

# THE LOG

A FOREST EDUCATION UPDATE  
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## PROJECT LEARNING TREE

✓ *PLT helps you meet Idaho's Education Achievement Standards*

### More PLT Credit Opportunities

In addition to our basic PLT workshops, we offer specialized workshops for credit. For example, this spring we've got two sessions of "Wildfires and Weeds in the West" for secondary teachers. In this PLT workshop, we focus on invasive species and wildfires, using activities from the PLT High School Modules. You can take this workshop for credit, even if you've taken a different PLT workshop. Watch for future workshops like "PLT Natural Resources and Solid Waste," for PreK-12 teachers, which focuses on where stuff comes from and where it ends up (recycling, landfills, etc.)



### Spring PLT Workshops

- Feb. 16 *Boise* (PLT and Project WET for scout and other youth leaders)
- Feb. 22-23 *Boise*
- Mar. 1-2 *Twin Falls* (tentative)
- Mar. 8-9 *Moscow*
- Apr. 12-13 *Potlatch* ("Wildfires & Weeds in the West"--for high school teachers)\*
- Apr. 12-13 *Post Falls* ("Wildfires & Weeds in the West"--for high school teachers)\*
- Apr. 19-20 *Boise*
- May 10-11 *Post Falls*



More workshops may have been scheduled since this printing. Check with us or visit our web-site.

\*The "Wildfires & Weeds in the West" workshops offer a separate credit from regular PLT workshops--so you can take it even if you're already a PLT teacher!

### PLT & Education Standards

PLT is busy correlating our activities to Idaho's education standards. Correlations will come your way this fall!



### FIRE ECOLOGY WORKSHOP, June 24-28, 2002

**Register by 3/30 and Save!!!**

All participants receive the multimedia CD-ROM, *Burning Issues*, a \$25 value!

**What:** Burning Issues: Fire Ecology Workshop  
**When:** June 24-28, 2002  
**Where:** U of I Field Campus on Payette Lake, McCall  
**Credit:** 2-3 semester hours (\$56 each)

**Fee:** Before 3/30/02: \$250. After 3/30/02: \$275.  
Workshop fee covers graduate credits, meals, 4 nights lodging, materials and instruction, field trips. Send \$75 now to reserve your space.



Explore the role of fire in Idaho's forest and range ecosystems--past, present and future. From our base on beautiful Payette Lake, we'll experience hands-on classroom activities and embark on exciting field adventures. All sessions relate to state education performance standards. You'll leave the workshop fired up and ready to use materials that spark student interest in numerous subject areas. What a great way to earn credits!

✂ **To register**, send this form and \$75 to PLT/IFPC to reserve your space. Balance due at workshop.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (box/street, city, state, ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Summer phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Free poster and activities

*Green Mansions: The Evergreen Forests of the Pacific Northwest.* Contact us for your free copy of this poster, article and related classroom activities from NSTA's Science & Children magazine and the Bureau of Land Management.

**Trees are the Answer.** Dr. Patrick Moore, co-founder of Greenpeace, provides insight into how forests work and how they can play a powerful role in solving many current environmental problems. 30 minutes. Jr./Sr. High.



**New items in our lending library**  
**Timber! Empires of Industry.** From the History Channel. Filled with rare footage and expert interviews, Timber! is a riveting look at one of the nation's oldest industries and how it is preparing for the future. 50 minutes. Jr./Sr. High.

### Forests and Paper Forever CD-ROM

This interactive CD-ROM from the Technical Assn. of the Pulp and Paper Industry presents information on forests, forest management, the products that come from the forest industry and the importance of caring for the environment. Contains colorful animated graphics, virtual forests to explore, a virtual journey through the recycling process, and interactive activities. Recipient of Learning Magazine Teachers' Choice Award in 2001.



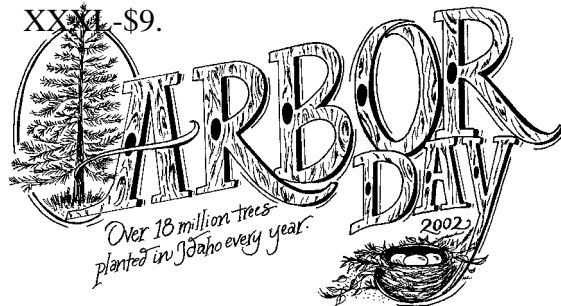
### Celebrate Arbor Day--April 26, 2002

This year marks the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Arbor Day. In 1872, J. Sterling Morton helped establish Arbor Day as a holiday to plant and care for trees. It wasn't long before the rest of the nation picked up on this great idea. In Idaho, Arbor Day is observed the

last Friday in April. It's a great time to appreciate all the things trees provide for our daily lives and to consider our responsibility of caring for trees and planting more for the future. Contact us for Arbor Day information and classroom activity ideas. Indicate grade level.

### Arbor Day T-Shirts

Beautiful new design! Arbor Day 2002 short-sleeved t-shirts are available for only \$7, including tax and shipping. Take advantage of this great deal! Visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) to order online, or contact us for an order form.. Youth S, M, L-\$7; Adult S, M, L, XL-\$7; XXL-\$8, XXXL-\$9.



### Reminder: Arbor Day Poster Contest Deadline

5<sup>th</sup> grade entries due by 2/15/02.

For contest information, contact Jim Ball, Idaho Dept. of Lands, [jball@idl.state.id.us](mailto:jball@idl.state.id.us), 208-334-0241.

### GRANT\$ for Teaching about Trees

We offer grants of up to \$200 to help you teach about Idaho's trees and forests. The application process is *EASY*. Applications are accepted year-round, with all those received by 8/15 considered for the upcoming school year. Apply today at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) in the Teachers area or contact us for an application form.



*You owe it to yourself!*

### \$\$ for Fire-related Service Projects

Are your students planning a service project related to wildfires? Apply for a **GreenWorks!** grant. The National PLT office, in partnership with the BLM, is offering grants of \$500-\$2000 for service projects related to wildland fire. Teachers must be PLT-trained, and projects must be school or community based with local partners and hands-on youth participation. See grant guidelines at [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org). (Go to "PLT in Action" and then to "GreenWorks.") Deadline: 5/15/

