

Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest

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Current Highlights:

- Search for Director begins;
- Lodge plans underway;
- New Program Manager is hired for Center;
- Remodeling of office space planned;
- Timber harvests begin at Pack Forest and are expected to reach 2 million board feet;
- Center welcomes LMS workshops in January.

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College Lands Manager's Message - John Calhoun

Momentum is growing as the human and physical infrastructure for the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest takes shape. We are beginning to see the shape of things to come.

On the human resources side, we are pleased to welcome Alicia Robbins as Program Manager to the Center. Alicia is a recent Masters graduate in forest economics from UW College of Forest Resources. Alicia is providing much needed attention to the development of programs, service and education.

She is also working on establishing the relationships we seek with clients and colleagues. If you have an idea or a question

for the Center, try giving Alicia a call or send her an email.

Recruitment for the permanent Director of the Center is well underway. We expect to have the official recruitment announcement in circulation this month.

Our schedule includes receiving letters of interest over the next couple of months with candidate review and selection occurring during the summer. If all goes well, our new Director will be in place in the fall. Alicia and I will work hard to provide him/her with a running start.

The Lodge at Pack Forest is swiftly moving from a vision to reality. The twenty room modern facility will host clients of the Center as they learn and share

experiences with others interested in sustainable forestry issues. Final arrangements are being completed for financing. Design is slated to start in April.

We hope to provide opportunities for friends of Pack Forest and the Center for Sustainable Forestry to participate in supporting what we plan to be a truly remarkable addition to the traditional architectural qualities at Pack Forest.

Meanwhile, existing office space is being remodeled, ready to support Center staff.

New duties, new workplaces and an exciting mission all work together to create an energy and expectation of success.

Timber Harvests Begin at Pack – Mason McKinley

The 2005 timber sale operations began at Pack Forest on February 14 and are expected to continue until mid-May. This year's harvest consists of one 50-acre unit that is expected to produce nearly two million board feet (MMbf).

Domestic log prices are significantly higher than last year in the south sound. The dominant log sort (#2-3 Douglas-fir saw logs) was bid at \$610/Mbf delivered (after excise tax).

Annual harvest levels fluctuate considerably, generally ranging between one and two MMbf with an average harvest level of 1.3 MMbf.

Commercial harvests are guided by a 50-year landscape management plan developed with Landscape Management System (LMS). This plan uses adaptive management to balance landscape-level objectives to produce measurable outcomes.

Some of the key management objectives include maintaining certain amounts of habitat structures, revenue generation and meeting a range of other sustainability indicators that are based upon the Montréal Process. This is the first harvest since Pack obtained certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) last year.

Logging activities on the forest are typically administered as a service contract. Bids

to log and load are solicited on a per Mbf and per ton basis, while haul bids are based on a load weight and haul distance formula. The lowest acceptable bidder is awarded the contract. Pack Forest merchandises log sorts by competitive bid.

See www.packforest.org/plan for a more detailed description of the planning procedure.

Conference Center Notes – Terri McCauley

In early January the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest hosted two Landscape Management System (LMS) training workshops.

One workshop was

designed for forest professionals, while the other was designed for forest landowners.

The workshops demonstrated *Landscape Management System Version 3* software by Jim

McCarter and Kevin Ceder. The events were coordinated by Don Hanley, WSU Extension Forester.

The collaborative event was sponsored by Washington State University and the

Rural Technology Initiative.

A total of 46 participants attended the workshops.

Let us know if you want to be added or removed from our mailing list.

We do appreciate your questions, ideas and feedback.

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