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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I want to thank John Calhoun for his work as the Interim Director of the Center for Sustainable Forestry. The College of Forest Resources is indebted to John's efforts in organizing the Center while maintaining his position as the Director of the Olympic Natural Resource Center. John will shift his energy back to the ONRC, but his work at Pack lives on and we are all grateful.

Pack Forest holds a special place in the lives of numerous people, especially College of Forest Resources alumni.

I intend to direct the Center for Sustainable Forestry in a manner that maintains the importance of Pack as a working forest, while discovering, teaching, and demonstrating sustainable forestry for the 21st Century. If Pack Forest has been important to you I encourage you to drop me a line with your memories of the past, and/or hopes and dreams for the future.

One of my goals for this year is to bring together information related to research that has been conducted at Pack. The

first step in coordinating future research is organizing and communicating what has already occurred. The ecological history of Pack Forest recently completed by Mark Swanson (see page 3) is an excellent starting point.

I invite anyone who has worked at Pack to contact me with details of their work. Our staff will organize this information and report our findings in future newsletters.

— Greg Ettl

OUTGOING DIRECTOR'S NOTES

It is with great pleasure that we note the arrival of Dr. Greg Ettl to assume permanent leadership as Director of the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. His arrival August 1, 2006 marks the end of my "interim" leadership that began in June of 2003.

research, education and outreach programs to accelerate under Greg's full time leadership. While I turn my full time attention to leading the Olympic Natural Resources Center, I will be seeking partnerships with the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest as we work together to advance the strategic themes of the College.

It has been a challenging and rewarding experience for me. I could not be more pleased with the prospects for service at the Center and the College. Director Ettl will do an outstanding job of leading the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. The vision we share for the Center will become a reality.

— John Calhoun

We expect the development of

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars! The Center for Sustainable Forestry, Northwest Certified Forestry, the Nisqually River Council and the Nisqually Land Trust are co-sponsoring a workshop to introduce small woodland owners to the principles of ecological forestry as well as tools to implement it successfully on smaller parcels. After a morning of indoor presentations, participants will join several seasoned practitioners to tour a variety of Pack Forest stands that have been

managed using different methods of retention harvesting. The day's activities will provide useful information for all types of small woodland owners and managers including family forest owners, land trusts, non-profit conservation groups, municipalities, and consulting foresters.

Speakers include Dr. Andrew Carey, Emeritus Scientist of the PNW Research Station, Dr. John Perez-Garcia and Dr. Greg Ettl, of the

College of Forest Resources. For more information and to register, go to www.packforest.org/events.



FORESTRY NOTES

Long term landscape planning is again underway at Pack Forest, utilizing the Landscape Management System (LMS) software developed by the Silviculture Lab at the College of Forest Resources.

In the fall of 2004 new inventory data was collected and incorporated into the existing LMS dataset, along

with data from the 430 continuous forest inventory plots established on the forest. This new dataset allows the forest managers to adjust the growth models contained in LMS to provide more accurate information. This data is being used in the scheduled five-year review of the current plan and is also being used to explore the costs and benefits of Forest Stewardship

Council (FSC) certification.

This process is expected to be completed by the end of September. More information about the landscape planning process can be found at <http://www.packforest.org/plan>

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM TAIWAN

In early August, the Olympic Natural Resources Center and the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest hosted a ten-day program for 13 students from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) in Taichung, Taiwan.

The students learned about sustainable forestry and conservation issues in the Pacific Northwest. They heard lectures from CFR faculty and graduate students, went for hikes in the Cascades and the Olympics, met the Commissioner of Public Lands and with staff from the Lt. Governor's office, visited the state capitol and

toured around Seattle.

This is the second summer program hosted by UW-CFR for NCHU students. The most recent program was held in 2003. Staff from CSF-PF and ONRC worked jointly to develop this year's program.

ECOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PACK FOREST

The Center is pleased to announce the completion of an ecological history account of the Pack Forest area, researched and written by Mark Swanson, PhD candidate at the College. The paper is available

online at www.packforest.org/research/papers.htm. Please let us know if you have any comments on this new paper.



OTHER RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Alicia Robbins, Program Manager at the CSF-PF, in collaboration with Michael Buck, National Association of State Foresters, Jay O'Laughlin, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources recently co-authored an article on the December 2005 Roundtable on Sustainable Forests meeting. The

article is in the June 2006 issue of National Forestry (<http://www.nationalforestry.net/>).

In June, Alicia Robbins presented at the International Symposium on Society and Natural Resource Management in Vancouver, B.C. Her presentation, developed in

cooperation with the Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials (www.corrim.org), was entitled "Environmental Performance Improvement in Residential Construction: The Impact of Products, Biofuels, Processes and Consumer Attitudes".

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