



Idaho Dept of Lands ~ Bonner Soil & Water Conservation Dist. ~ US Forest Service ~ Natural Resources Conservation Service

## February 2019 Newsletter

**Welcome Coaches!** Please read over the information in this newsletter, put the date on your calendar, schedule your busses, and download the 2018 revised [Forestry Contest Manual](#) for your students to study.

**Date: Thursday, May 9, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**Site: Delay Tree Farm, Careywood, Idaho. Hwy 95, Mile Marker 455**

**Pre-registration by April 12th is mandatory** and forms are included with this newsletter. On contest day, plan to **arrive by 7:30 am** so final registration can be completed and your group can join in the **8:30 am group picture**. And please plan to stay for the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which ends by 2 pm.

### Junior Division—Grades 7-8 & Senior Division—Grades 9-12

Competition consists of 4-member teams and individual competition. Each contestant receives an individual score. The four team members' scores are combined to make the team total. Awards are presented to team and individual winners in both Divisions. Contestants are not required to be on a team—they can compete as Individuals only, if they wish. Juniors & Seniors are tested on all 10 subjects in the Forestry Contest Manual plus the "Regional Noxious Weeds" and "Logging Selectively" booklets posted online (see addresses below) or available from Bonner SWCD in Sandpoint (208-263-5310) or any IDL office statewide (contacts at [www.idl.idaho.gov](http://www.idl.idaho.gov)).

### Rookie Division - Grade 6 & under & Novice Division (non-competitive, Gr 2-6)

The **Rookie Course** is an introductory competition designed for 6<sup>th</sup> grade (& under). Rookies will be tested on 5 of the 10 subjects in the Forestry Contest Manual. Tested Rookie Course stations include: **Tree ID, Compass & Pacing, Cruising, Scaling, and Map Reading**. A sixth station, *Intro to Silviculture*, is not scored. The **Novice Course** is an introductory "Forestry Tour," led by a professional forester, for students who have never attended the contest before. **Teachers can choose to register some of their students as Rookies and the rest as Novices.**

### Download 2018 Forestry Contest Manual

The current Forestry Contest Manual and supplemental study materials are posted online at [www.bonnerswcd.org/forestry-contest](http://www.bonnerswcd.org/forestry-contest) and on the IDL website under Private Forestry at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/>. Free coaching assistance is available, too. Contact **Tom Johnson** (IDL) at 208.263.5104, [tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov) or **Kurt Koetter** 208.687.1289, [kkwoodwizard@gmail.com](mailto:kkwoodwizard@gmail.com)

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