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New forest management workshops provide useful information for landowners

AT A GLANCE

A survey of forest management workshop attendees reveals that 60% or more had used the knowledge gained to implement either a timber sale or develop a forest plan.

The Situation

In 2015 two new forest management workshops were launched, *Conducting Your Own Timber Sale* and *Creating Your Own Forest Plan*. Both of these programs were described in a previously published Impact Statement, *Making money from your land: conducting timber sales and creating a forest plan* (2015). We wanted to find out how useful these programs were to attendees by seeing how many had either conducted a timber sale, or developed a forest plan within one year of taking the program.

Our Response

We conducted a telephone survey of attendees of both of these workshops in the spring of 2016, approximately one year after program delivery. The survey was administered to ten attendees of the program, *Conducting Your Own Timber Sale*, and six attendees of *Creating Your Own Forest Plan*. Survey respondents were asked if they had used the knowledge gained in the workshops to either conduct a timber sale, or produce a forest plan within the past year. Respondents were also asked if they used the knowledge in any other way, including how to strategize the management of their forest land.

Program Outcomes

Of respondents attending *Conducting Your Own Timber Sale*, 60% reported using the knowledge gained to conduct a timber sale on their own or another's prop-



erty, and 50% reported using the knowledge in other ways.

Of those attending *Creating Your Own Forest Plan* 67% reported they were currently working on a plan, with half of those having submitted a plan to the local Idaho Department of Lands forester for approval. One-hundred percent reported that they had used knowledge gained from the workshop to strategize how to better manage their forest land, and 50% stated that they used the knowledge in other ways.

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