

2009 Forester's Forum Synopsis
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Wednesday logging session-focus will be on transportation issues and specifically on transportation management. First, Matt Lehman with Trimble Forestry Automation will give a presentation on Integrated Forestry Transportation Management System (Blue Ox System). Kevin Boston from Oregon State University will follow up with a similar presentation on historical gains from logistics implemented in New Zealand and look at other models of how logistics can be used. Following this, a panel of local logging contractors (Bob Danielson, Joe Epler and Steve Henderson) and Kevin Boston will be available to answer logging related questions from the audience.

Thursday breakout sessions:

- 1. Forest Products, Supply & Demand**-When is the turnaround? Butch Bernhardt, Western Wood Products Association
- 2. Conserving Working Forests**-Land parcelization issues: conserving working forests with open space for wildlife and access for sportsmen. Rob Brooks from Montana Department of Fish and Wildlife and speaker (TBD) from The Nature Conservancy
- 3. Greening the Energy Future through the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance** with managed forests: good/bad fires, carbon emissions, and a positive future with bioenergy and biofuels. Jay O'Laughlin, Director of Policy Analysis Group and Professor of Forest Resources, University of Idaho
- 4. 2008 Water-Quality/Forest-Practices Audit and Culvert Installation and Inspection Processes**-summary of findings from two 2008 audits (rule compliance and stream-crossing installations) conducted as parts of the quadrennial audit, and resulting information on culvert installation criteria used to check for fish-passage rule compliance Ara Andrea and Scott Marshall, Idaho Department of Lands
- 5. Future Trends in Fiber Utilization-from soon to way out.** Chris Risbrudt, Director, USDA, FS, Forest Products Laboratory-Wisconsin
- 6. University of Idaho Intermountain Forest Tree Nutrition Cooperative**-important findings, current activities, and new initiatives- such as using biofuel byproducts for carbon sequestration and soil enhancement. Mark Coleman University of Idaho
- 7. Climate Change, Forestry, and Marketable Greenhouse Gas Programs:** Policy issues and solutions... the key policy challenges and solutions for managed forests in today's climate change programs. Matt Smith, Forecon
- 8. Open**
- 9. Red Trees from Horizon to Horizon:** What's up with insect outbreaks? Sandy Kegley, Idaho Panhandle National Forest Entomologist
- 10. Current and Innovative Forest Product Business Models:** Marc Brinkmeyer, Chairman, Idaho Forest Group
- 11. Economic Realities of Boiler Fuel Recovery**-from logging slash and stand improvement activities. Steve Anderson, SAIJ Group and Hunter Horvath
- 12. Riparian Management and Research**-WA Dept. of Natural Resources. DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan is a multi species agreement with the Federal Services including a conservation strategy for riparian obligate species. Management within riparian management zones must meet the overall management goal of restoring high quality aquatic habitat to aid in federally listed salmon recovery efforts and contribute to the conservation of other aquatic and riparian obligate species. In conjunction with this objective, DNR has conducted research on riparian areas including: the influence of various buffer configurations on water quality of first order streams, analysis of buffer integrity over time, hydrologic basin delineation based on LiDAR imagery for predicting stream typing and silviculture treatment trials designed to test the

attainment of meeting the riparian stand objective of an older forest condition. Allen Estep, Forest Certification/Policy for Sustainable Forests Program Lead, WA DNR

13. **Transporting Bio-mass to Conversion Facilities**-thinking out of the box: What was old is new again. Is steam power the answer? Matt Janssen, CEO, Vapor Locomotive Company and Karl Dye, Director, Bonner County, Idaho Economic Development
14. **Innovative Silvicultural Solutions**- how to manage for big trees, wildlife, and productive forests. Washington DNR is currently addressing public concerns regarding the conservation of old forests and large trees for wildlife. The strategies that are developed must maintain forest growth, health, and fire resilience to continue the flow of income to trust beneficiaries. Specific, innovative landscape level and stand level strategies are being developed to address this challenge. These strategies and the social and legislative context will be discussed. Gretchen Nicholas, Division Manager, WA DNR
15. **Leadership in Timing Market Delivery**-from one who has been there and back. Jim Thiemens, Owner, Operating Technologies
16. **Legal Situations Faced by Field Foresters**-make the right decision or go to jail. Real life situations are presented to the audience, and they are required to make the correct decision. Peter Smith Attorney with Lukins and Annis
17. **Sustainable Future of the Forestry, Sawmilling, and Logging Workforce** John Garland, Consulting Forest Engineer & Professor Emeritus, Garland and Associates
18. **Tools and Technology for Today's Forester...Doing More with Less** From field GIS software and precision measurement tools to GPS receivers that work under dense canopies...see how you can streamline field operations to get more done in less time. Kurt Mueller, Western US Sales & Solutions Manager, LandMark Systems
19. **Timber Sale Bonding**-bonding and financial reality in today's economic climate. Betsy McGreer, McGreer and Associates
20. **Timber Tax Classifications**-past, present, future. Gordon Harnash, Forestry/Agricultural Appraiser, Kootenai County, Idaho

Thursday lunch keynote speaker-Matt Donegan, Forest Capital Partners, LLC

Matt Donegan is a professional forester and co-founder of Forest Capital Partners, one of the nation's largest forest landowners. Forest Capital's products include sustainably grown timber certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, premium rural real estate, conservation easements and ecosystem services, energy and minerals, recreational leases, and a diverse array other products grown from its forest holdings. Forest Capital's professionals are experts in forest management and engineering, timber production and marketing, real estate, energy, and environmental stewardship. The company's focus is to maximize the long-term economic values of its forest holdings while upholding the highest environmental and social standards.

Friday Certification Session

- 7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast and Betty Munis with the Forest Products Commission
- 8:00 - 8:30 Break to set up room
- 8:30 - 8:45 Introductions and Overview of the Certification Session – Vincent Corrao
- 8:45 – 9:45 FSC Presentation – Karen Steer
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 11:00 SFI Presentation Jason Metnick
- 11:00 – 11:30 Questions and Answer period

- Betty Munis, Executive Director, Idaho Forest Products Commission on Public Perception of Forestry
- Jason Metnick, Director of Market Access and Product Labeling, will discuss the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program and the steps to become SFI chain of custody certified. The SFI® chain of custody program ensures the integrity of the SFI product as it moves through the supply chain from the forest to the shelf.
- FSC update by Karen Steer