



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

## February 2018 Newsletter

**Welcome Coaches!** Please read over the information in this newsletter, put the date on your calendar, schedule your busses, and download the 2016 revised Forestry Contest Manual for your students to study.

**Date: Thursday, May 10, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm**

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

**~ Free Barbecue Lunch ~**

**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 **9 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 into the team's total. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both Junior and Senior Divisions. Contestants can compete just as individuals, i.e. you are not required to be on a team to compete. Juniors & Seniors are tested on all 10 chapters 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> graders (& under). Rookies will be tested on 5 of the 10 chapters in the Forestry Contest Manual. Rookie Course stations include: *Tree ID*, *Compass & Pacing*, *Cruising*, *Scaling*, and an *Intro to Silviculture* (not scored). This year, **Rookies should prepare to be tested on Map Reading**, too. 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 part of their class as Rookies and the rest as Novices.**

### Download 2016 Forestry Contest Manual - 2 chapters updated - 1.0 Scaling & 2.0 Cruising

The current Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at [www.bonnorswcd.org](http://www.bonnorswcd.org) - under Youth Programs – Forestry Contest, and on the IDL website at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/>. The "Regional Noxious Weeds" booklet, and "Logging Selectively" will soon be posted on the IDL website, so check periodically if you don't see them the first time you look. **Free coaching assistance is available, too. Contact Tom Johnson at 208.263.5104** (IDL)

**For any questions regarding registration or the contest, please contact:**

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