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**TO:** Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council  
**FROM:** David Groeschl, State Forester   
**DATE:** Monday, February 26, 2013  
**RE:** Request for ILRCC Assistance

When you were appointed to the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC), I indicated that you would advise the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) on strategically addressing shared priority issues through our State and Private Forestry (S&PF) Programs, which include Forest Stewardship, Forest Legacy, Urban Forestry, Forest Health, and National Fire Plan/Cohesive Strategy. Now that you've completed your first year of meetings, I'd like to be more specific in identifying issues where your assistance is needed.

- Idaho has established a reputation for leading the west in the strategic implementation of S&PF programs. I believe we can best continue to plan and deliver cutting edge programs and projects through the collective abilities of the interests represented on the ILRCC. It will be important that you continue to devote time throughout the year to strategic thinking, and providing this feedback to me and designated IDL program staff. A few specific areas where ILRCC operating as a "think tank" will be beneficial include:
  - A key purpose of the ILRCC is assisting with Idaho Forest Action Plan (FAP) implementation. Larger-scale grant projects are already taking place or will soon begin that address FAP issues and strategies. How can the ILRCC engage in helping with these efforts? Consider resources member organizations may be able to bring to the table, knowledge of other organizations or projects in these areas with which work can be coordinated, and how knowledge gained in these projects can be promoted and utilized by member organizations.
  - Consider a similar discussion for pre-proposals that will be selected for development into full grant application proposals. What resources, ideas, knowledge, etc. can ILRCC members bring to the table that may be able to create stronger, more effective projects that will compete better for limited funding?
  - What significant projects other than those facilitated through IDL are taking place that address FAP issues and strategies? What opportunities are there for members or their organizations to get involved?
- Idaho's Forest Action Plan will need to be revised by 2015. The revision process should begin in late 2013. IDL staff will lead this effort, but to create a FAP that a wide array of forestry interests

statewide will engage requires broad based participation. ILRCC membership should work closely with IDL staff to engage this process.

- A West-wide Implementation Strategy has been developed for the National Cohesive Fire Strategy. Each western state needs to determine how they will move forward with implementation. Ideally, Idaho's implementation strategy should be incorporated into the Idaho Forest Action Plan. ILRCC membership should work closely with IDL staff to engage this process.