Santa Creek valley and the mountains to the west.

The property is in a west-facing draw and up both sides, so there is a wide variety of conifers, including western hemlock, western redcedar, Douglas fir, grand fir, ponderosa pine, western white pine, lodgepole pine, western larch, and a few Englemann spruce. In 2014, about half of the property was logged with a seed tree/shelterwood cut. In 2016, fuel reduction work was done on about 5 acres which resulted in 250-300 hand-stacked burn piles. Then in 2018, about 5 acres were pre-commercial thinned by lopping and scattering the slash. Fire threat is not as daunting on the Benewah property. There is a pond and if needed, 3 avenues of escape. They have thinned trees and pruned ladder fuels around the cabin, with more fire mitigation measures planned.

The Clampet's spend most of the spring, summer, and fall at their property. They make some trips in winter, but not for any extended amount of time. That may change as they continue to make improvements such as a solar system and burying the water line so they can have running water in winter, rather than having to drain the line. The roads are not plowed, so a visit requires taking a 4-wheeler on tracks and pulling a sled with food and supplies. They especially enjoy sharing the land with friends and family. They have spent many memorable New Year holidays there with their children and friends enjoying snowmobiling and snowshoeing. Being there in winter is a magical time with the snow sparkling on the trees and golden silence.

by Jill Buckland, IFOA Member & NWW Editor

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2023!

IFOA's annual Forest Owners Field Day (FOFD) is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th, 2023 at the University of Idaho Experimental Forest. The FOFD will be held at the Big Meadow Main Station just north of Troy, Idaho on Moscow Mountain. There is parking at the Big Meadow Main Station (about 50-60 vehicles) with additional parking at the 3 Brothers Parking area just past the Big Meadow Main Station. More detailed directions will follow in the next newsletter.

We will have some of our popular topics, such as Noxious Weeds & How to Control Them presented by Robbie Easley. Robert Barkley will explain the Shade Rule (logging near streams). Forest Health topics will be presented by the Idaho Department of Lands specialty group. Do you have a disease, fungus or insects in your forest? These are the people who can tell you what is going on and what you can do to fix or slow down the problem. Of course, there will be many other intriguing topics.

Save the date for the IFOA Forest Owners Field Day. The "gate" opens at 8AM. Programs start at 9AM and finish at 4:30PM. Lunch and announcements are between 12PM-1:30PM. Lunches can be purchased with early registration, or you may feel free to bring your own lunches. As always, it is a great learning experience and a fun day with fellow forest owners out in the woods! *by David A. Easley, IFOA Vice President*

WARMER STREAM TEMPERATURES IN BURNED-OVER OREGON WATERSHED DIDN'T RESULT IN FEWER TROUT

The number of trout in a southern Oregon stream system showed no decline one year after a fire burned almost the entire watershed, including riparian zone trees that had helped maintain optimal stream temperatures for the cold-water fish.

The research by Oregon State University sheds light on the ability of steelhead, cutthroat and rainbow trout to endure the higher water temperatures expected to accompany climate change and its manifestations, including increased frequency, extent and severity of wildfires.

"It's crucial that we improve our understanding of the factors that influence how fish respond to post-fire changes in stream temperature," said the study's leader, Dana Warren, a researcher in the OSU colleges of Forestry and Agricultural Sciences. "The loss of streamside cover during a fire can lead to substantial increases in stream temperature, but the effects of changes to stream thermal regimes on salmonid fishes can be complicated. The fish in this system proved to be quite resilient to these increased temperatures - at least within the range that we saw here."

The research, published in *Ecosphere*, involved the 5,000-acre Hinkle Creek Paired Watershed Study area, second-growth timber land in Douglas County owned by Roseburg Forest Products. In September 2020, the Archie Creek Fire consumed 131,542 acres in the county, including the Hinkle Creek watershed.

"The fire burned an area for which we have all this historical data on stream flow, water temperature, sediment, nutrients and fish," said study co-author Kevin Bladon, a hydrologist in the College of Forestry. "Going back there and measuring the same parameters provides some really robust insight into the effects of wildfire."

For this study Bladon, Warren and collaborators at Oregon State looked at the native salmonids, cutthroat trout and steelhead/rainbow trout (steelhead are ocean-going, like salmon).

"These are ecologically, culturally and economically important species distributed across western North America," Warren said. "Recent studies have speculated about the potential effects of climate change on trout and salmon as summer stream temperatures gradually rise above 16 to 20 degrees Celsius. Abrupt disturbances like fire can produce rapid and substantial increases in stream temperatures that provide insights not only into how these increasingly common disturbance events affect native salmonids, but more broadly how salmonids may respond to other aspects of climate change."

The Archie Creek Fire consumed the entire Hinkle Creek catchment, including the riparian area - three-quarters of the watershed burned at moderate or high severity - resulting in summer 2021 stream temperatures that regularly rose above 22 degrees Celsius, roughly 7 degrees warmer than pre-fire conditions.

"And there were two extended periods, 10 days and six days, where stream temperatures never dropped below [optimal] 16 degrees," Bladon said.

Contrary to what the scientists had expected, throughout summer 2021 fish abundances did not decline - in fact, they actually increased in the areas where fish numbers were tracked both early and late in the summer.

The persistence of trout in a stream system with elevated temperatures following a fire is not unprecedented, the researchers note. But most of the studies with those types of findings are from regions generally warmer and with greater fire frequency than the western Cascades.

"Although temperatures increased beyond what's considered the salmonids' optimal threshold in the Cascades, there were no classically warm-water species present, so competition from them was not an issue," Warren said. "A combination of other factors could also have contributed to the persistence of salmonids: high abundance of cooler microhabitats created by groundwater discharge; physiological recovery at night when temperatures were cooler; and an increase in food availability. More investigation is needed to know for sure."

excerpt from Steve Lundeberg, Oregon State University

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2022

Forestry Shortcourse
Post Falls, Tues., 11/1-8-15-29/2022
(208) 292-2525

IFOA Board Meeting
Sagle, Tues., 11/8/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

FFL&MC Planning Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Thurs., 11/17/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

Turning Idaho Trees into Wreathes
Moscow, Thursday, 11/18/2022
www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry

DECEMBER 2022

Forestry Shortcourse
Post Falls, Tues., 12/6-13/2022
(208) 292-2525

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 12/13/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

Forest Practices Advisory Comm.
Coeur d'Alene, Wed. 12/14/2022
www.idl.idaho.gov

FFL&MC Planning Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Thurs., 12/15/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

Current Topics in Forest Health
Coeur d'Alene, Fri., 12/16/2022
www.uidaho.edu/foresthealth

JANUARY 2023

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 1/10/2023
evpifoa@gmail.com

Idaho Tree Farm Comm. Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Thur., 1/19/2023
admin@idahotreefarm.org

FEBRUARY 2023

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 12/13/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

EXCLUSIVE OFFER FROM NWOA TO IFOA MEMBERS

NATIONAL WOODLANDS QUARTERLY MAGAZINE FOR ONLY \$15.00/YR. VIA IFOA MEMBERSHIP

The National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA), of which IFOA is an affiliate member, has now made a very generous offer to IFOA members. As you may recognize, our affiliation with NWOA has included one free issue of NWOA's quarterly 64-page *National Woodlands* magazine each year.

Any IFOA member can now receive *all four* quarterly issues of this excellent publication with an additional \$15.00/yr. paid at IFOA membership renewal time. This is normally a \$40.00/yr. value if paid through an individual subscription, amounting to a \$25.00/yr. savings as an IFOA member!

National Woodlands is a highly respected forestry publication that features many aspects of current forestry topics such as silviculture, forest management, policy and economics, forest health, cultural and historical items, as well as regional and affiliate news.

WATCH FOR YOUR IFOA RENEWAL LETTER IN NOVEMBER

AND SIGN ON FOR THIS EXCELLENT VALUE IFOA MEMBERSHIP PERQUISITE!

IFOA WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Kent & Lauren Betts, Athol
Eric & Lisa Clemensen, Post Falls
Greg & Dannee Heitlauf/Jones, Careywood
Dane & Bridgette Lowry, Coeur d'Alene
Sean & Monica Mitzel, Cocolalla

IFOA-EDUCATION FOUNDATION INSTALLS ENCHANTED FOREST INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

When long-time IFOA member and founding Director Al Farnsworth passed away in 2020, the Idaho Forest Owners Association-Education Foundation (IFOA-EF) initiated a fund raising project to solicit donations for creating educational interpretive signs within the portion of the Farnsworth family’s holdings near Bonners Ferry that Al called his Enchanted Forest. Al had already entered a long-term agreement with the Boundary County Bike & Pedestrian Trail Committee (9B Trails, Inc.) allowing them to construct non-motorized public-use hiking/biking trails covering his Enchanted Forest. Many of those trails have now been constructed, with additional trails planned for completion over time. Al’s Enchanted Forest is a working forest (as are all Farnsworth properties) with active management supervised by forest consultants at Inland Forest Management, Inc.

IFOA-EF and the Farnsworth family agreed that this combination of active forestry and public recreational use presents the perfect outreach opportunity to educate recreational users about the many more positive aspects provided by multiple-use working forests.

As we all know and support, it takes a lot of volunteer time and partnership effort to see ambitious projects through to fruition. IFOA-EF is proud to announce that nine professionally designed and manufactured trailside interpretive signs have been produced to explain various sites encountered on the trails, with two additional entrance kiosk signs explaining Al’s love for his forestlands and his wish to allow respectful enjoyment by all visitors to the wonders of his Enchanted Forest.

As opportunity presents, it is hoped that several more signs can be designed to feature more particulars about the many fascinating sites on the Enchanted Forest.

Thanks are due to the many donors to the project, to the Farnsworth family, 9B Trails, Inc., Inland Forest Management, Inc., and 9B Designs. Come visit, learn, and enjoy!



DON'T FORGET TO CONSIDER A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE DONATION TO:
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NEW & IMPROVED ALIEN FOREST PEST EXPLORER LAUNCHED

Purdue University and the U.S. Forest Service announced the new and improved Alien Forest Pest Explorer interactive web tool.

The user-friendly dashboard combines information from multiple sources to show the impact of different forest insects and diseases, and the potential for further damage. The interactive and customizable dashboards are the first to overlay this pest data with related data about the status and health of the host tree species in the forest.

“We want to better understand the relationship between pests and tree hosts, as well as assess the vulnerability of our forests, so that we can make the best decisions to preserve and protect them,” said Songlin Fei who leads Purdue’s Digital Forestry Initiative. “This was designed for everyone, not only for the professionals. Pest and disease prevention begins in your backyard. We want to put this tool in the hands of anyone who cares for trees so they understand what pests they may face, how to identify them and how to protect their trees and forests.”

The Alien Forest Pest Explorer (AFPE) is an interactive web tool which provides detailed spatial data describing pest distributions and host inventory estimates for damaging, *non-indigenous* forest insect and disease pathogens currently established in the United States. To date, the AFPE database includes 74 species of forest insects and 15 species of forest pathogens. This tool allows users to scale county-level data to meet local forest health research needs.

While static maps displaying pest distributions are available at the website, the interactive mapping tool contains collective distribution information for 89 pests, in addition to host specific estimates derived from Forest Inventory and Analysis data, including volume, and rates of growth, removals and mortality, for 15 major pest species. The host dashboards can lag when applying filters and selections in this Beta version of the AFPE. We have identified some structural changes to the online database which will facilitate faster performance in the next version.

The AFPE database is maintained as a joint effort of Purdue University, the US Forest Service



Spongy moth larvae. The Spongy Moth, *Lymantria dispar*, is an invasive insect that threatens the health of forests. It is included as one of the top 16 most damaging pests in the new Alien Forest Pest Explorer interactive web tool. (Photo courtesy of Karla Salp, Washington State Department of Agriculture)

Northern Research Station, the US Forest Service Forest Health Protection and the Forest Health Assessment & Applied Sciences Team partially funded by the National Science Foundation. As part of ongoing improvement and maintenance of this database, pest distribution data will be continually updated as data becomes available. Much of this information draws from field-reports made by Federal and State forest health specialists. Information on new pest finds is always welcome and we ask individuals who believe they have new data on pest distributions to contact:

Susan Crocker (susan.j.crocker@usda.gov).

Data Sources: Pest Distributions are tracked

at the county-level and updated annually.

Forest inventory data are generated from the public database of the Forest Service’s Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program. Data is updated annually and the most recent data from each U.S. State is included. County-level estimates of host volume, growth, mortality, and removals including sampling errors are included. Sampling errors for filters and selections can be generated with online estimation tools such as EVALIDator and DATIM or through FIA’s standard estimation procedures.

OVER 600,000 SEEDLINGS PLANTED IN IDAHO'S PACKER JOHN STATE FOREST

After receiving nearly \$300,000 from a grant through the Arbor Day Foundation, the Idaho Department of Lands was able to plant 610,300 new trees over 2,000 acres in the Packer John State Forest in Valley County.

Years of insect infestations and drought had already damaged the forest, but the ruined lumber (sic) was sold for salvage after an invasion of Douglas-fir tussock moths in 2019, according to a Department of Lands press release.

The grant was given to the Department of Lands due to the uniqueness of the project, where a forest susceptible to insects has been replaced with species that will be able to restore the site to a healthy forest. The press release stated the destruction of the forest had a negative impact on Idaho public schools because the schools are the owners (sic) and beneficiaries of the land and funding from the timber. The trees of the area, which consisted of Douglas-fir, subalpine fir and grand fir, have been replaced with tree species like ponderosa pine and western larch that aren't as susceptible to tussock moth damage. Nearly all of the trees in the salvaged areas were sold for lumber, leaving lots of room to grow for the new seedlings. Crews from Alpha Services were able to plant an average of 63,000 trees a day with 32 planters and three foremen.

Now that the seedlings are planted, they will be monitored for survival throughout the summer, with the focus being on root development and the fall bud set. A survey will be conducted next spring to see how the seedlings did in their first year. The Department of Lands will be able to plant new seedlings in any bare patches at that time.

"What we are doing is very unique because the vulnerable trees are gone and will be replaced," Department of Lands Forest Management Program Manager Tyler Nelson said in a press release. "It will take time for these trees to grow, but as they do, they will hold strong against the insects and disease which are natural to these areas, but don't feed off of the new trees."

by Anteia McCollum, Intern, idahocapitalsun.com



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www.jdforestmanagement.com

IFOA has genetically improved seed for several species from tree breeding through membership in the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Coop. JDFM is working to grow that seed into useful seedlings for you!

IFOA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS BIOGRAPHIES & CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

NANCY G. CLAMPET, Post Falls

Current profession or job: Retired - 2020

Previous work or volunteer experience: Lead Teller, Columbia Bank/PSB, Coeur d'Alene & Post Falls, ID, 2004-2020; Forestry Technician, USFS, Kootenai & Clearwater NF, 1977-1987; Bookkeeper/Accountant, Clampet Excavation LLC, Post Falls, ID, 1991-2022

Education: BS/Natural Resources, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1976

Military service (if applicable): N/A

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: My family has had Idaho forestland for 122 years. But it wasn't managed, so when my husband and I bought 22 acres in Benewah County in 2004, we wanted to take care of it. The early years of our ownership revolved around tearing down decrepit structures and building a couple new ones, creating fire breaks and clearing brush fields. In 2014, we hired a consulting forester to help us with a timber harvest. Our goal was good cleanup on those acres and leave the best trees. We've been able to bring our acreage total to 39. We had some pre-commercial thinning done, but "lop and scatter" left too much material, so we're piling the residual debris and burning. We have a Woodmizer sawmill, so any trees that die go through a "firewood or board" assessment. What started out as recreational property has evolved into a passion for education, management and associating with (and learning from) like-minded folks.

IFOA membership and activities:

Year joined IFOA: 2014

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

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Idaho Forest Stewardship Landowner; Idaho Tree Farm Program; Master Gardener; Post Falls Urban Forestry Commission

Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish:

Nancy G. Clampet's Campaign Statement

Our goal has always been to leave our forest in a better condition than when we found it. We continue to educate ourselves and offer that same opportunity to others through invitations to IFOA events. We strive to improve our forest's health, provide for wildlife, leaving plenty of snags, logs, small pockets of thicker growth for shelter and maintain a pond for their drinking and dipping pleasure. We have always immensely enjoyed the IFOA events but they depend on volunteers. It is time that I offer to contribute to the pool with my history of forestry, finances and experience.

PAUL R. TURCOTT, Bartlesville, OK

Current profession or job: Director of Investments, Oppenheimer & Co., Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Certified Financial Planner.

Previous work or volunteer experience: Tri County Technical Center Endowment Board of Directors (Current), Bartlesville Library Trust Authority Board (2015-2018), Volunteer Security Person for Children's Musical Theatre of Bartlesville (every summer performance), Ford Motor Company (4 years), Phillips Petroleum Company, Manager of international business development (23 years).

Education: 2013-Present IFOA Programs and U. of Idaho Extension; Ties to the Land Workshop; 2006 Certified Financial Planner; 1976 MBA Logistics, University of Tennessee; 1975 BS Business/Logistics, University of Tennessee

Military service: (if applicable) None.

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: We purchased approximately 16 acres of mixed conifer forest land and a small cabin on the Moyie River in 2012. I joined IFOA in 2014 as I knew virtually nothing about forestry but wanted to be a responsible steward of our property particularly with regard to forest management and wildlife habitat improvement. I hope our property will become a legacy family treasure, and that my children and their friends can enjoy the rejuvenation I feel walking through the forest.

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IFOA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS BIOGRAPHIES & CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS (CONT.)

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IFOA membership and activities:

Year joined IFOA: 2014. I attend the FFL&MC and the FOFD each year.

IFOA offices or positions (committees, etc.): Alternate Board Member 2019; Board Member 2019-present; Chair of ad hoc Technical/Website Committee; Chair of IFOA Membership Committee.

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations: Member, 9B Trails; Member NWOA; Member National Wildlife Federation; Member Idaho Tree Farm Program.

Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish: Everything grandkids – there are five from 7 to 15. Operate two HIPCAMP sites on our property to expose campers from US and Canada to the beauty of far northern Idaho and provide some basic education about family forest ownership/stewardship; Year-round visits to work in our family forest.

Paul R. Turcott's Campaign Statement

If elected, I'd like to continue contributing to the Board initiative expanding membership and forest owner awareness of our organization. Continue improving the usefulness of IFOA website: develop a sponsorship model beneficial to members and sponsors and add online IFOA merchandise sales to the website. I also believe it is vital that IFOA continue to be the proactive voice of our membership monitoring and publicly commenting on government rules, regulations, and red-tape in a time of rapidly expanding government oversight and overreach. Finally, and most importantly, reaching and educating the next generation of family forest landowners through IFOA-*EF*.

JOHN E. VOWELL, Naples

Current profession or job: Retired, 2012

Previous work or volunteer experience: 2008-2012 Winemaker and Vineyard Manager, Bell Wine Cellars; 2000-2008 Director Finance Operations, Franciscan/Icon Estates; 1995-2000 COO, American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS); 1989-1996 Director Technical Operations, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM); 1986-1989 Manufacturing Engineer, Ingersoll Rand

Education: (2008, AS Enology & Viticulture, Napa Valley College; 1990, MS Finance, Syracuse University; 1986, BS Manufacturing Engineering, Lehigh University

Military service: (if applicable) None

Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land: My wife and I were passing through northern Idaho in 2013 when we discovered Boundary County. We stayed for the summer and ended up buying our 130 acre forest. We wanted to actively manage the land ourselves and understand enough to know when and how to hire the help we need. We started taking as many forestry classes as we could find and soon achieved Tree Farm certification and became Idaho Master Forest Stewards. We learned about and joined IFOA early on and have benefited immeasurably from the experience. Our small piece of Idaho forest has become our sanctuary.

IFOA membership and activities:

Year joined IFOA: 2014

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

Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations:

American Tree Farm System; Idaho Master Forest Steward; Idaho Farm Bureau; Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA); Certified Association Executive (CAE); Fellow, American Society of Association Executives; Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM).

Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish: None.

John E. Vowell's Campaign Statement

IFOA serves as a vital advocate to connect private forest owners with the resources they need to be effective. As a member of the IFOA Board of Directors, I would work actively and enthusiastically to inform current and future members about private and public sector forestry trends, actions, and resources that impact their success as forest stewards. Board member efforts at community outreach, advocating on behalf of IFOA interests with local and state government, growing the connections between our association and the private sector forestry industry, and furthering educational programming are all important aspects of achieving IFOA objectives and policies.

NEW TOOL SHOWS IDAHO CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS, PROJECTIONS

CLIMATE MAPPING DASHBOARD SHOWS ANTICIPATED LOSSES FROM DISASTERS LIKE WILDFIRE, DROUGHT

The White House unveiled a new website intended to provide local and state governments and businesses with information about climate-driven events and data, including real-time information about droughts, floods, wildfires and extreme heat.

The web-based tool, called Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation, contains information about current climate trends and projections through 2099, including risks such as expected revenue losses, annual number of dry days and consecutive wet days, and average daily minimum and maximum temperatures.

Representatives from the White House and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spoke at a press conference to announce the new tool, along with the mayors of Miami and Phoenix who spoke about the effects of flooding and extreme heat on their communities.

David Hayes, special assistant on climate policy to the President, said the team developing the tool wanted it to be based in science and organized around the impacts of climate change.

“We wanted a portal that could pull together information about federal funding opportunities that frankly have been hard for (local and state officials) to discover,” Hayes said during the press conference.

Many federal funding opportunities are granted based on applications, Hayes said, and communities applying for funds are expected to describe their needs in detail to support the funding request. He said the tool will include more data sets in the future that could further bolster those applications.

Hayes said some effects are more difficult to predict than others, such as wildfire, but the administration’s climate team plans to update the tool with information from other agencies about recent forest management efforts as well as management plans for the future.

NEW WEBSITE DETAILS CLIMATE CHANGE’S FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE U.S.

According to the White House, the 20 largest climate-related disasters in the United States in 2021 alone cost more than \$150 billion in damages, including severe storms, floods, wildfires and tropical cyclones. Over the past five years, the cost is nearly \$790 billion.

The tool provides location-specific data for counties and tribal lands across the country. For example, in Ada County the tool estimates an expected annual loss of \$6.1 million because of wildfires, and \$387,603 annually lost because of the effects of drought.

The climate tool also shows the number of days on a yearly basis in Ada County when the maximum temperature is above 95 or 100 degrees. Between 2015 and 2044, the data shows potentially 40 days will have a maximum temperature of more than 95 degrees annually in Ada County. By 2064, if emissions remain high, that number is expected to be 54 days.

The dashboard also shows the number of people living in disadvantaged communities across a county, which in Ada County is 3.2%, and also reflects whether county building codes are written to withstand climate-related disasters. Ada County’s building codes do not meet those standards, according to the dashboard data.

The dashboard will also be consistent with data reflected on other government climate websites, said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator Rick Spinrad, including climate.gov and heat.gov.

by [Kelcie Moseley-Morris](#), *Idaho Capital Sun*, 9/8/22



WHAT THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT WILL BRING TO IDAHO

Idaho public lands and forests are in line to receive \$28 million for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to put toward improvements and upgrades through the first two years of funding from the Great American Outdoors Act.

Enacted in August 2020, the Great American Outdoors Act is a five-year initiative that provides about \$1.9 billion per year in federal funding from 2021 to 2025. Funding is split between the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Education for projects across the country.

Public lands managers in Idaho say money allocated through the Great American Outdoors Act couldn't be coming at a better time.

"The biggest impact from the Great American Outdoors Act, for us, is really the ability to improve recreation sites," Bureau of Land Management Idaho State Director Karen Kelleher said.

"Idaho's population is growing, and that was supercharged with COVID when a lot more people moved to Idaho and a lot more people discovered the outdoors," Kelleher said. "The timing of the Great American Outdoors Act has been really fortuitous. We definitely had a significant backlog of work that needed to be done on recreation sites."

For the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years, the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho has received a total of \$11.4 million from the act, said Serena Baker, the BLM's deputy state director for communications in Idaho. That money should allow the bureau to tackle 75% of its backlog of deferred maintenance at recreation sites, roads and facilities across Idaho.

Great American Outdoors Act funding will go to road maintenance, campsite improvements, brush clearing, and other infrastructure needs.

The amount of funding available allows officials to focus on replacing pieces of Idaho's outdoors infrastructure that may have come to the end of their lifespan, like water systems, boat ramps or bridges.

"The public will really enjoy the sites more and be able to enjoy them, and we will be in a position where we can maintain them," Kelleher said.

Some of the Great American Outdoors Act projects include improvements and upgrades at the National Interagency Fire Center facility adjacent to the Boise Airport.

Meanwhile, officials with the U.S. Forest Service identified \$7.7 million worth of approved projects from 2021 and \$9.8 million in requested funding and projects for 2022, according to a U.S. Forest Service overview of Idaho projects by Intermountain Region press officer Marshall Thompson.

Timelines for completing construction vary from project to project, and some projects will take multiple years to complete.

excerpt from Clark Corbin, Idaho Capital Sun

KANIKSU LAND TRUST OBTAINS GRANT

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) has received a \$3,500 Rural Community Grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services. KLT is powered through impactful partnerships, with the RCG grant serving as a great example.

"Along with this award, Northwest Farm Credit Services also spent time with us this summer volunteering at Pine Street Woods. The group's support will help the land trust continue to grow its Kaniksu Lumber initiative. The initiative focuses on helping to sustainably manage our community forest and milling wood products that benefit the community," Katie Egland Cox, KLT Executive Director, said.

"Kaniksu Land Trust is sincerely grateful to Northwest Farm Credit Services for this grant award to support our sustainable forestry initiative at Pine Street Woods Community Forest," said Regan Plumb, Conservation Director. "The funds will be put towards the purchase of a skid steer to service our portable sawmill and support forest management activities."

Northwest FCS is a \$15 billion financial cooperative providing financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishing operations, timber producers, rural homeowners and crop insurance customers in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. *Bonner Country Daily Bee*

WHO ARE THE TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS?

Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, described conservation as the “wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.” Conservationists value nature and biodiversity, and the role of science in understanding the natural world. Conservationists understand we must work with nature and be responsible stewards of our land, water, and air to survive and thrive now and in the future.

Conservationists are not to be confused with anti-forestry activists, even though the media often gives them that label. Anti-forestry activists reject science in favor of a rigid ideology that people do not belong in the forests at all. They reject scientifically-proven tools to maintain the health and resiliency of forests to wildfire, insects, disease and the impacts of climate change, as well as to conserve vulnerable wildlife species.

Anti-forestry activists also reject Indigenous knowledge and experience that comes from thousands of years of managing forests. They appear to acknowledge that our forests are in serious trouble, but their only solution is to stop the use of fossil fuels and wood products that make our existence possible.

Anti-forestry organizations raise millions of dollars peddling an apocalyptic fear that our country is logging its last remaining forests, even though we have more trees than we did 100 years ago. On many western landscapes, we have overstocked stands with more trees than the forests can support.

The true conservationists are the men and women working in today’s forest sector. We value sustainability; planting, growing, harvesting, and replanting this abundant and renewable natural resource. We keep forests as forests, because healthy markets for wood products prevent forests from being converted to other uses.

We value science. Many of us have degrees in forestry, biology and other sciences that inform our work. Even those of us without degrees are informed by many years working in the forests. Many of us fish, hunt and recreate in the woods, and interact with nature on a daily basis. We have seen how forests are struggling in a changing climate and understand what needs to be done.

As conservationists, we make building materials that store carbon and require far fewer fossil fuels to produce compared to steel and concrete. In the west, we do all of this work under advanced science-based forest practices and the strictest environmental laws and regulations in the world.

In contrast, anti-forestry activists reject all of these values, including the science and technology that can help sustain and make our natural environment more resilient. They hold climate change as the existential crisis of our time, but frequently oppose practical solutions to reduce the net emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gasses through active forest management and wood products.

Anti-forestry activists cling to the flawed assumption that old trees will sequester and store carbon forever if left untouched, that old trees are immortal. Yet younger trees sequester carbon at higher rates than older trees, which over time die and emit carbon and methane - an even more potent greenhouse gas.

In national parks and designated wilderness areas, the federal government is prohibited by law from sustainably harvesting and replanting trees. According to U.S. Forest Service-Forest Inventory and Analysis data, lands set aside from active forest management - such as parks and wilderness - serve as a carbon source because trees are dying at faster rates than they are growing.

In fact, a recent U.S. report pointed out that at least 10 World Heritage sites - the places with the highest formal environmental protections on the planet - are net sources of carbon pollution. This includes the iconic Yosemite National Park.

Active forest management, including cutting trees, can help maximize the ability of forests to sequester and store carbon. Anti-forestry activists claim they want to save “old-growth” but they oppose projects designed to improve forest conditions associated with late-seral or old growth habitat. And where’s the same outrage, political organization, and calls for action from activists when tens of thousands of acres of old growth are wiped out in the matter of days in massive infernos? This is happening every year on our national forests.

And even after wildfires, anti-forestry activists reflexively block any effort to remove carbon-emitting trees that are dead and dying as a result of the destruction. Rather than salvaging dead trees and storing carbon in long-lasting wood products, they would rather leave dead trees on the ground so

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QUARTERLY LOG MARKET REPORT

Species	October 2022	July 2022
Douglas-fir/western larch	\$415 - \$540/MBF	\$430- \$540/MBF
Grand fir/western hemlock	\$420 - \$525	\$440 - \$510
Lodgepole pine	\$420 - \$500	\$420 - \$500
Ponderosa pine	\$375 (6-7") - \$430 (8"+)	\$350 (6-7") - \$450 (8"+)
Western white pine	\$350 - \$415	\$390 - \$400
Western redcedar	\$1,000 - \$1,200	\$1,100 - \$1,350
Cedar poles	*\$2,200*	*\$2,100*
Pulp	\$20 - \$30+/ton	\$20-40/ton
Tonwood	\$50/ton +/-	\$50/ton +/-

Note that 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. Please note that the higher prices may reflect prices only paid in select locations within the Inland Northwest. *Pole value varies widely depending upon length. Market information as of October 28, 2022

Log prices for most species have been fairly steady over the last few months, with the exception of ponderosa pine and western redcedar. Prices for both of these species have been trending downward. Lower ponderosa prices this time of year is fairly common as sawmill inventories generally runs high in the fall due to an ample supply and limited markets. Regarding cedar, lumber prices have significantly fallen since the last report, which in turn, weakened demand and prices for logs. Most log buyers are predicting little change in the market as we move into winter.

by Mike Wolcott, ACF, Certified Forester

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THE BOARD WALK: AUG, SEPT, & OCT

August 9, 2022

Member Jake Weimer of JD Forest Management (JDFM) attended to discuss how they could assist IFOA in making quality seedlings available to family forest owners. Using IFOA seed which is genetically appropriate for Idaho areas, JDFM could receive and cold-store large quantities of forest seedlings and handle seedling sales as well. There would also be the possibility of contracting seedling planting operations for seedling purchasers.

The IFOA Board of Directors welcomed newly appointed Director Tom Moore of Troy.

September 13, 2022

Three candidates have agreed to run for election to IFOA Directors terms that are expiring. The ability to attend monthly meetings via Zoom has made it easier for members who live some

distance from Coeur d'Alene to consider a Board position.

“Standard Operating Procedure” documents for myriad IFOA activities and events are being generated for the benefit of incoming Directors and other volunteers. They will eventually be available in electronic as well as hard-copy formats.

The first planning meeting for the 2023 Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference (FFL&MC) is scheduled for September 22nd. The Conference will be held on March 27 & 28 at the University Inn Best Western Plus in Moscow.

October 11, 2022

Executive Vice President Marrion Newsam Banks and Forest Owner's Field Day Committee Chair David Easley reported that they traveled to Moscow Mountain on September 23rd

to determine the exact location for the 2023 Forest Owners Field Day (FOFD). The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 17th.

Director M. David and Member K. David, serving as the Idaho Tree Farm Program representative and the IFOA representative respectively, attended the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC) meeting held in McCall. They reported that Idaho Department of Lands will be receiving much more federal money next year which can be used for programs such as the Forest Stewardship Program, the Urban Forestry Program, and the various Fire Mitigation programs. It was also noted that any County Wildfire Protection Plans that are kept up-to-date may be eligible for a major increase in funding.

by Marianna J. Groth, IFOA Secretary

TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS? (CONT.)

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they can fuel the next big wildfire. Recently, they stopped the Willamette National Forest from salvaging and selling dead timber to support reforestation efforts and received a \$115,000 cash award from the federal government to settle their lawsuit.

Another example is a recent lawsuit against the Forest Service's effort to amend the “Eastside Screens” on national forests in eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. The Eastside Screens makes it difficult for the Forest Service to remove tree species that compete with native pine and are less resilient to fire such as grand fir or white fir. As a result, the agency has struggled to keep pace with the growing risks and restoration needs of these forests. The litigation threatens important wildfire reduction work on more than 200,000 acres of public forests in eastern Oregon.

It's our job to convince the public and policymakers to pursue true conservation and responsible stewardship of our national forests, rather than the radical agenda of anti-forestry activists. We must tell our stories and share the science and success stories that demonstrate why forestry and wood products are critical to the future.

It's time to embrace our role as the true conservationists that do not accept the anti-science and anti-forestry tactics of activists who think people have no place in the forests.

by Nick Smith, Executive Director of Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities

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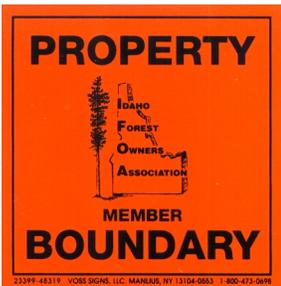
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