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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

This issue of the Newsletter is packed with information about events and programs at the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest.

There are reports on a variety of programs and events that range from the traditional to innovative. Yet another successful CFR Alumni Association Arbor Day Fair was planned and produced by Center staff.

You will also find a report regarding our success at our first Sustainable Forestry Initiative surveillance audit. Successful completion of this audit demonstrates that when it comes to sustainable forestry practices, Pack Forest not only talks the talk but walks the walk.

This year, we mark eighty years of continuous and sustainable forest management and demonstration at Pack

Forest; we hope you will join us for the celebration event mentioned on page 2. Sustaining an institution and the actual forest property for many decades does not happen automatically.

Dedication to the principles of sustainability, integration of new knowledge and insightfulness that allows us to embrace change is the key to sustainable institutions.

WASHINGTON STATE FFA EVENTS

On April 27 and 28, the CSF-PF hosted the Washington State FFA Natural Resources Contest and Forestry Contest.

These annual events, which alternate between Pack Forest and a site on the east side of the state, bring forestry and natural resources students from high school FFA programs throughout the state to compete in each of these one-day events. Winners from the state contests go on to the national FFA contests.

This year, 50 students from 10 teams competed in the Natural Resources contest, a new event held for the first time at Pack Forest. In this event, students competed in a group "Environmental Assessment" and individual events in equipment and species ID, water quality testing, soils testing, waste management issues, soil pit analysis and ecosystem analysis events.

The Forestry Contest saw 60

students from 12 teams compete in events such as timber cruising, compass course, equipment id, tree ID, tree disorders ID, chainsaw troubleshooting and a general knowledge quiz.

Pack Forest staff, in cooperation with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, developed the events, coordinated, monitored and scored the contest.

PACK FOREST 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! On May 20th, a joint Garb Day and Pack Forest 80th Anniversary celebration will be held at Pack Forest. We are planning a day full of fun activities and hope to have a large turnout by all members of the CFR community, their families and friends of Pack Forest and the College.

Games, guided walks, swimming

and a fantastic salmon barbecue are just a few of the great activities we have planned.

Tickets are \$10 for students, free for kids (under 13), and \$15 for anyone who doesn't fit into either of those two categories. Additional donations to cover the reduced student cost are more than welcome! Tickets are available by emailing astr@u.washington.edu.

Please buy your tickets in advance so we know how much salmon to buy!



Garb Day 1980

SFI SURVEILLANCE AUDIT

The CSF-PF recently underwent a successful surveillance audit of its forest operations under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative's 2005-2009 West Coast Standards. This annual audit examined both office and field practices and found no major or minor non-conformances to the SFI standard.

The day-long audit examined changes in record keeping and compliance monitoring made since the initial audit to the SFI standards in 2004. Although not as detailed as a full audit, this

surveillance audit covered those areas in the 2005-2009 standard that had been revised from the previous versions of the SFI standards.

The auditor made note of some Opportunities for Improvement (OFI's); specifically, it was suggested that we review and clarify steep skid trail waterbar specifications and the field review process in the Pack Forest Operations Manual. Additional suggestions were made that we improve documentation of

management's annual review meetings.

The auditor also reported two notable practices during his visit. The forest's road work under its Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP) were found to exceed state requirements and the forest's invasive weed control program was exemplary in the eyes of the auditor. The next surveillance audit is scheduled for April 2007.

REGISTRATION FOR CASCADE ECOLOGY INSTITUTE BEGINS

Registration has begun for the Cascade Ecology Institute, to be held at Pack Forest this summer June 18 through July 29.

The program consists of three two-week modules, providing students with opportunities to study

biological and natural resource sciences. Modules will include courses in ornithology, ecosystem management and entomology.

Students may earn up to 16 credits, transferable to other academic institutions. The scheduling of the

modules provides a unique opportunity to take these regular University of Washington courses in a setting that provides for intensive field exposure and close interaction with faculty. For more information, see www.packforest.org/cei.

ARBOR DAY 2006

This year, the Arbor Day Fair was held April 20 and 21 at the Seattle campus. The fair was planned in cooperation between the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest and the UW CFR Alumni Association.

CSF-PF staff members were delighted to plan and participate in the event. During the event itself, seven members of the staff traveled up to work at both days

of the fair, and helped out in a variety of booths. Students created streams and explored hydrologic cycles, identified trees; created paper in a papermaking laboratory, and became aware of the many products made from trees and learned about recycling. They discovered how garbage can be turned into soil, examined and magnified soil specimens, and declared their own reasons for appreciating trees.



Students learn about fish and amphibians at the Arbor Day Fair

NEW INTERNSHIP OFFERED

Recognizing the important role work experience can provide in preparing a student to enter a professional career, the CSF-PF is offering undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to spend their summer participating in a for-credit internship program.

The general purpose of the internship program is to provide students with an opportunity to gain experience in a combination of operational and regulatory requirements as they are regularly applied in the professional forestry sector.

This internship program is designed to provide career

guidance through both academic and work experience.

In addition to the work expectations set by Pack Forest, students will be required to fulfill specific academic requirements during the internship program and may earn up to five academic credits through the College and UW.

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