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## COLLEGE LAND MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As you will learn from the features in this issue of the Newsletter, some new and exciting initiatives are taking shape nicely at the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest.

Bringing students back to Pack Forest through the development of educational experiences focused on forest sustainability is an important effort right now. Just as important is reengaging the College of Forest Resources faculty in teaching at Pack Forest. The development

of outreach efforts in the area of green certification and public education are also underway. Building the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest by assembling the basic elements of a successful program is the task before us.

An essential capstone will be the successful recruitment of a permanent Director for the Center. The faculty search committee has made its selection of the leading candidates to be invited to visit UW campus this fall for a

series of interviews, discussions and presentations. We hope to complete the visitations by early November and make a recommendation to the Dean by Thanksgiving.

Students, faculty, outreach and partnerships along with strong leadership comprise the elements of success for the Center for Sustainability at Pack Forest. As the pieces come together we are building the foundation for leadership in sustainable forestry.

## CONFERENCE CENTER NEWS

August is the Conference Center's busiest time and this year is no exception. Overnight and day use jumps almost fivefold during this month and the conference staff is kept exceptionally busy.

Since June, we have welcomed over 1,350 day and overnight visitors.

This summer's visitors have come from within CFR, other colleges and departments within the UW, as well as from organizations outside the UW. Groups have ranged from programs for international outreach, to a GPS training workshop, to programs for regional teachers and educators. We have even expanded

our hosting capacity to support larger groups by hosting two weddings this summer.

We are excited to see demand for the conference center grow and to welcome new groups and new users to the Pack Forest Conference Center.

## NEW STUDENT FIELD SKILLS PROGRAM PLANNED



This fall will mark the beginning of a new student program at Pack Forest aimed at providing CFR and other interested students with field skills training.

Over the course of the entire school year, students will spend a total of ten days learning basic skills of making measurements of forests, forest products, standing trees, growth, and the application of mensuration techniques for non-timber components of forest

resources. Additional goals include providing an introduction to units and methods of measurement common to natural resources management.

The vast majority of this program will focus on field skills with minimal classroom lectures and will enable students to establish a firm foundation in the elementary theory and methods of forest mensuration for future course work and professional development.

## FORESTRY NOTES

Pack Forest has been a center of forestry research in the Pacific Northwest since its inception in 1927 and the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest continues that tradition today. As we develop new ways of demonstrating sustainability, we must also consider bringing all aspects of managing our research program up to date.

In the past, a number of research projects have left little in way of

documentation. These undocumented activities may have unforeseen conflicts with future research projects. Additionally, as past research projects have concluded, associated equipment has sometimes been abandoned in the forest. This results in unsafe conditions for which the forest staff must expend resources to clean up.

To address these issues and to improve administration and coordination of research and

demonstration activities on college lands is to develop an "Application and Agreement for Research" for prospective research projects at Pack Forest and Lee Forest. We have submitted a draft application for review by the College Lands Committee. This new "Application and Agreement for Research" will help us ensure that college forest lands remain sustainable and will benefit future research endeavors at Pack and Lee Forest.

## FSC ASSESSOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Pack Forest is working with Rainforest Alliance and SmartWood on a training workshop to orient and prepare current and future professionals involved in forest management to perform as members of a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification team for SmartWood and to provide other interested stakeholders with a

detailed understanding of the FSC standards, their application to operations, and the certification process.

This workshop is also an excellent opportunity to network and build bridges with other professionals in the world of conservation and

certified forestry. Although the majority of participants in this workshop will come from the professional sector, we are providing opportunities for CFR graduate student participation.

The workshop will be held at Pack Forest this October 12–15.

RESEARCH FOREST MANAGERS AND GREEN CERTIFICATION

The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest is pleased to introduce its first Discussion Paper. Papers in this series are intended to spark discussion and dialogue on specific topics. Our first Discussion Paper “Research Forests and Managerial Perceptions of Green Certification” examines the perceptions among research forest managers of certification and what the costs and benefits of certification are for their forests.

Research forests play a pivotal role in shaping the education and training of tomorrow’s forestry and natural resource professionals. They provide fertile ground for conducting university-level research, for field instruction to students and for general forestry demonstration to other members of academic communities and the public at large. As such, it should be considered important to have the support from, and involvement of, research forests in certification discussions and

development. This report aims at developing a better understanding the attitudes of those responsible for research forests toward certification and at possibly initiating a dialogue to improve the relationships between certification systems and managers of research and university forests.

This paper is available online at: <http://www.packforest.org/Center/discussioncert.pdf>. Please let us know if you would like a hard copy.

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