

# Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest



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### Current Highlights:

- New Center to be presented to EFS West sustainability workshop June 17-18, 2004.
- Feasibility study for Pack Forest residential lodge holds planning workshops in April and May.
- Dean Bare presents a statement of purpose for the proposed Pack Forest residence lodge.

### 2004 Work Plan Timeline:

- **June 15:** Dean establishes Faculty Search Committee for Center Director.
- **June 15:** Develop budget for first year of Center operation.
- **June 30:** Completion of feasibility study for Pack Forest lodge.
- **September 1:** Final decision on Pack Forest Residence Lodge.
- **September 1:** Sign MOU with WSU Extension for Center outreach position.
- **October 30:** Select Center Director.

## College Lands Manager's Message - John Calhoun

The theme of sustainability is appealing to a wide range of interests. As word spreads about the creation of the new Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest, and about the College of Forest Resources' commitment to integrate sustainability into all aspects of college operations, we are forming new partnerships and making new friends. People want to know more about the new purpose of Pack Forest.

Perhaps that is why we are invited to make a presentation at a workshop organized by Education for

## New Lodge Planning Continues – Mason McKinley

Dean Bruce Bare has just prepared a statement of purpose for the proposed residence lodge. It is included on the back page of this newsletter.

Meanwhile, planning for the new residence lodge at Pack Forest continues. The second planning workshop was

Sustainability Western Network (EFS West). This group is a collaboration of universities and colleges throughout the western United States and Canada which works to make sustainability a foundation of higher education, with a focus on curriculum, research, operations and outreach.

The workshop, entitled "Enhancing the Sustainability of Puget Sound through Higher Education", will be held on the UW Tacoma campus June 17-18. Dean Bruce Bare, JR Fulton (project manager for the new

held on May 25 and helped hone in on feasible design elements.

To briefly summarize the meeting, project cost is a definite constraint, but it is also important that the lodge embrace key elements of sustainability and modern comfort without

Lodge at Pack Forest) and I will lead a discussion on sustainability initiatives at Pack Forest. We will describe the purpose of the new Center at Pack Forest, how the forest will be managed to reflect the theme of sustainability and the process of integrating green elements into the new lodge.

The College of Forest Resources is accepted as a leader in integrating elements of sustainability into research, education and service. It is gratifying to see these efforts widely appreciated.

giving way to an undesirable motel-like design. The planning team has presented several feasible options, and it is likely that a workable plan can be presented by June 30, 2004. A final decision should be made by the beginning of September 2004.

# Residence Lodge at Pack Forest

## A Statement of Purpose – Dean Bruce Bare

### Background

Charles L. Pack Experimental Forest came into being in 1926 when the University purchased 334 acres of forest land along the Mt. Rainier Highway using a gift of \$9,222 from Mr. Pack. Adjacent properties were added through the years bringing the total forest ownership to 4350 acres. The founding purpose of the Pack gift was to create a “show-window forest” providing demonstration, education and research in forest conservation. Revenue from the forest has supported these purposes and financed land acquisition.

Housing for forest managers, bunk houses and dormitories for students were built over the 75 year history of the forest with many of the buildings constructed in the 1930s and retain a style typical of the CCC public works construction era. A dominating architectural theme is reminiscent of an early twentieth century “logging camp” or “forestry camp”, which in the early years meant much the same thing. Short term residential accommodations include “bunk house” and multiple bed units without private bathroom facilities. Shower rooms and bathrooms are located in buildings separate from sleeping facilities.

### Modern Facilities to Achieve an Historic Purpose

The purpose of Pack Forest--demonstration, education and research—remains. The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest has been created to embrace the mission in modern terms. The new center will engage a wide array of stakeholders in sustainable forestry issues. Our conference center facilities must be suitable to accommodate a changing constituency. While traditional forestry students and researchers from a previous era were well served by the existing facilities, Pack’s modern mission will require modern housing facilities more suitable for the urban professionals we expect to serve.

### The Lodge at Pack Forest

A residence facility that is up scale from the “logging camp” accommodations now available at Pack is essential to our new purpose. The lodge will serve attendees at professional conferences and meetings with comfortable private or semi-private sleeping rooms equipped with modest work stations and private bathroom facilities. Modern accommodations for up to 40 guests in 20 rooms will be provided along with a common area suitable for informal gatherings or receptions. The lodge will become both a physical and programmatic expression of the principles of sustainability and a strong symbol of the new purposes of Pack Forest.

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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