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Students throughout Idaho named winners in “Look to the Forest” photo contest *Contest sponsored by Idaho Forest Products Commission in honor of Arbor Day*

BOISE, Idaho (April 21) – Students from throughout the state answered the call when the Idaho Forest Products Commission asked them to participate in a photo contest and share what they see when they “Look to the Forest”. The Commission received over 150 photographs taken by Idaho students.

“We were stunned by the quality of the photographs and the thoughtfulness of the student’s statements about their photos,” said IFPC Director Betty Munis. “The photographs are simply wonderful. They show the many ways Idaho’s forests offer a sustainable future built on a renewable resource.”

One grand prize winner, three division winners and 17 honorable mentions were selected by a panel of judges. Spencer Goffin, a sophomore at Capital High School, won first place in the 9-12 grade division and was also named the overall grand prize winner for his photo of a newly-planted ponderosa pine seedling which he took on his grandfather’s tree farm near Idaho City. In honor of his winning photo, Goffin will receive a digital camera and will be honored at the annual state Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m., April 29 at Capital Park. A plaque bearing Goffin’s name will be installed next to the kwanzan cherry tree that will be planted during the ceremony. As first place winners of the grade divisions, Goffin along with Trisha Brinkley of Kuna and Jamie Newsome of Moscow will each receive a \$50 cash prize and a tree from the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association to plant at their school or in a public area.

All photo entries can be viewed online www.idahoforests.org. The winning photos and other forest photos have also been turned into Arbor Day/Earth Day e-cards that can be sent from the Idaho Forest Products Commission website at www.idahoforests.org.

Here is a full list of winners:

First Place Winners:

Grade 5-6: Trisha Brinkley, Fremont H. Teed Elementary School, Kuna

Grade 7-8: Jamie Newsome, Idaho Distance Education Academy, Moscow

Grade 9-12: Spencer Goffin, Capital High School, Boise (Grand Prize Winner)

Honorable Mentions:

5th – 6th Grades:

Bailie Gehring, Prairie Middle School, Cottonwood

Hailey Russell, Grangeville Elementary-Middle School

Megan Wrigley, Fremont H. Teed Elementary, Kuna

7th-8th Grades:

Alexis Banks, Donald J. Hobbs Middle School, Shelley
Nathan Burr, Teton Middle School, Driggs
Benny Carlisle, Jerome Middle School
Quentin Ferring, Mountain Home Jr. High School
Brianna Moodie, West Jr. High School, Boise
Jace Peterson, Jerome Middle School

9th-12th Grades:

Ashley del Campo, Timberline High School, Boise
Cole Cochran, Sandpoint High School
Shelby King, Salmon High School
Kaylin Long, Renaissance High School, Meridian
Avery Russell, Grangeville High School
Jeremy Williams, Moscow High School
Cassie Young, Sandpoint High School

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