

OWNERSHIP CHANGES:

Challenges and Opportunities in Forestland Management



INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS ANNUAL MEETING

Palouse Divide Lodge near Emida, Idaho

October 26-28, 2014



Do you recall when Idaho Forest Industries and Crown Pacific had significant holdings in the Inland Empire? Have you been around long enough to remember DAW Forest Products or even Diamond International? The history of land ownership in the Inland Empire is as fascinating as the landscape itself. In 1942, 61% of forestland in northern Idaho was in federal ownership, 7% was owned by the state, and 28% was in large and small private ownership. At that time, the timber market was completely driven by the available volume of western white pine, 55% of which was located in the Clearwater. Between 1915 and 1938, national forests in northern Idaho acquired approximately 330,000 additional acres of forestland, largely through donation from the large private owners and counties and partly through the exchange of national forest timber for land. Today, the US Forest Service manages approximately 73% of Idaho's timberlands, the State of Idaho and other public agencies own 9%, forest products companies own 7%, and the remaining 11% is owned by ranchers, farmers, Tribes, and other landowners.

The 2014 annual meeting of the Inland Empire Society of American Foresters (IESAF) will explore the theme of ***Ownership Changes: Challenges and Opportunities in Forestland Management***. The meeting will be held October 26, 27, and 28 at the Palouse Divide Lodge near Emida, Idaho.

The meeting opens on Sunday, October 26, with an evening icebreaker with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. The IESAF executive committee will meet earlier in the day.

On Monday, October 27, an outstanding suite of speakers will offer wide-ranging perspectives on how land ownership changes have influenced resource management strategies and how past decisions and changes in operational capacity and forest policy have combined to influence current management. Speakers will also discuss the outlook for future land ownership changes and their potential ecological and social implications.

Opening the meeting will be Dr. Jay O'Laughlin (University of Idaho, Policy Analysis Group), who will summarize efforts by some western states to have federal lands transferred to state control and provide an economic analysis of a hypothetical transfer in Idaho. Other morning sessions will emphasize the silvicultural implications of ownership changes and include a panel discussion on changing land management strategies from the state, Tribal, and industrial owners' perspective. The luncheon speaker will be Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Supervisor Rick Brazell discussing the outlook for ownership changes on national forestlands. Afternoon presentations will include perspectives from the small private landowner, an evolution of management strategies at Potlatch Corporation, and a panel focused on how ownership changes in the Willow Creek and Upper Santa Creek drainages have led to current conditions (the field trip will visit this area on Tuesday).

The Awards Banquet Monday evening will let you reconnect with old friends, check out Foresters' Fund raffle items, and congratulate the Inland Empire's local, regional, and national award recipients. Jim Peterson, founder of the Evergreen Foundation, will provide the keynote presentation. Founded in 1986, the Evergreen Foundation is a nonprofit forestry research and educational organization dedicated to the advancement of science-based forestry and forest policy.

On Tuesday, October 28, an optional field trip focused on the Willow and Upper Santa Creek watersheds will provide an opportunity to view the impacts of land ownership changes on the ground. The field trip will provide an opportunity to bring to conclusion the subjects discussed on Monday.

We encourage everyone to stay at the Palouse Divide Lodge. It's an impressive mountain-top venue between Potlatch and St. Maries in the heart of the Inland Empire. You and your spouse and guests can enjoy the solitude of the surrounding forests, go for a hike, or just relax in the lodge's cozy atmosphere.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Sunday, October 26, 2014

- 3:00-5:00pm IESAF Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:00 Registration and Vendor Setup
- 5:30-9:00 Icebreaker with hors d'oeuvres

Monday, October 27, 2014

- 7:00am Registration and Vendor Setup
- 8:00 General Session
- Welcome and Introductions—**Tera King**, IESAF Chair
 - Contemporary Disposition of the Western Federal Lands—**Jay O'Laughlin**, University of Idaho, Policy Analysis Group
 - Idaho's Forest Restoration Collaboratives: A New Paradigm for Public Lands?—**Brad Smith**, Idaho Conservation League (invited)
 - Do Forest Dynamics Still Dictate Management Decisions?—**Art Zack**, Idaho Panhandle National Forest
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Panel: Changing Land Management Policies
- IDL's Shift from Annual Cut Strategy to Forest Asset Management Planning—**Bob Helmer**, Idaho Department of Lands
 - Forestland and Milling Ownership Evolution: What it Means for Foresters—**Kevin Boling**, The Boling Company
 - The Long Term Perspective: Tribal Forest Management in Today's Economy—**Kurt Mettler**, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Noon Luncheon and Speaker:
Changes in USDA Forest Service Management: What's on the Horizon for the Agency—**Rick Brazell**, Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests
- 1:30pm Trends on Family Forest Ownerships: Regulations, Markets, and Forest Health—**Kirk David**, Idaho Forest Owners Association
- 2:00 The Evolution of Forest Management at Potlatch Corporation—**Brandon Miller**, Potlatch Corporation
- 2:30 Break

- 3:00pm Case Study: Willow Creek and St. Maries River Watershed
- Early Willow Creek Development and Use—**Steve McConnell**, WSU Extension
 - Past Management Strategies—**Terrie Jain**, Rocky Mountain Research Station
 - IDL Land Trade History and Current Utilization—**Tiny Furman**, Idaho Department of Lands
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:30 Awards Banquet and Keynote Speaker: Land Ownership Changes, Influences on Management and Future Needs—**Jim Peterson**, Evergreen Foundation

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

- 6:30-9:00am Breakfast, IESAF Business Meeting, and Make-Your-Own Sack Lunch
- 9:30am-4pm Field Trip departs at 9:30 from the Palouse Divide Lodge

The field trip will showcase lands in the Willow Creek and Santa Creek area (starting adjacent to the Palouse Divide and heading toward Emida). The effects of past management and silvicultural philosophies, as well as current resource management activities on several ownerships, will be visited, building on discussions from Monday's session. As lands have transitioned from one owner to the next, administrative structures have changed along with regulations and priorities for resource management. Furthermore, operational capacity and efficiency has evolved along with regeneration and resource protection practices in support of these changes.

The first part of the tour will observe lands in Willow Creek and Upper Santa Creek that have been managed for over 100 years and were recently traded from the US Forest Service to the State of Idaho. The second part of the tour will look at private lands, some of which have been sold or traded multiple times, and how use and management on these lands has changed over the years.

Transportation on the tour will be provided. Tour participants can expect to arrive back at the Palouse Divide Lodge by 4:00 p.m.

Lodging

Lodging is available at the Palouse Divide Lodge, www.myidaholodge.com, for a great rate of \$65 per night. Please make your reservations directly with the Lodge at 208-245-3552 and refer to the IESAF meeting. The lodge accepts cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover card.

Rooms are all multiple occupancy with twin beds. Restrooms and showers are communal. You will be furnished one towel and one wash cloth for the duration of your stay. Space is limited, so making reservations prior to October 15 is

recommended. The Palouse Divide Lodge is located on the Palouse Divide Road at milepost 23 on State Highway 6. While all of your meals will be provided with your registration, there are no additional restaurants or other services in the immediate vicinity of the Palouse Divide Lodge, so please plan accordingly.

Alternative lodging locations are available in St. Maries (27 miles), Moscow (40 miles), or at the Coeur d'Alene Casino (48 miles). Note: rooms may be hard to find in Moscow due to football games and other events.

REGISTRATION FORM

INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS ANNUAL MEETING Palouse Divide Lodge near Emida, Idaho • October 26-28, 2014

Name _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Company/Affiliation _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Daytime phone _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Registration Options:

- Professional, Student, and Spouse/Guest registration includes Sunday icebreaker, Monday and Tuesday breakfasts, Monday lunch, and Monday banquet.
- Field Trip registration includes transportation and Tuesday lunch. Note this is a separate ticketed item, please sign up below.
- Vendor registration includes Sunday icebreaker, Monday breakfast, and Monday lunch.
- Extra banquet ticket: For unregistered spouses/guests.
- Note: Professional and student registration is open to non-SAF members. Students will be required to show student identification at registration desk.

Registration	On or before 10/15	After 10/15	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional registration	\$175	\$200	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student registration	\$100	\$125	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest registration	\$100	\$125	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Registration	\$250	\$275	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Field Trip	\$65	\$75	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Banquet Ticket	\$30	\$30	_____	_____

TOTAL

Meals will be served buffet style and will have gluten free and vegetarian dishes. Please list any other special dietary needs and food allergies: _____

Payment Information:

☐ Registration fee enclosed—Make checks payable to: Inland Empire SAF

☐ Purchase Order # _____

☐ Charge to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Register Online:

Register online at <http://www.forestry.org/iesaf/2014AnnualMeeting>

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Register By Mail:

**Early registration must be received
by October 15, 2014**

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Registration & Cancellation Policy

The early-bird deadline for registration is October 15. For cancellations on or before October 15, a \$30 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds for cancellations after October 15, but substitutions are always welcome.



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Sponsorship

Companies, organizations, agencies, and individuals are invited to be a conference sponsor. Four levels of sponsorship are available ranging from \$50-\$500+ and include verbal and printed recognition throughout the meeting. For sponsorships of \$350 or more, one free registration and special recognition at the Awards Banquet is also included. Please contact Tera King at 208-818-3411 or king@nmi2.com for additional information. Financial support at any level is always appreciated.

Vendor Opportunity

If your organization would like to be a vendor during Monday's sessions, please sign up using this registration form or online registration. The exhibitor registration is \$250 (\$275 after October 15) and includes one registration. Tables will be provided, but please bring your own table coverings. For additional information, contact Steve McConnell at 509-477-2175 or smcconnell@spokanecounty.org.

SAF CFE Credits

This program is approved for 9 Category 1 CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters.

Foresters' Fund

Any contributions to support the Foresters' Fund are greatly appreciated. A silent auction and raffle will be held throughout the day on Monday. Please support these efforts by bringing an item to the meeting. For additional information, contact Mark Swanson at 509-335-1349 or markswanson@wsu.edu.

Field Trip

Transportation will be provided for the tour. The field trip will require some walking on uneven terrain. Wear appropriate closed-toe shoes or boots and bring rain gear and a jacket. Tour availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up by October 15 to ensure your spot.

Questions?

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