

Pick me to manage Idaho's forests!

Managing Idaho's forests is a very important job that is usually overlooked as simple or unimportant. But I disagree with these opinions. Forests are just a huge interacting life source; that helps with the ecological way of life. If this so called system isn't taken care of properly the effects can be deadly. If you picked me to manage Idaho's forests I would try and prevent these deadly effects and find ways to help conserve the health of our forests.

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You may think I am a conversationalist but my main focus is balance between industrial and conservation. Components of Industrialism include creating jobs. Industrialism is in favor of construction and manufacture. This leads to high-rise of apartment buildings in all over the world. We use trees to produce so many of our every day products. Paper for one, I don't just mean the paper we write on in school or print music, I mean toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins, and paper cups. All of these things we so inefficiently use. We are so accustomed to these things, we pretty much need them. But balance is the key.

Without conservation the "Circle of life" will become a line with an end. We can't live without 3 things; oxygen, food and water. All three of these things are provided by the forests. Just the Amazon Rainforest is the Lungs of our planet, producing 20 percent for the world's oxygen.

Are we conversationalists or industrialists? We need both. We are already hooked on our way of living with all these products but we still need maintain the essentials that come from forests. In the past we have been debating back and forth between industrial and preservation going from one extreme to the other. We don't need to choose. If we can find a way to manage them together most of our problems would be solved. I have a couple ideas how to do that and with more research we can find that perfect balance. I would Inform and then Perform.

Inform: First I would want to get the community involved. Provide informational workshops to landowners to help explain habitat management strategies, wildlife monitoring etc. I would also like to provide the younger people of society with habitat management demonstration and educational programs on forests near the community. Then throughout my mission to help Idaho's forests the community would know what going on and be able to help out.

Perform: One of my main focuses is calculating the exact statistics of consumers taking from our forests and how long it takes for us to grow back those same trees to be used again later for the same thing. I would then compare those results to how much our forest produces in oxygen, wildlife habitat, water etc. Which needs help the most at the moment? How can we find equilibrium, and once we find it, we will keep it.