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2022 Workshops

April

Avoiding Problems with Wildlife April 19, 2022 Orofino, ID

Weed Management in Field & Forest April 21, 2022 Orofino, ID

How to Plan & Manage a Timber Harvest on Your Property April 28, 2022 Orofino, ID

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Introduction to Cattle Ownership, Management, & Grazing May 3, 2022 Orofino, ID

Introduction to Forest & Land Management May 26, 2022 Orofino, ID

Climate Change & Salmon in the Snake River Basin TBA On-Line

June

Forest Insect & Disease Field Day June TBA Orofino, ID

2022 Programs

Greetings everyone! We are hoping to get back to more live programing this year after two years when many of our programs were conducted on-line. While we may still do some on-line programing this year, we are planning to provide most of our programs live.

We are also planning to offer some new programs this year including a program on addressing negative wildlife encounters with you and your property, climate change impacts to Snake River salmon, introduction to forest and land management, and maybe some others that are still in the planning stages.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person again this year!

Bill

Drought Intensification Forecast

By Bill Warren

The big weather and climate news this winter is drought. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NDIS) most of North-central Idaho is in some classification of drought, including Extreme Drought, with the northern part of Clearwater County classified as Abnormally Dry. Last year at this time our region and most of Idaho was only classed as Abnormally Dry.

Furthermore, NIDIS has issued a drought intensification warning for Idaho stating that it and four other "western states are on the precipice of drought intensification . . . if below-normal precipitation continues, as is being suggested by sub seasonal forecasts and historical odds." As you know we have not had substantial moisture since early January.

NIDIS states that "Short and long-term drought impacts (e.g., poor pasture conditions, limited water supply and recreational opportunities, high fire potential) are likely to intensify and expand given what are expected to be multiple dry years."

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Forest Landowners Peer Learning Field Day–Kamiah June 6, 2022

Forest Landowners Peer Learning Field Tour-Orofino June TBA

Reducing Wildfire Risk to Your Home & Outbuildings June 21, 2022 On-Line

July Youth Programs

Sixth Grade Forestry Tour July 12 & 13, 2022

> 4H Camp July 15–18, 2022

We are still working on potentially scheduling some additional programs for spring and early summer. We will announce these at a later time.

> LEAP Update 2022 Lewiston, ID March 8, 2022 Call: 208-885-7718

Logging First Aid/Safety Training March 10 or March 31, 2022 Orofino, ID Pre-registration required call: 208-667-6473

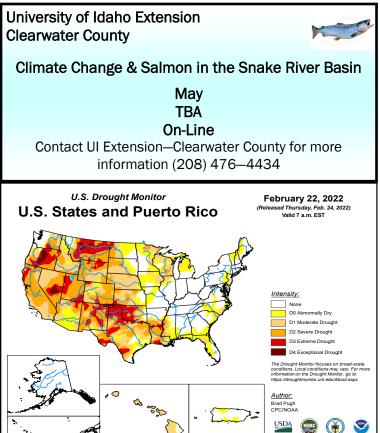
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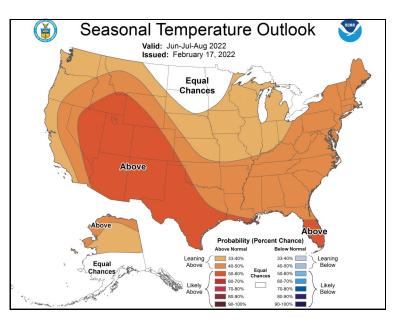


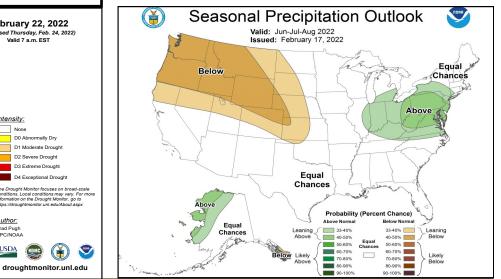
While the Clearwater Basin snowpack (snow water equivalent) is still in the normal range (96% at the time of this writing), the percentage has been dropping due to a lack of precipitation and is expected to drop further without significant precipitation.

Additionally, climate models indicate greater odds for a hotter and dryer summer season than normal for 2022.

While these are only predictions and may not turn out this bad, you might want to take this information into account in your planning for this spring and summer.







A Sampling of Current Log Prices from Local Mills- March 2022 Per thousand board feet (mbf) (Preferred lengths) Ponderosa **Douglas Fir** Grand Fir Cedar Spruce, White Pine **Blued Pine** Pine White Fir Lodgepole I arch **Empire Lumber** \$375-450 \$325-400 \$100 \$1,175-1,300 \$300-350 \$300-350 \$80 208-435-4703 Idaho Forest Group \$225-535 \$200-510 \$75-250 \$550-1.450 \$160-435 \$75-150 \$50 208-507-0783 Bennett Lumber \$190-585 \$215-550 \$175-475 \$800-1,575 \$175-435 \$175-475 \$100 509-758-5558 Bennett Lumber prices change monthly

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Orofino, ID 83544 Phone: (208) 476-4434 uidaho.edu/clearwater clearwater@uidaho.edu We now have on-line registration. We also have on-line, over the phone, and in-person electronic payment capabilities.

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Education Programs for 2022

We have several educational programs for rural landowners planned this year. Detailed descriptions of these programs, along with registration information, will be mailed out to those who have asked to be on our regular mailing list; however, what follows is a brief summary of some of these programs.

April

<u>Weed Management in Field & Forest</u> (April 21, 2022) Many weed control measures are best applied in spring when weeds are young and actively growing.

<u>Avoiding Problems with Wildlife</u> (April 19, 2022) Learn how to avoid problems with wildlife around your home & property.

How to Plan & Manage a Timber Harvest on Your Property (April 28, 2022) This program is for landowners with little or no experience land & timber management.

May

Introduction to Cattle Ownership, Management, & Grazing (May 3, 2022) This program is for landowners with little or no experience in owning, managing, & grazing cattle.

Introduction to Forest & Land Management (May 26, 2022) This program is for landowners with little or no experience in managing forest or land.

<u>Climate Change & Salmon in the Snake River Basin (TBA)</u> Learn how climate change is affecting both ocean and freshwater conditions for salmon.

June

<u>Forest Insect & Disease Field Day</u> (TBA) This annual event includes experts on insects and disease who will guide attendees on the identification and treatment of native forest tree diseases and bark beetles.

<u>Reducing Wildfire Risk to Your Home & Outbuildings</u> (June 21, 2022) Designed to give property owners practical information about what they can do to make their properties more likely to survive wildland fire.

<u>Forest Landowners Peer Learning Field Tour</u> (June 6, 2022) Often we can benefit the management of our own land by learning from the experiences, ideas, and lessons-learned of other forest landowners. Also, Orofino TBA.

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Introduction to Cattle Ownership, Management, & Grazing

May 3, 2022 Orofino, ID Time: 9:00 am to Noon

Contact UI Extension—Clearwater County for more information (208) 476—4434

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Avoiding Problems with Wildlife

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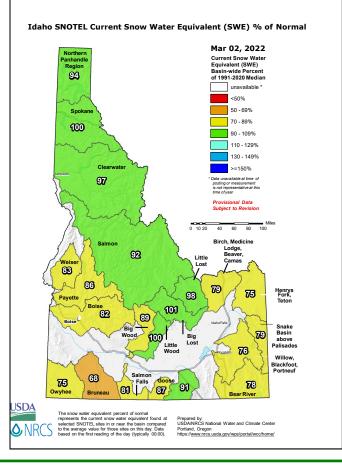
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Idaho Hay Report

Idaho Hay and Forage Association

Alfalfa—Large Square	
Supreme	\$280.00
Good/Premium	\$250.00
Orchard Grass–Large Square	
Fair/Good	\$315.00

Friday, February 25, 2022

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