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How To Guide

Before I dive into the topic of forests I would like to thank you for making this opportunity for me to become the head leader of the Idaho forests. I think that there are many things that need to be improved for our forests. I will talk about a couple today.

There are many problems of the forests today, and one of them is the pine beetle. This has been a devastating bug for trees in our forests. We need to do many things to stop this troublesome insect. One is that you must be sure to give some trees enough water. I know it is impossible to get all the trees enough water but, during a time of drought, you could go in and water some trees that look especially in need of water and just water them a little. I am confident that this will help cut down pine beetle infestations a lot. When a tree is infected, it can be hard to apply treatment because it is infected at the top of the tree. There are some chemicals that can be used for it. You must apply that at the top of the trees. Injected insecticides are ineffective for this. I think, with these guidelines in place, that we may be able to cut pine beetle infestations by a lot.

We need many guidelines for logging. First, we need guidelines for how much logs are cut. I will make "tags". I will have many different types of tags. There will be dead log tags, were the holder can only cut dead standing trees; I will make commercial tags, were the holder owns a business and is allowed to cut in a certain area but the holder can only cut choice logs; I will also make clear cut tags, were the holder may clear cut a stand of trees due to infestation of bugs or disease.

With these guidelines, I think that our forests will be healthy and that it will help to decrease our environmental impact.