



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

## February 2017 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 11, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm**

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

**~ Free Barbecue Lunch w/cake for 35th Anniversary ~**

**Pre-registration by April 14th 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 and the four team members' scores are combined into the team's total. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both Jr and Sr Divisions. Contestants can compete just as individuals, you do not have to be on a team to compete. To prepare for the contest, study the 2016 Forestry Contest Manual, the "Regional Noxious Weeds" booklet, and "Logging Selectively." The updated Manual is online at the websites below, and if you need either of the 2 booklets, call Tom Johnson at 263-5104, and you can call Tom for coaching assistance if needed.

### Rookie Division - Grade 6 ~ or ~ Novice Division (non-competitive)

The **Rookie Course** is designed for 6<sup>th</sup> graders (& under) as an alternative to the Novice Course. Rookies are tested on 5 of the 10 categories from the same Manual as Jr/Sr competitors and compete only against each other. The Rookie Course stations include: Tree ID, Compass & Pacing, Cruising, Scaling, and an intro to Silviculture (not scored). The **Novice Course** is an introductory "Forestry Tour" led by a professional forester aimed at students who have never been to the Forestry Contest before. Grade school students participate in the Novice Division unless they have studied the Manual and are prepared to compete.

**Teachers can choose to register part of the class as Rookies and the rest as Novices.**

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

The Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at [www.bonnarswcd.org](http://www.bonnarswcd.org) - under Youth Programs – Forestry Contest, and on the IDL website at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/>.

Forestry Contest Coordinator: Karen Robinson, IDL, 263-5104—please call with any questions regarding registration or Manual

### \*\*\*Fyi: UI Ext. Class - "Map & Compass" ~ Sat. April 22 ~ CdA ~ 9am to 4pm ~ Brochure attached