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Current Highlights:

- Final SFI audit inspection will be conducted Nov 1-2.
- Center plans Sustainable Forestry Conference for spring 2005.
- 2004 Fall Forestry Educational Seminar on Saturday, Nov 13th from 8am-3:30pm.

College Lands Manager's Message - John Calhoun

The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest and its partners will help bring focus to the most critical forestry issues faced by society. But what exactly are these issues and which ones should be taken up first? Aspects of this question are to be addressed at an initial conference sponsored by the Center, which will be held late this coming spring.

The conference will bring together our partners and those interested in sustainable forestry to help us chart trajectories for research and outreach that will meet the expectations of our constituents.

Sustainable forestry is often described in general terms as a balance or combination of ecological, economic and social sustainability. Moving beyond that recognition, how do we assess the most pressing needs and develop targeted

definitions of sustainable forestry that can be specifically targeted to meet local, regional and/or global needs? Fifteen years ago, similar questions may have been asked about the concept of Ecosystem Management. Many people used the term, but common understanding was limited. While the purpose of this conference is not to achieve a common understanding of sustainable forestry, it is intended as a means to inform that process.

We also expect this conference will help to identify the most promising avenues of research and service for the Center. To do this, specific questions need to be addressed.

- To what degree should the Center assist with the formulation of sustainable forest policies?
- Should the Center explore the social and political interactions

that drive our desire for sustainable forestry in the region or the world?

- Do we need to advance our knowledge of forest ecology and silviculture as they relate to sustainable forestry goals?
- Are economic drivers really the most critical aspects of sustainable forestry?
- What are the most responsive strategies for technology transfer and outreach?

A universe of possibilities exists within the charter for the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. We intend to narrow those possibilities, distill to the essence of critical interest through deliberations with our partners and constituents.

We will keep you informed as planning evolves during this formative and exciting period.

Final Phases of SFI Certification Process – Mason McKinley

Forest Operations at Pack Forest are in the final stages of seeking certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. The process has been underway since early 2004 and culminates in a third party audit which will determine whether forest activities meet the program's standards and objectives.

After months of preparation for the audit, BVQi was

selected to perform the independent audit, with Jack Ward as the lead auditor. The office inspection was set for the beginning of October and the field inspection for one month later.

The three-day office inspection is now completed, and we passed with no findings of non-conformance. The inspection team spent considerable time looking over the

policies, procedures, information systems and other evidence we put together in preparation for the audit.

The final inspection will be a two-day field inspection at the beginning of November. Because Pack Forest is relatively small, the auditors will achieve a near census of recent forestry activity during the site visits.

We feel confident that

the hardest work is behind us, and that the forest should be recommended for certification. If that is the case, BVQi will have three weeks following the field inspection to prepare and submit a final report to SFI.

We should be able to provide the final outcome in next month's newsletter.

2004 Fall Forestry Educational Seminar –

Terri McCauley

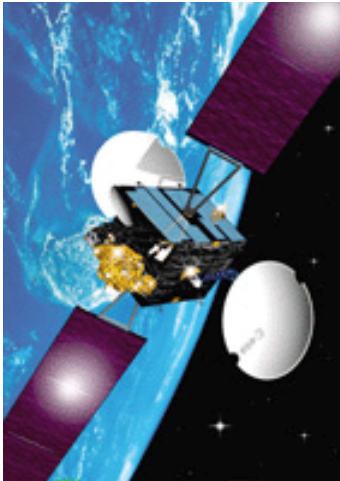
The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest will host the 2004 Fall Forestry Educational Seminar on Saturday, November 13th from 8am-3:30pm. This is an educational opportunity for owners of private forestland, professional foresters, and accredited loggers in Washington to learn

about existing and future technologies as applied to managed second-growth forests. Familiarity with these new technologies is not required. An optional hands-on demonstration will be available.

To see the agenda and registration form, go the link below or contact

Donna Loucks (Lewis County Farm Forestry) at 360-736-2147.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Pack Forest Conference Center. Please contact the conference office, ext. 207, for reservations.



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