Strengthening Forest Stewardship Skills: 2022

Forestry Shortcourse
Enriches family forest owners' basic understanding of forest planning, forest ecology, silviculture, insects, disease, wildlife habitat, taxes, and other forest stewardship topics (2 UI credits available). (IMFS)

Sandpoint, six Wednesday mornings, June 15, 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 20, 2022 (9am to 12pm)
Kootenai County: Held evenings in November and December annually. Contact the UI Extension Office in Kootenai County in September, 2022 for details.

Family Foresters Workshop
Annual UI/WSU Extension program updating foresters and other professionals on emerging technology and knowledge applicable to family forests.

ONLINE, Friday mornings January 21, 28, 2022
Managing Douglas-fir Beetles with Pheromones
Learn how to use MCHI pheromones to protect Douglas-fir trees from bark beetles.

ONLINE, Thursday, February 10, 2022 (1pm to 4pm)
Identifying Idaho’s Trees
Learn identification, biology, and ecology of Idaho’s most common native forest trees. Sessions may be indoors or in the field.

Sandpoint, Thurs. February 17, 2022 (9am to 12pm)
Post Falls, Sat., March 12, 2022 (10am to 12pm)
Moscow, Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Boise, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Landscaping for Fire Prevention
Forest homeowners learn how to make their home less likely to burn and easier for firefighters to access in the event of a local forest fire.

Sandpoint, Thurs., February 24, 2022 (9am to 12pm)
Post Falls, Sat., April 9, 2022 (10am to 12pm)
Boise, Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Eastern Idaho, Friday, June 24, 2022
Spirit Lake/Blanchard, Sat., July 9, 2022 (10am to 12pm)

LEAP Update
Deepens and expands on training provided in Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP). Program details will be announced this winter.

Lewison, Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Coeur d’Alene, Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Bonners Ferry, Thursday, March 10, 2022

Planning Forest Stewardship
An introduction to forest management planning, aimed towards qualifying forest owners for financial assistance for forest treatments.

Spirit Lake/Blanchard, Sat. March 19, 2022 (9am-Noon)

Successful Tree Planting
Two hours indoors on reforestation methods followed by tree planting field activities.

Post Falls, Friday, March 25, 2022 (1pm to 5 pm)
Bonners Ferry, Sat., March 26, 2022 (1pm to 5pm)

Family Forest Owners/Managers Conference
Annual Conference of the Idaho Forest Owners Association, the Idaho Tree Farm program, and the Inland Empire Society of American Foresters.

March 28-29, 2022

Idaho Master Forest Stewards 2022
Idaho Master Forest Stewards receive over 70 hours of education to help them better manage their forest and help other forest owners. The training includes several sessions listed on this calendar - see IMFS.

IMFS Spring Gathering, Sandpoint, Fri., May 20, 2022
IMFS Fall Gathering, Orofino, Friday, Sept. 30, 2022
Learn more about Idaho Master Forest Stewards at: www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry/panhandle/programs/master-stewards

Backyard Forests
Homeowners with small forest acreages learn how to apply basic forestry to “home landscape” forests.

Post Falls, Sat., April 23, 2022 (10am to 12pm)

Tree Planting Workshop/Pitkin Nursery Tour
Learn about seedling production on a tour of the UI Pitkin Forest Nursery, followed by the opportunity to learn how to properly plant seedlings.

Moscow, Friday, April 29, 2022

10 Acres and a Dream
Forest owners and other landowners will learn about the basics of rural land ownership and paths to caring for and generating income from small parcels.

St. Maries, Saturday, May 14, 2022

Forestry 101 for Southern Idaho
Farmers, ranchers, and other forest owners will learn about silviculture, forest insects & disease, and thinning.

South - Boise, May 18, 2022
Central - McCall, late May, 2022
Eastern Idaho, June 24, 2022

Thinning and Pruning Field Day
Includes 2-3 hours indoors, followed by a hands-on field tour to learn about forest growth, forest genetics, thinning, and pruning. (IMFS)

Moscow, Thursday, May 26, 2022
Spirit Lake/Blanchard, Saturday, June 18, 2022

Bark Beetle & Root Disease Field Day
Learn about the biology/ecology of bark beetles and root disease and strategies to prevent tree mortality.

Coeur d’Alene, Friday, June 10, 2022 (8am to 4pm)

Assisted Migration Field Day
Visit field testing sites to learn about the adaptability of tree seed sources from throughout Western North America to the Inland Northwest.

Priest River/Spirit Lake, Friday, July 15, 2022

Forest Insects & Disease Field Day
A full day of first-hand contact with insects and diseases that affect forest growth and health, with discussions of related management strategies. (IMFS)

St. Maries, Friday, August 5, 2022
North Central Idaho, June, 2022 (Date TBA*)

Restoring Idaho Streams
Learn about stream restoration fundamentals, as well as simple and elaborate techniques to improve stream health, function, and stability.

Bonners Ferry, Thursday, August 25, 2022

Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP)
Helps loggers improve their skills related to forest ecology, silviculture, and water quality.

Post Falls, April 19-21, 2022
Moscow, April 26-28, 2022

Planning your Forestry Estate
Increase your knowledge of estate and forest management planning. Learn about financial and technical assistance available to you as a landowner.

Moscow, Thursday, November 3, 2022

Turning Idaho Trees into Wreaths
Learn to make a fresh wreath using native evergreens. Includes hands-on time to create your own wreath.

Moscow, Friday, November 18, 2022

Current Topics in Forest Health
Provides updates on methods to manage problematic animals, plants, insects, and fungi. The Clearwater County session includes agriculture topics.

Contact the UI Extension Office in those counties in November, 2022 for details.

Climate Change & Salmon in the Snake River Basin*
Webinar featuring presentations of recent research on climate change and Snake River salmon stocks.

Introduction to Forest & Land Management*
Introduction to forest & land management including ecology, silviculture, wildlife, recreation, and wildfire.

Avoiding Wildlife Problems on Your Property*
How to avoid conflict with wildlife, identify aggressive animal behavior, and respond to problems.

Weed Control in Field & Forest*
Learn control measures for common broadleaf weeds and annual grasses in forest and pastures.

Planning /Managing Your Timber Harvest*
The basics including logging contracts, purchase and sale agreements, working with contractors, marking trees, and laying out skid trails and landings.

Managing for Forest Resiliency*
Introduction to new forest management paradigms to address wildfire, climate change, biodiversity, & wildlife.

Wildfire Risk Reduction*
Learn basic techniques for reducing the risk of wildfire to your home and outbuildings.

Forest Owners Peer Learning Tour*
Tour private forests and learn from neighbors' experience on how they’ve managed their forests and addressed multiple natural resource goals.

* North Central Idaho 2022 programs TBA. Contact Bill Warren (see below) for details. Other topics being considered include: Logging History of the Clearwater Basin, Creating Your Own Natural Resource Plan, Prescribed Fire, Law for Landowners.
Idaho’s Family Forests

Idaho has abundant forest land. Many people do not realize that over 2 million acres of Idaho forests (over 40% of the forests in some Idaho counties) are owned and managed by thousands of family forest owners. Each landowner usually has many unique goals for their forest property. However, one goal common to most forest landowners is to steward their forest land for their own goals and future generations.

The educational programs listed herein are designed to help family forest owners and those who work with them strengthen their forest stewardship skills.

All programs require pre-registration (including a small fee to offset program costs). To register for a program, contact the University of Idaho Extension office in the county where that program will be held. For specific program information, go to the University of Idaho Extension Forestry web site at www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry or see the contacts listed inside this flyer.

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- Idaho Department of Lands
- University of Idaho Extension
- U.S.D.A. Forest Service
- Idaho Forest Owners Association
- Idaho Tree Farm Program
- Consulting Foresters
- Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
- U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- U.S.D.I. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Idaho Nature Conservancy
- Idaho Association of RC&D Councils
- Intermountain Forest Association
- Nez Perce Tribal Forestry
- Idaho Native Plant Society
- Idaho Forest Products Commission
- Idaho Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
- Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho