

Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest



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Current Highlights:

- UW authorizes creation of Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest.
- Feasibility study for Pack Forest residential lodge holds planning workshops in April and May.
- Consultant hired to help Pack Forest with forest certification process will conduct on-site evaluation in May.

2004 Work Plan Timeline:

- **May 1:** Official establishment of the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest by UW Administration
- **May 15:** Dean establishes Faculty Search Committee for Center Director.
- **May 25:** Second lodge feasibility workshop.
- **June 1:** Develop budget for first year of Center operation.
- **June 30:** Completion of feasibility study for Pack Forest lodge.
- **September 30:** Select Center Director.

College Lands Manager's Message - John Calhoun

It's official! The University of Washington administration has authorized establishment of the new Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. Dean Bruce Bare announced May 1, 2004 as the official starting date for the Center. (You will note a corresponding change in the title of this newsletter).

I will continue to serve as interim manager while the Center gets up and running. The first orders of business are the formation of a faculty search committee and distribution of the position recruitment announcement for the

Center Director. Dean Bare is expected to appoint the search committee soon.

We are developing a first year budget for the new center. Funding for initial operations will come from the Pack Forest revenue account, although we expect the Center to become self sustaining.

In other news, we have briefed the Washington State Implementation Committee for SFI certification on our progress toward achieving third party certification for Pack Forest. We also participated in a workshop at Pack Forest with the College

Visiting Committee to bring them up to date on our proposals and seek their advice.

The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest is emerging as a timely and appropriate endeavor. Ideas and enthusiasm continue to coalesce within the natural resources communities. Existing operations at the new Center, including the conference center, forest operations, the programs of science and education, and the proposed lodge serve as an excellent foundation on which to develop pertinent future programs for the College.

New Lodge Planning Workshop May 25 – Mason McKinley

The college hired a team of planners for the early stages of lodge planning. Much of the initial information gathering has been completed, and we are now in the idea generating stage.

On April 19, the first of two planning workshops was held at the College. The workshop brought together an enthusiastic group and many intriguing ideas were developed.

The next workshop will

present more specific ideas and will be on May 25 at the HUB in room 209B from 1:45-4:45. We encourage you to join us and contribute ideas for the new lodge at Pack Forest.

Forest Certification Watch Conference – Jeff Connick

The Forest Certification Watch Conference was held April 1 and 2 in Vancouver, British Columbia. This was the fifth year for the annual conference, which looks at certification trends among the three major systems in North America. Leaders of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) were in attendance. I attended

on behalf of the University of Washington.

The theme of the conference was “Frontiers of Forest Certification.” Presentations included topics such as the social, environmental, and economic benefits of certification, connecting state policy, certifying boreal and tropical forest operations, and responsible wood procurement.

Another major topic was certifying non-

industrial private forests. All three certification systems identified these ownerships as a focus in the future, but also a challenge due to the high costs to certify. One strategy that was identified was group certification, where all land associated with a particular consultant is certified if the consultant qualifies.

Pack Forest is also addressing certification for small private landowners by developing a template

approach. By applying this template to their planning and management, owners would be practicing sustainable forestry and prepared to be certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. These timely efforts should help ensure access to certification - a significant policy development, for all forest owners in the future.

An Update on the New Well – Terri McCauley and Dale Halverson

Parametrix Engineering (the firm handling development of the new well at Pack Forest), this week announced the proposed time schedule for completion of the project.

The Department of Health mandated that Pack Forest develop an improved water supply two years ago when it was

determined that the existing spring, which has been in use since the 1930's, could potentially be influenced by surface water. The spring is also susceptible to becoming critically low during a period of drought.

The well drilling and the installation of the casing were completed in Fall 2002 and produced a satisfactory

well.

Parametrix estimates that the remainder of the project should begin in approximately 60 days and that 90 days thereafter it will be completed. The project work includes building a pump house, installing pumps and plumbing to connect the well into our potable water system.



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We do appreciate your questions, ideas and feedback.

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