

I would like educational assistance from the Idaho Master Forest Stewards

Name(s): _____

Agency or organization (if applicable):

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Most Idaho Master Forest Stewards are not professional foresters – they are usually experienced family forest owners.

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GOT TREES? GOT QUESTIONS?

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FOREST AND FORESTRY?

WE CAN HELP.



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Family forests are those owned and managed by families rather than a public agency or a forest products company. Individual families may own anywhere from a few acres to hundreds

FAMILY FORESTS

of acres of forestland. Family forest owners manage 2.3 million acres of Idaho's forests. Idaho's family forests are critical to Idaho's air and water quality, wildlife habitat, wood products, recreation, and many other shared benefits.

IDAHO MASTER FOREST STEWARDS

In 2008, the University of Idaho received partial grant support from the Idaho Department of Lands to develop a new kind of outreach for Idaho family forest owners. Sixteen family forest owners met to co-design a program that:

- Increases participants' forestry knowledge and skills;
- Enables them to provide educational assistance to forest owners and other groups; and
- Provides a forum for richer learning among forest owners.

Participants in the program, titled Idaho Master Forest Stewards, are usually experienced family forest owners who complete over 70 hours of training to help them manage their own forests and help fellow forest owners and others learn more about forestry.

Idaho Master Forest Stewards function as University of Idaho Extension volunteers, similar to master gardeners, 4-H leaders, and master food preservers. They are trained to help forest owners and others learn about Idaho family forests and forestry. Master Forest Stewards also work with UI Extension faculty and staff from the Idaho Department of Lands and other agencies to more effectively meet family forest owner needs.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO AN EXPERIENCED FOREST OWNER?

Certified Idaho Master Forest Stewards share their knowledge and experience with individual forest owners, youth groups, or anyone else who is interested in forestry. Their free of charge activities include:

- Site visits and other contacts with other family forest owners;
- Referrals of forest owners to sources of professional assistance;
- Help or teaching with forestry workshops and field days, booths at fairs, and other education events;
- Community service projects related to forests and forestry.

If you would like help from the Idaho Master Forest Stewards, fill in the attached request form and the University of Idaho Extension Office will forward the request to Master Forest Stewards. If one is available in your area, they will contact you and make arrangements.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN IDAHO MASTER FOREST STEWARD?

If you think you might be interested in becoming an Idaho Master Forest Steward, you can learn more about the program by looking for the link on the University of Idaho Extension Forestry web site (<http://www.cnr.uidaho.edu/extforest>) or contact Chris Schnepf at (208) 446-1680.