



IDAHO FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION



2022 FALL TREE FARM TOUR CEDAR MOUNTAIN FARM, ATHOL

The Idaho Tree Farm Program Fall Tour will meet this year on Saturday, September 10 at Cedar Mountain Farm near Athol, ID; the home of Al and Daryl Kyle, the 2022 Outstanding Idaho Tree Farmers of the Year.

The day will start at 8:00AM with a coffee and donut social hour, then at 9:00AM it's off to the woods for a tour of their Family Forest Tree Farm. We will tour two very different stand types during the walkabout. First, the area near their home and Bed & Breakfast, which is a drier Douglas-fir/ponderosa pine type. This is the area they first entered when taking over the management of the property. A great deal of work was put in not only to complete a commercial thinning, but also quite a bit of stand improvement activities such as an extensive mastication project. The Kyle's efforts have transformed what was a crowded and fire prone thicket in 1974 to a nicely thinned and productive conifer forest today.

From there the tour moves to a grand fir/cedar stand on the south end of the Tree Farm. Kyles have set up a trail for self-guided woods walks in this parcel, popular with their bed & breakfast guests, as well

as day-use visitors. We will view a pond developed by the original owners that has evolved over the years into a well used water source by area wildlife. Also scattered through this tract are several old snags remaining from the big 1910 fire. The Kyles have installed signage along the way to help with species identification and to point out notable landmarks.

The tour will end with a sack lunch sponsored by the Idaho Tree Farm Committee and a short presentation on current happenings within the American Tree Farm Program. *To make sure there is enough food and seating for everyone, please RSVP to: admin@idahotreefarm.org by August 31.*

Cedar Mountain Farm is located south of Athol, ID (east of Silverwood Theme Park) at 25249 N. Hatch Road, Athol, ID 83801. Take Exit 446 off Hwy 95 just south of Athol and proceed to Bunco Road. Approximately 2 miles east on Bunco, take a right onto N. Hatch Road and continue ¼ mile to the Kyle's home.

Walking will be on trails with level to moderate slopes in both areas, come rain or shine, so bring sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing for September weather conditions.

YA GOTTA SEE THIS ONE!!!

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MEET-A-MEMBER

GARY R. HESS & NIKKI J. SHOCKLEY, POST FALLS

Gary Hess and his wife Nikki Shockley have called northern Idaho home since 2001. They were both working for the Air Force in Texas when the notion of becoming tree farmers compelled them to move north. They purchased eighty acres near Harvard, Idaho, which is an unincorporated community eight miles east of Potlatch. “I believe we joined IFOA immediately, even before we moved here,” Gary told me with a twinkle in his eye. He would eventually become an IFOA Director and serve as Vice President for a term.

Although their move north was five years earlier than they had originally planned, Gary and Nikki quickly fell in love with Idaho and were happy to make it their home. Compared to South Dakota, where they both grew up, Idaho had a milder climate which made it a perfect place to chase their tree-filled dreams and would eventually make for an ideal retirement location. Gary and Nikki both have technical backgrounds, but once they arrived in Idaho, they became enthralled with forest stewardship. That passion eventually led them both to bill-paying jobs with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL).



Gary & Nikki “feelin’ lucky”!

The 80 acre property Gary and Nikki now own was homesteaded in 1920 by Elihu Macomber, presumably for placer mining, indicated by the odd shape of the parcel which includes the confluence of Jerome Creek and Boulder Creek. Elihu’s brother homesteaded a nearby odd-shaped parcel in the Maple Creek drainage that Bennett Tree Farm acquired and eventually traded to the USFS. There are numerous abandoned hard-rock mines in the area, including remnants of a small mining community called Jerome City. Water rights documents indicate Macomber’s niece inherited the property, which eventually went to her daughter, Margaret DeGraff-Smiths. Gary and Nikki purchased the land from her children and have been the only residents on the property since Macomber.

Trees cover seventy-four acres of the property, and it has two fish bearing streams that pass through it. The forest consists of mixed conifer that is heavy to cedar and was last harvested in 2020. Tree-ring harvest history shows harvests in 1985 and 1997. Several cost-incentivized inter-plantings were conducted in 2002 and 2004.

I asked Gary and Nikki if they have a favorite spot on the land and if so, what makes it special. They told me they have a cedar grove on Jerome Creek that is a sweet spot in the summer because of the cool seclusion. In the winter, their favorite place sits at the top of a finger ridge between the two creeks where they have a stunning view of East Gold Hill and Gold Hill Peaks, which are about 4,600 feet in elevation and differ by only 16 feet in height. Gary and Nikki enjoy working their land; it’s where their passion is. They also know the value of taking time to bask in the beauty and the peace of nature, the true gift. Remodeling their remote operating location in Post Falls due to a disastrous windstorm in 2020 occupies all of Gary’s time now that he is retired from IDL.

by Jill Buckland, IFOA Member & new NWW Editor

OREGON PRIVATE FOREST ACCORD WILL BE DEVASTATING

The following perspective commentary hopefully serves as a (not so?) “distant early warning” for Idaho family forest owners about maintaining their rights to conduct forest practices. It will hopefully also warn Idaho legislators and agency bureaucrats about the unintended consequences of “well intended” legislation and rules.

The apparent purpose is to allow Oregon to apply for a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. This allows the permit holder to proceed with an activity that could otherwise result in the unlawful take of a listed species. This will be devastating to many Oregon Family Forest landowners. I (we) currently have no clue how many landowners will be affected and to what degree. Industry lands are generally higher up slope and farther away from major waterways. Family forest lands are generally lower on the slope and more likely to abut major waterways. Thus, these rules will have greater impact on those lands closer to major water sources, i.e., family forest ownerships.

My personal family property will be heavily impacted. Depending upon how the Oregon Department of Forestry interprets the 196 page “Private Forest Accord” my family will lose [rights on] 40 to 50% of the acres we own. That means being deprived for 70 years or maybe forever the ability to earn income from 40 to 50% percent of the ownership that has been in my family for roughly 80 years. It also means if I decide to sell the ownership sales receipts will be cut by the same 40 to 50% or perhaps more. If that sale happens, it is difficult to gauge the impact at the moment, especially since the new owner will have to continue paying taxes with no opportunity to recover those taxes from product sales. Of course I remain having the distinct privilege of paying taxes on these confiscated acres. I am beginning to hear rumblings among Oregon owners about the disagreement over this issue.

I am planning to harvest every stick of wood as it will be affected by this “accord”. I will be harvesting even those sticks of wood surrounded by any question about whether or not they will be affected.

I have spoken with our State Forester about my family plight and have also spoken with the local Stewardship Forester. I told both that I cannot afford to allow this issue to “take” my 80-year old trees by locking them up without being able to sell them on the open market.

I have a significant amount of Western redcedar. Those logs today have considerable value. So, I am planning to harvest every stick of wood as it will be affected by this “accord”. I will be harvesting even those sticks of wood surrounded by any question about whether or not they will be affected. I know of at least one other family in the county who will be more heavily affected than myself.

I believe that a very large percentage of landowners have no clue what is brewing. This entire package was written behind closed doors shrouded in complete secrecy. I have been told it may have been upon advice from attorneys that the secrecy cloud should prevail until the 196-page report was released. I even suggested to our State Forester that someone might step forward for the purpose of filing a class action lawsuit against the State of Oregon. In legal terms this issue seems to be “ripe” for action.

Of course the issue is much more complicated. Implementation of this Accord will take some time. Currently, plans are for industry to come under the new rules in January of 2023. Family forest owners will come under the new rules in January 2024. But, as we all know, the government moves goal posts without notice.

by Dick Courter, ACF, SAF CF, Professional Consulting Forester

The Private Forest Accord has led to new OREGON state forest practices rules for logging in riparian areas and on steep slopes, as well as for updating roads and culverts on private forestland. This includes a new tax credit program to compensate small forestland owners for lost revenue *if they agree to exclude timber harvest in the expanded stream-buffer zones for the next 50 years.*

These new rules are slated to go into effect in 2023 and 2024. Learn more at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/documents/2022-odf-private-forest-accord-report.pdf>

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2022

Forest Insect & Disease Field Day
Saint Maries, Friday, 8/5/2022
www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry

IFOA Board Meeting
Sandpoint, Tuesday, 8/9/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

Restoring Idaho Streams
Bonners Ferry, Thursday, 8/25/2022
www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry

SEPTEMBER 2022

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 9/13/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

Idaho Tree Farm Fall Field Tour
Athol, Saturday, 9/10/2022
admin@idahotreefarm.org

OCTOBER 2022

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 10/11/2022
evpifoa@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2022

Planning Your Forestry Estate
Moscow, Thursday, 11/3, 2022
www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry

Ties to the Land Workshop
Sandpoint, Saturday, 11/5/2022
info@kaniksu.org

IFOA Board Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Tues., 11/8/2022
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Turning Idaho Trees into Wreathes
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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.

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AND SIGN ON FOR THIS EXCELLENT VALUE IFOA MEMBERSHIP PERQUISITE!

IFOA WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Casey Bartrem, Moscow ♦ Craig Dolsby, Sandpoint

Rachelle Hill, Athol ♦ Sean & Sara Mahoney, Coeur d'Alene

Patrick Santy, Harrison ♦ Donna Thomas, Careywood

IFOA-EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPONSORS SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT 2022 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY TOUR

I learned about the Sustainable Forestry Tour via an email from a teacher at my school who highly recommended attending. He mentioned that it was fun, and they got to hang out in the woods for the week. This would be my first summer in five years that I was not planning on working and I thought what a fun experience, so I signed up. I asked several other teacher friends if they wanted to attend, and they could not so with my curious nature I decided going alone would be manageable. In all honesty, I was not sure what to expect from the experience and anticipated a week of being indoors listening to speakers talk about their field of expertise, as most trainings tend to be these days. However, I was wrong in my expectations and the Sustainable Forestry Tour blew my mind!

It was jam packed full of outdoor activities and adventures in the forest, on campus, at nurseries, on field trips to a sawmill and paper mill, and all over Moscow and Lewiston. Hands down it was one of the most professional and interesting training sessions I have ever attended. Not only were the accommodations fabulous, and the food incredible, but I met amazing people and built new friendships. We did not go hungry or thirsty. In addition, we had the privilege of listening to knowledgeable leaders in the industry speak about the future of forestry. The transportation was well coordinated, making it smooth and easy to go from location to location. This training is a must for any teacher or counselor looking to expand their understanding of the forest industry.



IFOA Director Charley McKetta addressing the 2022 Sustainable Forestry Tour participants at his Nora Creek family forest near Troy, ID.

I had several events that were quite impactful to me as a school counselor and as an educator. Going out to a logging site and seeing real-time action was incredible for me. I gained a deeper level of understanding by being able to ask questions of the owners of the companies that took us to these sites. By asking questions to the employers, I have a much better idea of what employers are looking for in students, allowing me to guide students towards those needs of employers. Also, talking with people who entered the field of forestry at a young age and not knowing their employment direction, gave me an inside perspective that I can share with my students who may be unsure of their career options.

On a more personal level, during the tour of the Idaho Forest Group sawmill in Lewiston, I had an epiphany about my relationship with my father. When I was a little girl, he was a woodworker and I spent many hours helping and watching him craft beautiful wooden items. We shopped for wood in lumber yards for hours. As I walked through the sawmill, I began to reminisce and wish my father was with me as I watched logs become lumber. Luckily for me, after the tour, I called him to share all that I learned and thanked him for teaching me all that he did so many years earlier.

My plan is to share with as many people as I can about the experience I had on the Sustainable Forestry Tour. I also hope to work with our career and college counselor to develop ways to educate our students on the value and importance of sustaining our Idaho forests. Educating students and families about career and/or college paths is important. Possibly we can plan tours or events to spread the word about future jobs in the many companies that serve our forests. I appreciate all the efforts, resources, and manpower that went into making this tour so educational and memorable. Thank you!

by Noelle O'Sickey, School Counselor, Woodland Middle School, Coeur d'Alene School District

THE BALD MOUNTAIN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

A UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE CROSS-AGENCY EFFORT & INNOVATIVE MULTI-YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATIONAL PROJECT

Forested lands in Blaine County have seen a significant increase in forest decline over the past two decades which has led to uncharacteristic fire risk in the area, contributing to the incidence of two large area wildfires (2007, 2013) circling Bald Mountain. The Bald Mountain Stewardship Project (BMSP) is an ambitious landscape-scale, multi-year plan to improve forest health, reduce fuels and associated fire risk, and preserve the recreational experience on and around Bald Mountain, home of the Sun Valley Ski Resort. This world-renowned recreational destination drives central Idaho's economy and is the primary viewshed for the communities of Ketchum and Sun Valley.

GOALS

The BMSP focuses on actions that improve forest health including the watershed and wildlife habitat, such as removing noxious weeds, stapling MCH packets throughout Baldy's forest to deter insect infestations, and replanting trees to increase diversity. Additionally, the BMSP aims to decrease fuels by targeting the removal of standing dead trees brought on by insects and disease to improve the overall resilience of the remaining healthy forest, decrease fire risk, and increase accessibility for emergency crews.

Fuel reduction projects like this provide a recreational benefit by improving safety for recreationists and opening up new terrain for gladed tree skiing previously inaccessible due to the amount of standing dead and downed trees. Skiers and boarders have enjoyed 93 acres of new gladed tree skiing opened in the past three years and will have another 65 acres to ski and ride next year in the Frenchman and Warm Springs areas of Baldy.

PARTNERSHIP

For the past three years, the National Forest Foundation (NFF) and Sun Valley Company (SVC) have engaged a coalition of more than 60 individuals and organizations, including the United States Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and private landowners, to design and implement a plan to address declining forest health on Bald Mountain and surrounding areas.

This innovative landscape-scale, cross-boundary partnership between the community, government agencies, the SVC, and the NFF helped the BMSP win the highly sought-after funding available through the Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Program. In summer 2022, \$643,975 from this grant will be used toward forest health priorities in Blaine County with additional funding anticipated over the next two years for a three-year project investment totaling \$2.5 million.

This is one example of the power of this unique collaboration; when paired with Sun Valley Company's financial contributions, private donations can be significantly leveraged through the National Forest Foundation to unlock and further incentivize forest health treatments across ownership boundaries.

SOUTHERN IDAHO WOOD FOR LIFE

The National Forest Foundation's Wood For Life program uses wood from forest restoration efforts to fuel Indigenous communities that rely on firewood to heat their homes. Wood for Life salvages small diameter timber removed in fire prevention efforts from the national forests and donates it to the Indigenous communities to assist in heating homes.

This year, the Bald Mountain Stewardship Project will supply 240 cords of firewood to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe to heat the homes of many community elders living in Duck Valley where 90% of homes rely on a wood-burning stove as their primary home heating source. The 2022 efforts will also supply that same amount of firewood to the Shoshone Bannock Tribe at Fort Hall. Excess wood not going to the Wood for Life Program will be sold at a minimal price to support local markets and needs. Proceeds from firewood sales will be reinvested into the Bald Mountain Stewardship Project in 2023.

BALD MOUNTAIN STEWARDSHIP FUND

The National Forest Foundation has a dedicated Bald Mountain Stewardship Fund to support ongoing work. When paired with Sun Valley Company's financial contributions and through additional grant and federal opportunities, private donations to the Bald Mountain Stewardship fund are leveraged 5x through the National Forest Foundation. For more information or to contribute to the fund, please contact Dani Southard, dsouthard@nationalforests.org or 208.720.0957.

by Sun Valley Blog



Tree decline on Bald Mountain

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FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST

May 24, 2022

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Envi-
ronment and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Merkley and Chairwoman Pingree, and Ranking Members Murkowski and Joyce:

Over 50% of U.S. forestland is owned and managed by more than 10 million private owners, most of which are families and individuals. These landowners represent a diverse group of people who have many reasons for owning their forest land and represent a key constituency in helping address issues of forest sustainability and conservation. However, private landowners face barriers - including unforeseen costs and insufficient technical assistance – that can prevent them from taking necessary management action. As population growth and urbanization increase nationwide, private forest lands are threatened by land use conversion and development. Now more than ever, it is critical that we maintain our privately owned forest lands in a condition that supports the health, prosperity, security, and well-being of all Americans.

The Forest Stewardship Program (FSP), administered by the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) and delivered in partnership with state forestry agencies, cooperative extension services, certified foresters, conservation districts, and other partners, is the primary federal mechanism for supporting those landowners in making sustainable management decisions. Regardless of who provides the assistance, the end goal is the same: to help landowners achieve healthy, resilient, and productive forests. Well-managed private forests and woodlands offer a number of public benefits, including enhanced wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, watershed protection, and timber production. With this in mind, *the undersigned organizations recommend funding the Forest Stewardship Program for fiscal year 2023 at \$22 million*¹.

FSP equips private forest landowners with the unbiased, science-based information they need to sustainably manage their forests now and into the future, helping to keep forests as forests. Sometimes this information is delivered to the landowner in the form of a Forest Stewardship plan; other times, it is provided through educational opportunities like an in-person or virtual workshop or a one-on-one field consultation with a professional forester. In addition to delivering technical assistance directly to forestland owners, state Forest Stewardship programs are often gateways to other landowner cost-share assistance programming like the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), state programs, and partner programs, that can help landowners keep their forests working and intact.

Today there are 20.4 million acres nationwide managed under Forest Stewardship plans. In FY21 alone, the program led to the development of 12,591 new management plans covering over 675,000 acres and provided assistance and educational opportunities to over 248,000 landowners. Forestland owners that have management plans are almost three times more likely to meet their management objectives compared to those without management plans. The FSP helps landowners to reach management objectives that tie to the state's Forest Action Plan². Forest Stewardship plans provide guidance for family forest landowners to keep their land healthy and productive and often serve as management roadmaps for several generations.

Although effective and in demand, FSP has seen a troubling 50% decline in federal funding over the last decade, accounting for inflation. Some of this decrease was due to the historical impact of the increasing

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST

cost of wildfire on the Forest Service budget. We appreciate the efforts of Congress to enact the “Wildfire Funding Fix” in 2018 and are now eager to see program increases to those programs that suffered cuts in the past, including FSP. Increased federal funding for FSP will allow state forestry agencies and partners to meet existing landowner demand and help ensure forestland acres are maintained. *On average, state forestry agencies and other partners match federal investments 2:1, which means the impact of federal dollars delivered through the FSP have amplified on-the-ground impacts.*

Keeping forestland in a healthy working condition is paramount to the ability of our forests to provide the economic, environmental, and social benefits that are essential to society. In order to retain and properly care for their forests, landowners need sources of revenue. Forests can provide traditional forms of revenue from harvesting of timber as well as other forms of economic return including from recreation and ecosystem services like carbon and water quality. The technical assistance services provided through FSP support landowners in achieving their management goals in a way that is financially sustainable, which in turn provides public benefits including forest products, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, clean water and air, jobs, and opportunities for recreation.

Following congressional direction, the National Association of State Foresters has worked closely with the Forest Service to modernize the funding allocation process to state agencies for FSP, with greater emphasis placed on performance-based outcomes. Under the new allocation process, priority areas and priority resource concerns have been designated in each state and greater emphasis has been placed on providing technical assistance and implementing land management plans in those priority areas. *This means that Congress can have added assurance that increased funding to this priority program will be delivered to the locations and for the resource concerns that generate the highest public benefit.*

With all this in mind, the undersigned organizations recommend funding the Forest Stewardship Program for fiscal year 2023 at \$22 million.

¹ Beginning in FY21, Congress restructured the Forest Service program budgets, separating out appropriations for cost pools, salary & expenses, and program funding. This advocacy level represents solely the program funding request for FSP. ² <https://www.stateforesters.org/forest-action-plans/>

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American Forests	National Association of University Forest Resources Programs
American Wood Council	National Deer Association
Arkansas Forestry Association	National Wild Turkey Federation
Associated Logging Contractors, Inc.	National Woodland Owners Association
Association of Consulting Foresters of America	New England Forestry Foundation
Carbon180	North Carolina Urban Forest Council
Cleaves Consulting LLC	Ohio Conservation Federation
Connecticut Forest & Park Association	Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Florida Forestry Association	Resource Management Service, LLC
Forest Resources Association	Society of American Foresters
Forest Stewards Guild	Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Forestry Association of South Carolina	Southern Illinois University, Forestry Program
Friends of Florence Canyon	Southern Regional Extension Forestry
Green Infrastructure Center Inc.	Texas Forestry Association
Idaho Forest Owners Association, Inc.	The Hardwood Federation
Illinois Forestry Development Council	The Longleaf Alliance
Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association	The LYME Timber Company
Louisiana Forestry Association	The Nature Conservancy
Louisiana Forestry Association	The Pennsylvania Forestry Association
Maryland Forestry Foundation	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Massachusetts Forest Alliance	Town of Friday Harbor
Minnesota Association of SWCDs	Tree Lafayette
Minnesota Forestry Association	TreePeople
National Alliance of Forest Owners	Trees of Santa Maria
National Association of Conservation Districts	West Virginia University
National Association of Forest Service Retirees	

A MAINER CAN'T SELL HIS 130 ACRES OF WOODS BECAUSE A RAILROAD REMOVED HIS ACCESS TO IT

Brian Fisk bought a 130-acre lot of undeveloped woods and wetlands in Bradford in 2016 so he could have an area of wilderness of his own to enjoy and to preserve access for the local hikers, hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts who know the plot well.

The only way to access the land has been to cross railroad tracks at the end of rural Gravey Lane, where for years there was a crossing in place so vehicles and people could safely - and legally - get over the tracks.

But the company that owns the railroad removed that crossing at some point over the past two years, and it won't install a new one, effectively blocking Fisk's only legal access to his land. The removal has also complicated his plans to sell the land.

"Nobody can get there now unless you have a helicopter, which would be absurd," he said.

Fisk, 66, discovered that the crossing had been removed earlier this year when he started looking at selling the property to cover medical costs. At a time when property values are rising, there's been interest in the land, but Fisk can't sell unless he can restore legal access to it.

"I can't go to my property that I pay taxes on every year," Fisk said. "I can't use it and can't access it legally."

For years, a crossing made up of gravel and dirt made it less bumpy for snowmobiles, ATVs and other vehicles to cross the tracks, he said. Most people who access the land use a vehicle to get onto it.

Now, there's no way to cross except by foot. But with the crossing removed, it would be considered trespassing to walk across the tracks because those are the property of the railroad company, Fisk said.

"I'm basically up the creek without a paddle," he said.

Fisk asked Central Maine and Quebec Railway in January to restore the crossing. In response, the company - which is owned by Canadian Pacific Railway - denied his request and said it frequently removes unsafe and unauthorized crossings.

A spokesperson for Canadian Pacific Railway said the company is "discussing" the issue with the property owner.

But Fisk said he's sent half a dozen emails and filed form after form to get the crossing restored, but the January email denying his request is the only communication he's received from the railroad company.

In that email, the company told him to use the nearest public crossing to access the land.

However, that access point is half a mile up the tracks, and to get to Fisk's land from there would involve either walking along the tracks or through someone else's land - both of which would involve trespassing. If Fisk and others opted to go through the woods, they would have to figure out how to cross the local stream to access the land, he said.

"It boils down to a land rights issue. It's an access issue," Fisk said. "So why, why, why, why not install a crossing? It's a very simple crossing."

Fisk said he contacted more than 10 lawyers in Maine to see if they would help him get the crossing back, but all of them declined to represent him, he said.

Fisk said he wants to sell the land and move on, but he can't until a crossing is back in place. What is even more frustrating is that there have been several offers on the property, he said.

Initially, the land was listed for sale at \$80,000, but at least one offer came in at more than \$100,000. But Fisk said he had to take the property off the market because no one would buy the property without legal access to the land.

Sawyer Loftus, Bangor Daily News, 6/8/22

Editor's Note: Although this reported event is taking place in the faraway state of Maine, it is an example of the many types of ownership and management issues facing family forest landowners across our nation - and even in Idaho. Membership in organizations like Maine Woodland Owners and IFOA, which monitor and champion the right to conduct forest practices via a strong and concerned group of citizens, is a wise option for any and all family forest landowners. Let your forestland neighbors know about becoming IFOA members today!

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITE PINE TREE RIOT

“THE SPARK THAT LED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR”

The White Pine Tree Riot happened in 1772 in the town of Weare, New Hampshire.

In the early 1700s more and more people were leaving England and coming to the American Colonies for a new life and hoping for less control from King George III. Forestry was an important industry in the new colonies and continues to be today.

As early settlements grew and moved inland from the coast, the plentiful and valuable resource, our trees, became more important for landowners.

In the late 1600s England realized they had overcut their own forest to the point they were unable to provide the large trees to serve as masts for the wooden sailing ships of King George III's Royal Navy. His Majesty claimed all the white pine trees in the new colonies that were over 24" in diameter belonged to the King of England and were to be cut and shipped back to England for his Royal Navy because they made superior masts for his ships. Then in 1722 the British Parliament and the King passed a law to reduce the size of the white pine trees they would call their own from 24" and larger now to 12" in diameter and larger to be sure they had a continuous supply of white pine masts for future Royal Navy ships.

To understand what a loss of value this was to all who owned forestland, as well as to sawmills and everyone dependent on the valuable white pine lumber, is to understand the following: A 16'-long log with a 24" diameter scaled a total of 425 board feet of lumber. A 16'-long white pine log with a 12" diameter scaled only 95 board feet of lumber (one board foot of lumber is 1" thick x 12" long x 12" wide). If that wasn't enough to get folks worked up, the King had his surveyors go out and mark all pine trees 12" and up that they wanted saved for the Royal Navy. The settlers were notified that if they wanted any of the pine trees that were left, they first had to pay for a royal license to cut any of the remaining pine trees on their land.

When Benning Wentworth was colonial governor of New Hampshire he did very little to enforce the King's pine tree laws. But in 1766 John Wentworth (Benning's nephew) became governor and began to enforce the King's pine tree laws by sending out surveyors to check the sawmills and measure the diameter of white pine logs. They found pine logs from 15" to 36" in diameter and claimed they were the King's property. The mill owners were ordered to pay a fine for their crime.

Some sawmill owners paid their fines to get the logs back, but some sawmill owners did not. Sheriff Whiting and Deputy Quigly rode into the town of South Weare with a warrant to arrest sawmill owner Ebenezer Mudgett, who was the leader of the Weare mill owners. By the time they found Mudgett it was dark, and Mudgett agreed to meet the sheriff and deputy the following morning. Mudgett and others planned through the night how they would respond to the King's representatives. They decided enough was enough of the King taking more and more. They would take a stand; they would not pay the fine and would run both royal officials out of town.

Early in the morning Mudgett and others surprised the sheriff and deputy in their rooms, pulled them out of bed, whipped them, and took them outside where their horses were waiting with their manes and tails sheared off. Both men were forced onto their horses and run out of the town.

Sheriff Whiting didn't give up and he later captured one of rioters. The others involved agreed to pay the bail and appear in court. Eight men from Weare appeared in Superior Court in Amherst. The judge fined each man 20 shillings, which was a very light punishment for their crimes. The judge and many other residents of New Hampshire thought the pine tree laws were oppressive and unfair.

Ebenezer Mudgett and other loggers and sawmill owners stood up and rebelled against the King's "Pine Tree Laws", encouraging others to stand up and push back. This became the spark that one year later fueled a "Tea Party" in Boston in 1773 and then the Revolutionary War against Great Britain in 1775, also known as the American War of Independence, started in New Hampshire by a few proud, hard working folks like Ebenezer Mudgett and others who decided to rebel against the King's outrageous laws.

(See photo and Note on page 12)

by Tom Thomson, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, March 1, 2022



◀ (See article page 12)

L to R: Tom Thomson, owner of the Thomson Family Tree Farm, with grandson Jaden Thomson. Tom is holding a 24" diameter cross section of an Eastern white pine tree (*Pinus strobus*).

In 1690 King George III claimed pines of this size or larger as mast trees for his Royal Navy. Then in 1722 a law was passed which claimed any white pine tree 12" diameter (which Jaden is holding) or larger as the King's for further mast trees for the Royal Navy.

Note: a 24", 16'-long pine log would produce 425 board feet of lumber and a 12", 16'-long pine log would only produce 95 board feet of lumber. A huge taking by the King, and an action which led (in very large part) to the Revolutionary War!

GIS TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE TIMBER SALES ON IDAHO ENDOWMENT LAND

Thanks to a new GIS-enabled service launched by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Idaho's forest products industry and members of the public can easily find information about timber being sold by the department.

The new online app, available at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/timber-sale-advertisement-app/>, provides a statewide view of all IDL timber sales planned across the landscape and allows users to zoom in to review the boundaries of individual sales. The service's interactive map also features selectable layers of imagery and connects users with auction dates, appraisal documents, cruise data, and development cost estimates.

"IDL's new GIS timber sale advertisement system increases the transparency of its operations, helping the public understand the important role endowment land plays in funding Idaho's schools and other state institutions," said Governor Brad Little. "Selling timber grown on endowment land also helps fuel Idaho's strong economy and our \$2.4 billion forest products industry."

Nearly one in four trees harvested in Idaho grow on endowment land and green collar jobs employ 31,000 Idahoans.

Prospective bidders and interested members of the public can also sign up to receive notifications about IDL timber sales advertised in their area.

"This new online service is designed to help increase competitive bidding for the endowment timber," said IDL Director Dustin Miller.

IDL manages one million acres of endowment forestland and sells more than 300 million board feet of timber annually via public auction. Last year timber sales and other land management activities generated nearly \$87 million for beneficiaries including Idaho's public schools, universities, state hospitals and veterans' homes.

The agency expects its timber sale volume to increase to 326 million board feet in fiscal year 2023. "Statewide, for every one tree harvested seven more are growing in its place," said Miller. "IDL remains committed to sustainably managing endowment timberland to keep our forest healthy and productive, ensuring endowment land benefits generations to come."

Fiscal year 2022 timber sales that are still in progress will continue to be available at online at <https://web.idl.idaho.gov/timbersale/Search.aspx>. Future offerings, including Fiscal Year 2023 sales, will be advertised via the new online app.

QUARTERLY LOG MARKET REPORT

Species	April 25, 2022	July 2022
<i>Douglas-fir/western larch</i>	\$415 - \$540/MBF	\$430 - \$540/MBF
<i>Grand fir/western hemlock</i>	\$420 - \$500	\$440 - \$510
<i>Lodgepole pine</i>	\$420 - \$500	\$420 - \$500
<i>Ponderosa pine</i>	\$275 (6-7") - \$475 (8"+)	\$350 (6-7") - \$450 (8"+)
<i>Western white pine</i>	\$350 - \$425	\$390 - \$400
<i>Western redcedar</i>	\$1,100 - \$1,700	\$1,100 - \$1,350
<i>Cedar poles</i>	*\$2,200*	*\$2,100*
<i>Pulp</i>	\$20 - \$25+/ton	\$20-40/ton
<i>Tonwood</i>	\$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 July 28, 2022.*

It is an interesting time in the log market. Lumber prices continue to weaken; however, a number of mills are maintaining price levels in order to build log inventories that remain low due to the long, wet spring. An exception is the cedar market. Cedar prices and demand has significantly waned over the last month and buyers are skeptical about the future. This skepticism carries through other species where buyers fear a possible recession and the impact on lumber sales. In general, log buyers feel prices will trend downward in the third and fourth quarter.

by Mike Wolcott, ACF, Certified Forester

This information is provided by Inland Forest Management, Inc., a forestry consulting company.

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THE BOARD WALK: MAY, JUNE & JULY

May 10, 2022

- Guest Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Noxious Weed Manager, explained that every county in Idaho has a designated Noxious Weed Superintendent, however programs differ in each county. He presented the 2022 Idaho Noxious Weeds List and stated that a “Noxious Weed” is defined in Idaho State statute as a plant having the potential to cause injury to crops, people, wildlife, livestock, or the environment and must be designated as such by the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. He presented the current Bonner County List which categorizes weeds by rate of infestation and strategies for control or eradication. He also noted that rental equipment and funding along with on-site advice are available to help Bonner County residents in their weed control efforts.

- Preparations are well under way for the 2022 IFOA Forest Owners Field Day which will be held at the Pine Street Woods in Sandpoint.
- President Morado reported that Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has been moving forward on development of their “Rules for the control of Air Pollution in Idaho”, however at this time there is no great emphasis on the Smoke Management portion of their plan. More discussions are scheduled for this coming Spring. Representatives from IFOA will attend.

June 14, 2022

- IFOA-Education Foundation President, Sandra Murdock, reported that the IFOA-EF is in the process of developing an -EF website to link to the present IFOA website. The IFOA-EF is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3, and is an integral part of IFOA as a fundraising

entity. This allows non-business entity donors to claim charitable donations to this organization on their tax returns.

- Through a special arrangement with the National Woodlands Owners Association, IFOA will be offering all Active or Participating members of IFOA the option of receiving a full subscription to the quarterly *National Woodlands* magazine for an additional \$15.00/yr. at IFOA renewal time.

July 12, 2022

- The July IFOA Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Director Charley McKetta in Troy, Idaho and included a tour of his forestland that he manages there.
- President Morado announced that member Tom Moore of Troy, ID has agreed to an appointment to the vacant Director position and will attend the August IFOA BOD meeting.

by Marianna J. Groth, IFOA Secretary

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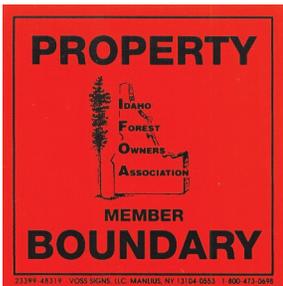
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