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## NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

October 19-25, 2008

National Forest Products Week is a time to recognize the many products that come from our forests, people who work in and manage forests, people who make products, and how they all contribute to our daily lives.

**Here are ways for students and teachers to be involved:**



### Write On! Forest Products Week Essay Contest

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Forest Products Week Essay Contest is open to all K-12 students in Idaho. Contact us or visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) for contest guidelines, writing prompts and scoring criteria. *Winners receive a savings bond, and their class receives cash.* All who write an essay receive a certificate of participation. **Postmark submissions by Oct. 30, 2008.**

### Website Feature at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org)

Learn all about forests and forest products at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org). Click on the Forest Products Week banner and be amazed at the many ways trees are part of products you use every day.

### Video/CD/DVD lending library

We have several titles available for loan, and we add new titles every year. Your only cost is return postage. Use the enclosed order form, or order online at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org).



## FOREST CAREER RESOURCES

*Do you have students who like to be outdoors? Like to be indoors? Are good with computers? Like to work with other people? Like to work alone? Plan to go to college? Want a job just out of high school? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, there could be a forest-related job in your students' future! It's a very diverse field, with many opportunities to do meaningful work.*

**New! Forest Career "Profiles"** Come to [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) to learn about real people who work in Idaho's forests. We'll post several profiles in the coming months, including a hydrologist, a family of tree farmers, an urban forester, and many more. Check the site often to see who else we've added!

**NEW DVD! Career Options for Women—Forestry.** Meet Karen, a helicopter pilot who transports raw lumber by air; Lorraine, a dispatch attendant for a large pulp mill; and Chantal, a forest technician responsible for ensuring that woodland development stays within legal boundaries. Remarks from co-workers and supervisors provide additional information. 30 min. Now available from our lending library.

**The Right Choice: Careers in the Forest Products Industry.** (VHS or DVD) Also available from our lending library, this 12 minute program highlights the diversity of jobs needed in the forest products industry, including foresters, aquatic and wildlife biologists, chemists, engineers, marketing, distribution, computer specialists and more.



## PROJECT LEARNING TREE Fall Teacher Workshop Schedule



- Sept. 26-27, Boise/Idaho City. *PLT Walk in the Forest*
- Oct. 10-11, Plummer. *General PLT with a PreK/Primary Focus* (Note: Same credit as General PLT)
- Oct. 10-11, Sandpoint. *PLT Natural Resources & Solid Waste*
- Oct. 17-18, Boise. *General Project Learning Tree*
- Oct. 24-25, Twin Falls. *Ecosystem Services of Trees. (High School Teachers--\$100 stipend!)*
- Nov. 7-8, Coeur d'Alene. *Focus on Literature with WILD, WET & PLT*
- Nov. 14-15, Boise. *PLT Focus on Communities*

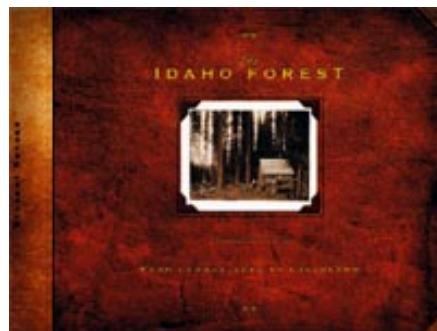
Each workshop is offered for a professional education credit. Different title=different credit. Contact us or visit [www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm](http://www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm) for workshop descriptions and registration information.

*PLT activities are correlated to Idaho Content Standards at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org).*



### New! Forest Issue Briefs—FREE Classroom Sets

Eight titles available. These full-color one-page briefs cover forest-related topics including wildlife, clearcuts, carbon and climate change, woody biomass, drinking water, forest laws, forest ownership, and transportation. Request your free classroom sets today! Preview at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org).



### Idaho Teachers Receive IFPC Grants

We are pleased to announce that 24 Idaho teachers have been awarded IFPC Teaching Grants to help them study Idaho's trees and forests with their students. Projects include field trips, science inquiry tools, tree plantings, paper-making, children's literature, and more! To learn more about the teachers and their projects, visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) and go to the Teachers page. Thanks to funding from the forestry license plate, we were able to fund more grants than our original budget would allow! Congrats to this year's grantees and their students. (Pssst: It's not too early to submit your application for '09-'10!)

### Forest History Supplement

Classrooms throughout the state are enjoying our forest history supplement, *The Idaho Forest: From Lumberjacks to Lasersaws*. Contact us to receive your free classroom set or additional copies of the student readers and/or teacher guide. Preview at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org).

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