

## **Inland Empire Society of American Foresters**

September 21, 2014

RE: Invitation - 2014 IESAF Annual Meeting

## October 26-28, 2014 Palouse Divide Lodge near Emida, Idaho

Dear SAF Supporter:

I am writing to ask for your financial support for the 2014 Inland Empire Society of American Foresters (IESAF) Annual Meeting. This year's three day meeting will be held at the Palouse Divide Lodge near Emida, Idaho on October 26, 27, and 28. Your financial support will help us keep the conference registration costs affordable for field foresters and students and obtain the best possible speakers to help ensure broad professional participation at the meeting.

Our theme for this year's program is *Ownership Changes: Challenges and Opportunities in Forestland Management,* highlighting the evolution of forest management in the Inland Northwest. The program committee has put together an outstanding cadre of speakers to address both the history of the land base and the current and future strategies for managing forestlands on all ownerships. Additional program information including speakers, accommodations, and registration options is available online at <a href="http://www.forestry.org/iesaf/2014AnnualMeeting/">http://www.forestry.org/iesaf/2014AnnualMeeting/</a>.

We value your support and hope that you will be able to make a contribution. For your tax purposes, SAF is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Supporters will be recognized during the meeting, listed on signage, and highlighted during the presentations and at the awards banquet. There are also opportunities for vendor exhibits. If you are interested in a vendor exhibit, please review the vendor information online at <a href="http://www.forestry.org/iesaf/2014AnnualMeeting/">http://www.forestry.org/iesaf/2014AnnualMeeting/</a> or contact Steve McConnell, at 509-477-2175 or smcconnell@spokanecounty.org.

In addition to financial support for the annual meeting, you may be interested in supporting the new Robert "Bos" Bosworth Leadership Fund. Bos was a prominent personality in our community and a lifetime proponent of SAF. Development of leadership skills was a key tenant of Bos's role with SAF members. He was always willing to help others capture their leadership potential by supporting leadership development activities; thus, the Inland Empire SAF has established the "Bos" Leadership Fund to continue that legacy.

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 included. Please make a donation today by returning the attached pledge form in the enclosed, stamped envelope. You may include your check with the mail-in pledge form or indicate if you would prefer to use a credit card or be invoiced and we will contact you for follow-up information. If you have any general questions, please contact Tera King at 208-818-3411 or <a href="mailto:king@nmi2.com">king@nmi2.com</a>. For assistance with pledges, please contact Amanda Mattern at <a href="mailto:amanda@forestry.org">amanda@forestry.org</a> or 503-224-8046.

We greatly appreciate your consideration. Thank you, in advance, for your support of the Society of American Foresters.

Sincerely,

Tera R. King, Chair

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