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Idaho students learn forestry and win cash, prizes in 36th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest

(COEUR D'ALENE) - A record 600 students from 22 schools from Bonners Ferry to Post Falls participated in the 36th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest today at Delay Farms in Careywood, Idaho, located between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint.

The contest introduces students in grades 3 through 12 to basic forestry and resource management skills on three educational courses. More than 250 volunteers from numerous agencies, forest industries, local businesses, organizations, schools, and private individuals donate their time to help run the contest.

A complete list of winners is below. Contest winners received awards and cash prizes. The first-place Junior and Senior Division teams take home a full-sized crosscut saw trophy to display until next year's contest. The winning Rookie Division team receives an Idaho trophy made from all nine commercial woods grown in the state. The Top Individual contest winners in each of the three competitive divisions receive awards, and Junior and Senior Division individuals also win cash prizes.

The contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

CONTEST WINNERS

Junior/Senior Division is for students in grades 7 through 12 and challenges junior and senior high school contestants in 10 areas of forestry and resource management expertise.

SENIOR DIVISION (grades 9-12 compete)

David Ritz Memorial (for individuals)

FIRST PLACE – Daniel Spencer, Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

SECOND PLACE – Erik Hicks, Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

THIRD PLACE – Ryan Wagner, Post Falls High School Team 1

Team Awards

FIRST PLACE – Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

SECOND PLACE – Post Falls High School Team 1

THIRD PLACE – Whistle Stop Team 1 from Hayden

JUNIOR DIVISION (middle school students compete)

Larry Fryberg Memorial (for individuals)

FIRST PLACE – Magnolia Fry, Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

SECOND PLACE – Ian Hicks, Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

THIRD PLACE – Nathan Hammond, Whistle Stop Team 1 from Hayden

Team Awards

FIRST PLACE – Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

SECOND PLACE – Whistle Stop Team 1 from Hayden

THIRD PLACE – Post Falls Middle School Team 1

ROOKIE DIVISION

An introductory competition for 6th graders with five test stations, including Tree Identification, Compass and Pacing, Map Reading, Timber Cruising, and Log Scaling, plus an introductory Silviculture station.

Individuals

FIRST PLACE – Grace Meeking, Selle Valley Carden Team 2 from Sandpoint

SECOND PLACE – Carter Happell, Selle Valley Carden Team 3 from Sandpoint

THIRD PLACE – Kiana Klingingsmit, Selle Valley Carden Team 1 from Sandpoint

Teams

FIRST PLACE – Selle Valley Carden Team 1 from Sandpoint

SECOND PLACE – Selle Valley Carden Team 2 from Sandpoint

THIRD PLACE – Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 from Careywood

There also was a **noncompetitive Novice Course** (grades 2-6), with several hands-on activities and a walk through the woods with a professional forester.

The 36th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest was made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations, including:

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