



# IDAHO FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION



## DIRECTOR ELECTIONS & DUES RENEWALS!

No one can really say this has been a “normal” year for IFOA or any other volunteer organization. But it has definitely been a busy year with many challenges faced and many accomplishments made. And already it’s time for all of us to vote for our choices to fill the *four* expiring IFOA Director terms for next year.

Every year, all Active category IFOA members have the opportunity to declare your intent to help IFOA continue to accomplish relevant work on behalf of family forestry - perhaps by declaring to run for an IFOA Director position, but always by voting for your choice of candidates running.

The *Campaign Statements* of the candidates for the 2022-2024 term are included in this IFOA Newsletter and are posted on IFOA’s website: [www.idahoforestowners.org](http://www.idahoforestowners.org)

By November 15 each year, all Active category IFOA members are mailed a ballot to vote for your choices among the listed candidates.

The mail-in polls close on November 30, so please use the self-addressed return envelope enclosed with your ballot to cast your important vote and mail it *to arrive no later than November 30, 2019!*

It’s also time to examine membership dues renewal!

*The dues notice envelope you receive indicates the year through which your dues are paid.* For members whose payment term has ended, the dues notice will indicate that it’s *now* time to renew your membership!

Membership payments are due by January 1 each year, and the membership roster is purged of non-payers, so please be prompt if it is time for you to renew. IFOA does not wish for you to miss out on timely information via your membership advantages such as *Northwest Woodlands* magazine, *National Woodlands* magazine, *IFOA Newsletter*, or *Constant Contact* email messages.

A convenient way to renew your membership and insure you don’t miss out on important news or announcements is to return *(by November 30th!)* your dues payment in the self-addressed envelope provided - along with your IFOA election ballot!!!

You may *donate* extra contributions to either IFOA or the IFOA-Education Foundation [501(c)3]. If donating to the Foundation, please write a *separate* check to “IFOA-EF” to secure your charitable donation tax deduction.

**YOUR IFOA THANKS YOU!**

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## MEET-A-MEMBER: SEAN & VIRGINIA HAMMOND, SPIRIT LAKE

Sean is almost an Idaho native. He moved to Post Falls from Helena, MT when only about a year old. Virginia, on the other hand, was born in Plentywood, MT and spent some time in Alaska and other parts of Montana before moving to Idaho. They both attended North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, where they met, and that's where their life-after-parents began. However, their education goals were different, so Sean pursued and completed his schooling in forestry at the University of Montana in Missoula, and Virginia got her teaching certificate and grounding in mathematics and computer programming at Montana State University in Bozeman. Even though Missoula and Bozeman are not that close, the couple found a way to continue their courtship until the knot was tied in Bozeman.

Virginia was the first to get a permanent job. They moved to Hot Springs, MT where she taught mathematics and computer skills for about 8 years. Sean found employment with a logging company where he was able to satisfy his passion of felling trees, along with all the other jobs associated with getting trees to the sawmill. Hot Springs is where their two children, Evrett and Nathan, were born.

Thinking that educational and other opportunities might be better for their boys in a larger city, Virginia opted to take a teaching job with the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy in 2003. They also inherited some land near Spirit Lake which further anchored their decision to move. With his logging skills, Sean found work with northern Idaho logging companies and eventually bought a dozer and skidder to form Hammond Logging. He continues to spend weekends running his business.



The Hammond family:  
Evrett, Virginia, Sean, Nathan, and their family "Cat"

Virginia is still teaching at the Academy and very excited about her job there. In 2017, Sean eagerly accepted a job with Inland Empire Paper Company as the forester responsible for their southern holdings. Their oldest son is working for Idaho Forest Group and the youngest is finishing up his senior year at the Academy with plans to pursue training at NIC to become a machinist-millwright. It looks like the future is bright and well planned out for the Hammonds.

The land they inherited is called the Hammond Tree Farm, located between Spirit Lake and Blanchard. The original tract was 40 acres, but over the years they have acquired an adjoining 40 acres as well. They first lived there in a mobile home but have since built a home and are now settled in permanently. Sean indicated that their tree farm was used hard for many years before they inherited it and their objective is to bring it back closer to its potential. In some cases,

that will involve converting lodgepole pine stands to ponderosa pine. Sean and Virginia have been members of IFOA for several years and look forward to the annual forest owner gatherings in Moscow. Let's hope the pandemic retreats enough to permit an in-person Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference in 2022.

For hobbies, Virginia is a crafty person and likes to do painting, sketching and other creative arts. Sean participates in the traditional sports of hunting and fishing, especially when he can do them with his sons. However, since his return to the lake country of northern Idaho, water skiing has become his passion and he's always looking for someone with a boat to pull him along.

*by Thomas A. Leege, IFOA member & Past Director*

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A FOREST OF CURE

As the wildfire raced up the hill toward West Twin Road on August 30, IFOA member Helen Stroebel, her husband Greg Unruh, and mother Marjory Stage were evacuated, only able to watch from afar as their beloved property burned. Their solace? Knowing they had done their best to prepare for this inevitable day by actively managing their forest.

“Overall, the work that we’ve been doing to thin the forest and remove fuels paid off. The fire stayed on the ground, even through the drought-stressed timber, and burned much cooler than typical forest fires,” Helen conveys to Palouse Land Trust (PLT) staff, mere days after the Idler fire threatened her home.

Managing for forest health is not only something she believes in, it’s in her blood. Helen’s father, the late Al Stage (2008), had a 44-year career as a research forester with the U.S. Forest Service. In 2003, the Stage family made a lasting commitment to sustainable forestry by protecting their family forest with the Palouse Land Trust.

### A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Helen’s commitment to the land, and her father’s legacy, led her to approach the University of Idaho Student Association of Fire Ecology (SAFE) club. Club members are degree-seeking students majoring in fire ecology, many who have experience working as seasonal wildland fire fighters.

These students gain experience by hiring themselves out to landowners like Helen. In exchange, landowners make a charitable gift to support the club to travel to trainings and other events that develop their professional skills. SAFE club members worked on Helen’s property earlier this spring.

### PLANNING AND PREPARATION

Fire prevention activities, described by organizations like Idaho Firewise, can make all the difference when the inevitable fire comes. “The fire fighters have repeatedly told us what a difference our forest management practices have made in their ability to contain the fire’s spread. Despite a strong wind out of the southwest, they were able to hold the fire’s eastern spread to our property line,” shares a relieved Helen.

Helen describes the suppression efforts as an “all out resource investment from all the agencies involved.” She was struck by having more than 100 fire fighters - on their property alone - working to contain the fire! “I can’t even begin to quantify the resources deployed early on.” Local volunteers and neighbors, like farmer Jason Hawley who disked fire lines in their fields, “made all the difference in the ability of the fire fighters to contain the fire’s spread up the mountain and save our house.” Bennett Lumber provided heavy equipment to create critical fire lines and had specialized equipment on site every day. Idaho Department of Lands and other Type 3 Incident Management teams continued mop-up activities, like putting water lines to smoldering roots and stumps, until the fire was fully contained.

“Greg and I walked the perimeter today and are so encouraged about the impact of this fire. In the end, we think it will be a benefit to our property, much like a controlled burn even though unplanned. We’re also relieved that instead of fearing ‘if fire comes’ or ‘when fire comes,’ we now can say ‘when fire came.’ It’s a great ending to what could have been a tragic story,” Helen reflects.

### ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP PROTECTS A CONSERVATION LEGACY

“Helen’s family should be commended for their incredible dedication to forest stewardship,” shares PLT Executive Director, Lovina Englund. “They are a model for being prepared for fire and for giving fire crews an access point to contain the fire spread.”

“It’s landowners like the Stage family that showcase how great stewardship and love of land benefits us all,” shares Englund. “In a drastic fire weather year like this, to have a silver-lining appear from the ashes is priceless. We’re so grateful for the Stage family’s incredible dedication to conservation and to maintaining a healthy working forest that benefits generations to come.” *by Palouse Land Trust, Moscow, ID*

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2021

#### Forestry Shortcourse

Post Falls, 11/2, 9, 16, 30/2021  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry)

#### Forest Practice Act Committee Mtg.

Coeur d'Alene & Zoom, 11/17/2021  
<https://idl.zoom.us/j/84182042610>

#### FFL&MC Program Comm. Mtg.

Post Falls, 11/18/2021  
[evpifoa@gmail.com](mailto:evpifoa@gmail.com)

#### DEQ Air Quality (Smoke)

#### Negotiated Rule Making Mtg.

Boise & Zoom, 11/30/2021  
[ideq.zoom.us/j/82136439377?pwd=bGFVaUFBYTYwVXFjTlZaR2VVS2N1QT09](https://ideq.zoom.us/j/82136439377?pwd=bGFVaUFBYTYwVXFjTlZaR2VVS2N1QT09)

### DECEMBER 2021

#### Forestry Shortcourse (cont.)

Post Falls, 12/7, 14/2021  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry)



#### IFOA Board Meeting

Coeur d'Alene, 12/14/2021  
[evpifoa@gmail.com](mailto:evpifoa@gmail.com)

#### Current Topics in Forest Health

Online 12/16-17/2021  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry)

### JANUARY 2022

#### IFOA Board Meeting

Coeur d'Alene, 1/11/2022  
[evpifoa@gmail.com](mailto:evpifoa@gmail.com)

#### Family Foresters Workshop

Online 1/21 & 28/2022  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry)

### FEBRUARY 2022

#### IFOA Board Meeting

Coeur d'Alene, 2/8/2022  
[evpifoa@gmail.com](mailto:evpifoa@gmail.com)

#### American Tree Farm System National Leadership Conference

Gulf Shores, AL, 2/15-17/2022  
[www.treefarmssystem.org/](http://www.treefarmssystem.org/)

### Contact information for family forest owner interests:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Website</u>
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Idaho Forest Stewardship Program	666-8632	<a href="mailto:amorow@idl.idaho.gov">amorow@idl.idaho.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.idl.idaho.gov">www.idl.idaho.gov</a>
Idaho Tree Farm Program	437-4820	<a href="mailto:admin@idahotreefarm.org">admin@idahotreefarm.org</a>	<a href="http://www.idahotreefarm.org">www.idahotreefarm.org</a>
National Woodland Owners Assoc.	800-476-8733	<a href="mailto:argow@nwoa.net">argow@nwoa.net</a>	<a href="http://www.woodlandowners.net">www.woodlandowners.net</a>

## IFOA WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Joseph Few, Sagle ♦ Tom & Justine Osborne, Lewiston  
 Twilla Miller, Vancouver, WA ♦ Carl D. Osborne, Moscow  
 Linda Osborne, Potlatch ♦ Mike Osborne, Potlatch

## CHEEKY CHIPMUNKS

How many of us grew up laughing at the antics of the Walt Disney cartoon characters Chip and Dale? These goofy little rodents gave me many a laugh in my younger years.

Chipmunks are often referred to a ground squirrels, but the term ground squirrels is a much broader term that can refer to members of the squirrel family (Sciuridae) as large as marmots, ground hogs, and prairie dogs, and to smaller members like the chipmunk. Large or small, they all share some common characteristics. They are able to sit up on their hind legs when they sense danger or need to see over obstacles. If a predator lurks nearby, the ground squirrel curls its paws flat against its chest and screeches out a warning to other family members. And, as the name implies, ground squirrels don't make their homes in trees though some of them are good climbers. Rather, they will be found in open areas like rocky outcrops, fields, pastures, and sparsely wooded hillsides.



When living in Colorado, I became familiar with the largest member of this family – the marmot – when hiking above tree line in the Rockies. These chubby (18 pounds or more) fellas made their homes in the scree fields above timberline, and their distinctive call was a common feature of those hikes. If you live in one of the counties on the northeastern edge of Idaho (Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, etc.), you, too, can encounter marmots. You might not see them, but I'd bet that you'll be able to hear them. Check out this short video for an introduction to their call: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31zGqRSGa1w>.



My family and I recently became acquainted with one of the smallest members of the ground squirrel family, the red-tailed chipmunk (pictured at the top of this article). We have large boulder retaining walls holding back planting beds around our house, and a colony of red-tailed chipmunks have decided that these walls with their myriad nooks and crannies are the perfect chipmunk hotel. These little invaders irritate my husband because they eat the bird seed he puts out for our feathered friends, but I have to admit my fondness for the little guys.

My liking may be misplaced however. Chipmunks (and their larger cousins) are omnivorous. They eat seeds, berries and tender plants, but they will also eat fungi, insects, and other arthropods. As a result, they are not a gardener's best friend and have been associated with damage to garden plants, grains, and fruit and nut trees. In addition, they can be carriers of diseases - especially when populations are high. These little animals and the fleas who hitchhike on them are carriers of bubonic plague (*Yersinia pestis*) which can be transmitted to domestic animals and humans. If you find unusual numbers of ground squirrels or other rodents dead for no apparent reason, notify public health officials. *Do not handle dead ground squirrels under these circumstances!*

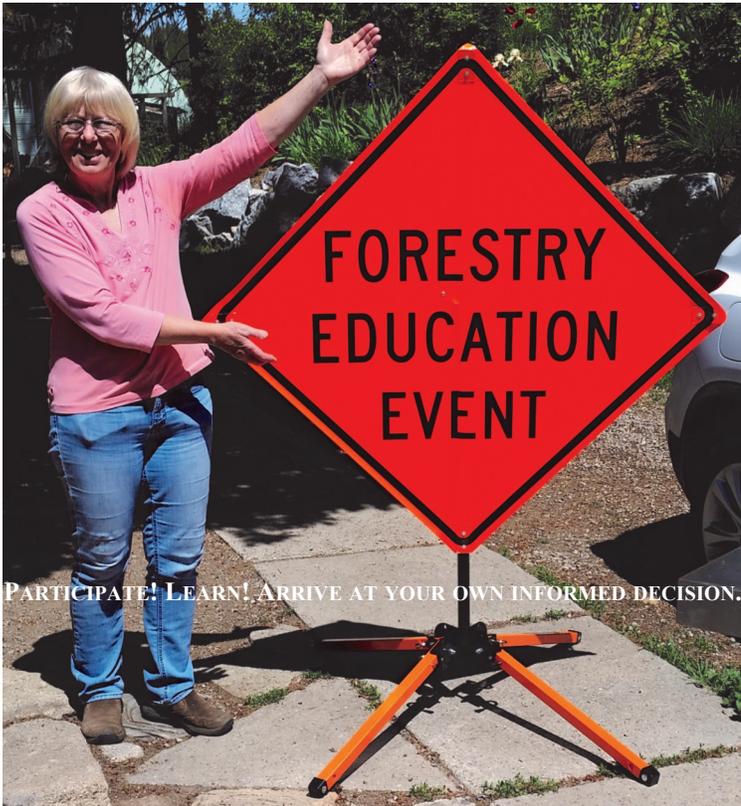
The chipmunks in our little colony have recently disappeared. That could be due to the efficiency of our barn cats, but I suspect that it has more to do with the chipmunk's normal winter behavior. After spending the spring, summer, and fall months hoarding caches of nuts and other foods to tide them over the winter, when the weather begins to turn cold the red-tailed chipmunks remain in their burrows from mid-November to late March. They don't exactly hibernate, but they do become torpid in the winter and feed from time to time upon their larder. Torpor is a state of decreased physiological activity in an animal, usually marked by a reduced body temperature and metabolic rate.

So even though I don't see any sign of the little creatures now, I won't be surprised (or sorry!) to see them again in the spring. I'll keep an eye out for any damage to my perennials or fruit trees, but as long as they mind their manners, the red-tailed chipmunks are welcome back.

For more information, check out: [https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Tamias\\_ruficaudus/](https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Tamias_ruficaudus/) and <https://idfg.idaho.gov/species/taxa/19600>.

## FOREST CARBON IS A FOREST PRODUCT

A timberland investment, in and of itself, comprises a bundle of diversified cash flows. The sources of these flows include softwood and hardwood logs and fiber, hunting leases, cell phone towers and, increasingly, ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration. These products feed different, and often uncorrelated, markets.



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Investors place a premium on identifying attractive “cash flow bundles” when screening forest assets. Acquiring timberland in a strong, competitive wood basket is like opening a bakery in a busy shopping district. Better infrastructure and roads support more foot traffic and potential customers. Stores in this district pay for these benefits with higher rents, just as timberland investors pay for access to robust timber markets with higher timberland prices.

The interest of institutional capital in forest carbon assets forces us to revisit the fundamental timberland investment model and, in turn, capture this during due diligence of local timber markets. Since anything that increases present value faster than the investor’s opportunity cost enhances value, *forest carbon has the potential to augment timberland values to the extent that markets for carbon support reliable cash flows relative to those for timber.*

Forest carbon, a product with a market, generates questions with respect to its role and relative performance within a timberland asset

or broader portfolio. “What are the valuation implications on my timberland from participating in forest carbon markets? What are the liquidity implications? How does this contract affect my ability to manage my forest?”

Spot prices for timber, timberland and forest carbon provide a simple snapshot. Deeper understanding of a timber market emerges with tracking performance over time and through the business cycle. Simple forecasts, scenarios and rankings help identify key drivers and screen for better markets. A systematic process, like a checklist, reduces risk and maximizes understanding for timberland investment decisions.

*by Brooks Mendell, Forisk Consulting, in Forisk Blog*

*Comment by Jim Rinehart*

Thank you for your article, Brooks. While I agree with you that anything produced by a forest that can generate cash flow through sale in a market would seem, by definition, to be a forest product. But let’s be precise. In this case, the product is the absence of carbon in the atmosphere attributable to carbon sequestered in the forest, not forest carbon itself. To be more precise, the product is a tradable certification that X amount of carbon is absent from the atmosphere due to the efforts of forest management that meet certain requirements of additionality, permanence, and others. To my knowledge, there is no solid proof yet that carbon offsets have actually lowered the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, and I wonder if such proof will ever be available. So, while carbon offsets may be a forest product as defined, they may not be a product that yields a measurable beneficial use.

I remain a carbon offset skeptic. Here’s a radical thought: Let’s tax carbon emitters and use the tax proceeds, in part, to compensate forest owners for specific management practices that are likely to increase stored carbon. Don’t we have such programs already?

## CONGRESS PROPOSES BILLIONS IN NEW FOREST SPENDING – WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

This year, U.S. Forest Service-protected lands account for more than half of acres burned. Chief Randy Moore recently told the House Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, “We must actively treat forests. That’s what it takes to turn this system around.”

As reported previously, the U.S. Congress responded by proposing billions in new spending on wildfire mitigation and other forest management work. The U.S. Senate’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework alone contains \$6 billion for hazardous fuels reduction.

The major social spending legislation (known as “reconciliation”) also includes \$14 billion for hazardous fuels reduction but includes a number of restrictions on how those funds could be used and would likely result in more forest gridlock if enacted. That’s because \$10 billion of this new spending would be restricted to activities inside a narrowly defined Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) - areas where forests and communities intersect - and \$4 billion that could be used outside this area.

However, the legislation requires every acre in the WUI must be “effectively treated to prevent the spread of wildfire” before that \$4 billion can even be used.

Even if the Forest Service reaches that impossible threshold, the legislation restricts the \$4 billion to forest projects that are “non-commercial” in nature. Projects must also comply with forestry restrictions that further tie the hands of public lands managers and would likely require years of federal rulemaking.

If you want a current example why this approach won’t work, look to the Southwest. The Forest Service recently canceled the second phase of its Four Forest Restoration Initiative, which was intended treat more than 500,000 acres vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire in Arizona. The agency had said a 20-year contract would be awarded to a company to do the work sometime during the summer.

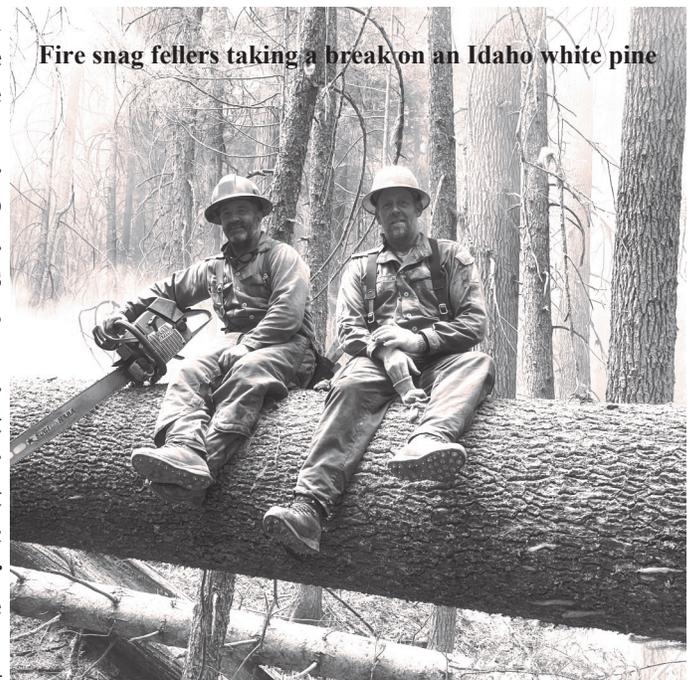
Unfortunately, there are few companies that are capable of doing this work as long as barriers to active forest management on federal lands persist. The Forest Service could not give companies the necessary assurances that they would be supported should something occur that reduced the total number of acres, such as lawsuits, bureaucratic delay, or massive wildfires.

The problem is the region lacks sufficient loggers, sawmills, truckers and others who are necessary to do the work efficiently and effectively. This infrastructure collapsed with the dramatic decline in federal timber harvests, and no business can justify investing in equipment and workers without some assurance they can make some money.

To bend the curve of large, destructive wildfires, a strong partnership is needed between federal agencies and the private sector businesses to do the work. A good example of that partnership in Washington can be found in this YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz1Q9WW7ddQ>

Excluding those with the workers, equipment and expertise to do the work is simply a recipe for more gridlock and more wildfires. As of this writing, the major spending bills are in limbo as moderate and progressive legislators debate trillions of dollars in new federal government spending.

*by Nick Smith, who is Executive Director of Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that is supported by individuals and businesses who are passionate about improving the health of our forests and the future of our rural, forested communities.*



Fire snag fellers taking a break on an Idaho white pine

## IFOA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS BIOGRAPHIES & CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

### MADELINE DAVID, Athol

**Current profession or job:** Retired - 2015

**Previous work or volunteer experience:**

Palouse Mall Associates, LLC, Member and Managing Partner, 1983-2015

University City, Inc, Share holder and board member, 1982-2008

Northwest Independent Mall Group, 2003-2008

President and Manager Arab E Arabians, Inc. 1975-2005

**Education:** 2 1/2 years of college (Gonzaga, Ft. Wright, University of Idaho)

**Military service: (if applicable)** N/A

**Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land:** I married into family forest ownership in 2006 with zero experience in the field! Long time IFOA members will remember my baptism by fire in IFOA, Idaho Tree Farm, Society of American Foresters, Idaho Forest Stewardship, and UI Extension, as I immersed myself in all things forestry while accompanying my husband around the country on his various assignments. Applying my business skills, I learned as much as possible in the shortest time possible to add value and management skills to our 155 acres of forest land and to the forest owning community. I volunteered in every way possible, including folding T-shirts at an SAF Convention! Our proudest moment came as we signed the conservation easement on our forestland with Inland Northwest Land Conservancy, protecting it from development into the future. Our forest is our refuge, our best teacher, our exercise program, and our legacy.

**IFOA membership and activities:**

**Year joined IFOA:** 2006

**IFOA offices or positions (committees, etc.):** Past Nominating Committee Chair, Communications Chair 2011-present - (Constant Contact), Past Landowner Conference Assistant, Sponsorship Chair, and Registration Chair, helped convert IFOA bookkeeping to QuickBooks.

**Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations:**

Natural resource related: Idaho Tree Farm Committee: ITFC Committee representative to Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC), Alternate: 2012-2020, Representative: 2021-(3 year term), ITFC Treasurer, 2019-present; Cedar Mountain Working Forest 2020 Idaho Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year; Inland Empire Society of American Foresters - Honorary Lifetime Member, Hospitality Committee Chair for the 2012 SAF National Convention; Facilitator, Ties to the Land workshops (ID, WA, MT, Latvia) - succession planning for natural resource land owners - 2008-present; Aldo Leopold Land Ethic Leader - 2013-present

Horse related: University of Idaho Northwest Equine Reproduction Laboratory Advisory Committee Member - 2003 - 2007, Northwest Arabian Breeders Connection (Marketing group) - 1995-2000

**Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish:** Kootenai County Planning Commissioner - 2020-present; Hobby: genealogy.

### Madeline David's Campaign Statement

IFOA is a vibrant organization of interested members, but it needs the help of willing volunteers to fulfill its mission in the community. I would like to see the IFOA Board concentrate on finding volunteers from the membership to take on the numerous small tasks that make IFOA so effective.

IFOA operates from a well thought out set of objectives, each with related policies. I would like to see the Board of Directors better familiarize our members with these guiding principles by communicating to the membership how each important decision ties to one or more of our policies.

### MARIANNA J. GROTH, Kingston

**Current profession or job:** Owner: Marianna's Custom Telephone, Kingston, ID  
Bookkeeper, Phone-Answerer, Errand Runner: Tom's Auto, LLC, Kingston, ID

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## IFOA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS BIOGRAPHIES & CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS (CONT.)

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**Previous work or volunteer experience:** After working as Teller/Vault Teller in 2 different Banks I had an opportunity in 1977 to learn “telephony”. As a contractor I learned installation and repair of residential phone lines, cable splicing, and central office wiring. In 1984 I was employed by “Business Telephone Communications” of Spokane, learning that aspect of the trade until 1988 when I started my own business: Marianna’s Custom Telephone. I have sold, installed, and maintained commercial telephone systems in the Silver Valley and surrounding areas for these past 30+ years. Recently I have ceased installing any “new” systems, but will be maintaining the approximately 50 systems I have out there until they either fail or are replaced by newer VOIP technology.

**Education:** Training in the Telecommunications field was “OJT”. Graduated Kellogg High School in 1973

**Military service:** N/A

**Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land:** In 2011 my brother and I inherited the family land that our parents purchased in 1956. We have a “Land Plan” now, but actually are just continuing the work of our parents: a constant mission aimed at improving the health of approximately 60 acres of forested land, using their “Leave the best and clean up the rest” method. Over the past 10 years, my husband, Tom Sherman, and I have “tooled up” by acquiring a skidsteer, dozer, trackhoe, and chipper. My most recent addition to our arsenal is a battery-powered chainsaw, and this is a tool that I highly recommend for ladies who want to be more “hands-on” when tackling chores in their forest.

**IFOA membership and activities:** Membership in IFOA has been a wonderful learning experience for me. I particularly enjoy working on the Forest Owners Field Days and the annual Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conferences. The knowledge gained and contacts made at these events have been of great help to me as I work toward my own forestry goals.

**Year joined IFOA:** 2013

**IFOA offices or positions (committees, etc.):** I have been serving as IFOA Secretary since February 2018.

**Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations:** I have served as a Board Member of the Kingston Water District for many years, and am currently serving as an Elder on the Church Council at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pinehurst, Idaho.

**Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish:** My favorite hobby is hiking, preferably in the woods.

### *Marianna Groth’s Campaign Statement*

I would like to continue to serve as an IFOA Director because I believe it is a very valuable source of information and educational opportunities for private landowners, a go-to place for facts about legislative issues, and an advocate for positive change when possible. I believe IFOA sponsorship of the annual Idaho State Forestry Contest is very important and would like to encourage more Members and schools to get involved. And I want to see continuation of the sound financial stewardship that has governed the Forest Seedling Program and made the birth of the IFOA Education Foundation possible.

### **CHARLES W. MCKETTA, Moscow**

**Current profession or job:** Chief Analyst, Forest Econ, Inc., Moscow

**Previous work or volunteer experience:** University of Idaho, Forest Resources Economist, 1976-2002

**Education:** BS Forest Mgmt, U Mich 1966, MF Applied Physics, U Mich 1969, PhD Forest management Economics, U Wash 1984

**Military service:** Sgt E-5 USMC

**Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land:** 35-yr owner Nora Ck Forest ~500 ac a

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multiple purpose stewardship forest, Idaho Tree Farm award ~2003, I have it for me - keeps me learning, active and engaged. I can see the changes from high-graded to prize winner.

**IFOA membership and activities:**

**Year joined IFOA:** 1988

**IFOA offices or positions (committees, etc.):** none

**Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations:** ex Society of American Foresters

**Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish:** helping hands, foster parenting, flying and antiques

*Charles W. McKetta's Campaign Statement*

Besides biology, forests are defined by personal values, cultures, markets, and regulations. Idaho forest owners need informed guidance to thrive as their purposes and operating environments evolve. My take on an IFOA Director's role is to be active in influencing that evolution and be effective in feedback so members can best achieve their own intentions. Accordingly, the IFOA Director team should include a diversity of capabilities. It usually has foresters and forest owners. I offer another dimension - insights of an experienced forest economics and policy analyst - who also happens to do all the grunt forestry on our prize-winning forest.

**FRED H. OMODT, Sandpoint**

**Current profession or job:** Co-owner of Shingle Mill Blueberry Farm (the finest blueberry farm in East Bonner County) 2010-Present

**Previous work or volunteer experience:** 1979-2017, Timber buyer, McFarland Cascade, Sandpoint, ID

**Education:** BS Forest Resource Management, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 1974; AA and AS Forestry, Northwest Community College, Powell, WY 1970

**Military service:** None.

**Describe your involvement with your family forest or other forest land:** My family purchased our 25 acres east of Sandpoint in 1990. Included with the land was a 12 acres wood lot. This small forest has provided privacy, protection, income and solace. It has been a wildlife viewing arena, a tree fort building site, a favorite reunion gathering choice, and a private haven for our 8 children and 15 grandchildren. It has created a bond that never would have been as strong without the majestic cedars and other forest benefits. During my career as a timber buyer, I have been fortunate to work with forest owners, loggers, and industrial and State IDL foresters throughout northern Idaho. Having a small part of that northern Idaho forest to come home to is icing on a very wonderful cake.

**IFOA membership and activities:**

**Year joined IFOA:** 2006

**IFOA offices or positions (committees, etc.):** Currently serving on the IFOA Board of Directors (2019-2021).

**Membership and affiliation in other professional or volunteer associations and organizations:** Co-founder of the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce Timber Committee; Bonner County Farm Bureau Timber Committee; Idaho Tree Farm Program; Idaho Forestry Contest 1982-2017

**Other Community or personal activities, including hobbies, if you wish:** Boy Scout Troop 308 Scoutmaster 2000-2008; President, Selle Valley Planning and Zoning Subcommittee 2018; President, Bonner County Farm Bureau 2017-Present; Parish Council, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sandpoint 2012-2018

*Fred H. Omodt's Campaign Statement*

As an IFOA Director, I would continue the excellent job of communications and education the Association does through the newsletter, workshops, field days and the annual meeting. I would advocate for IFOA interests with local and state governments. I would grow the membership by encouraging forest owners and non-forest owners to join us. I would work towards coordination with like minded organizations, i.e. the Farm Bureau, so mutual goals can be achieved. I have enjoyed being part of the IFOA, a fraternity of forest advocates. To be involved in the leadership of such an organization would be an honor.

◆END◆

## **SCATTERED LANDS UPDATE: SHARED STEWARDSHIP COOPERATIVE PROJECT**

In mid-September Jessie Berner, District Ranger for the Sandpoint Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, issued a final decision to proceed with the Scattered Lands Project. This United States Forest Service (USFS) project is at the core of the Bonner County Focal Area for the Shared Stewardship Initiative; this collaborative effort among federal and state agencies and private forest landowners uses a landscape level management approach across boundaries, with the goals of improving forest health and mitigating wildfire risk.

Project work, which includes a mix of fuels treatments and commercial harvest with reforestation, will begin as early as fall 2021. Twenty-four of the thirty initial scattered USFS parcels will be receiving some type of treatment, with a total of over 7,000 acres being slated for treatment over the course of the next five years. Project work will begin in two units along Highway 41 near Blanchard. The work will progress to units north along Highway 41 and east into the heart of southern Bonner County.

Private landowners adjacent to USFS parcels have been included in the project scoping as well as targeted for outreach to participate in forest management activities on their own lands. The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Bonner County Emergency Management “Bonfire” program, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service have joined efforts to inform and enroll forest landowners in cost-share or grant funded programs to facilitate contiguous treatment beyond the USFS boundaries. Roughly 160 landowners have responded to the outreach efforts within the focal area.

The IDL Good Neighbor Authority staff has been vital for project reconnaissance, prescription recommendations, and treatment layout. They will have a key role in soliciting contractors and administering the fuels-reduction and commercial operations.

This Shared Stewardship model of cross boundary landscape management is improving the efficiency and efficacy of natural resource professionals to bring both awareness and applicable solutions to at-risk landowners within the forested rural residential areas of northern Idaho.

*by Adrienne Morrow, Stewardship/Regulatory Program Specialist, IDL Forestry Assistance Bureau*

## **IFOA WEBSITE UPDATE**

IFOA has a new website. Our goal is to add value for you as an IFOA Member and to keep you better informed on family forest owner issues! If you haven’t already viewed it, find the new version at: [www.idahoforestowners.org](http://www.idahoforestowners.org). Two important enhancements are an updated and categorized “Links” page and an option for new and current Members to join IFOA or renew membership dues on-line using a major credit card or PayPal. Three new Members have already enjoyed this convenience. The IFOA Directors are also looking at future enhancements to improve the new website. First in line is adding online registration for IFOA events like the Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference coming March 28-29, 2022. We appreciate those Members that provided helpful feedback in our website survey. Please continue to provide ideas on how to improve our website tool for all Members, especially “Links” and resources that you have found useful in managing your forest that can be shared with everyone in IFOA.

*by Paul Turcott, IFOA Director & Technology Committee Chair*

### **IFOA NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES**

Size	IFOA Member	4 Issue Discounted	Non-member	4 Issue Discounted
Business Card	\$8.75	\$31.50	\$12.50	\$45.00
1/4 page	17.50	63.00	25.00	90.00
1/3 page	23.00	82.80	33.00	120.00
1/2 page	35.00	126.00	50.00	180.00
Full page	70.00	252.00	100.00	360.00

## SHADE RULE UPDATE

The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) began the process of rulemaking in February 2021. The Idaho Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) authorized IDL to proceed with the Forest Practices Advisory Committee's (FPAC) recommended changes to the Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Forest Practices Act. One major change is the inclusion of definitions and rule language to accommodate tethered logging on steep slopes adjacent to Class I streams without a variance or waiver. Another rule change modifies tree retention requirements within Stream Protection Zones. This includes a simplified methodology for rule implementation as well as additional flexibility for riparian forest management while assuring adequate shade for water quality.

Negotiated Rulemaking opened on April 7, 2021 with one month of public comment including four informational public meetings held throughout Idaho. A range of comments were received during this phase and all comments were thoughtfully considered by the IDL Regulatory Program Manager, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, and Idaho State Forester. Responses to the comments were posted on the rulemaking webpage.

No changes to the rule verbiage were made as a result of the negotiated process, and the IDL started Proposed Rulemaking. The public comment period for Proposed Rulemaking opened on September 1, 2021 for 21-days, as required by statute. During this period, two public hearings were held. No oral testimony was given at either public hearing, but written testimony, which receives equal weight, was received and posted on the rulemaking website. The IDL was pleased to have the participation of interested stakeholders in the Proposed Rulemaking process. No changes were made as a result of the testimony.

At the October Land Board Meeting, the IDL requested that the board adopt the pending rule to be brought before the next legislative session. The Land Board approved the request and a *Notice of Pending Rule* will be published in the December Administrative Bulletin. This published rule will be reviewed during the 2022 legislative session.

Any updates to the status of the Pending Rule will be posted on the rulemaking webpage. The IDL would like to thank the forest landowners and IFOA members and Directors who participated in the rulemaking process for their time and comments. We are very pleased with the Pending Rule and will keep you informed about timelines for adoption, outreach and education in relation to the new regulations.

*by Adrienne Morrow, Stewardship/Regulatory Program Specialist, IDL Forestry Assistance Bureau*

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*tip from IFOA Director Paul R. Turcott*

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## QUARTERLY LOG MARKET REPORT

Species	October 2021	July 2021
Douglas-fir/western larch	\$415 - \$525/MBF	\$450- \$500/MBF
Grand fir/western hemlock	\$420 - \$490	\$440 - \$490
Lodgepole pine	\$420 - \$500	\$400 - \$470
Ponderosa pine	\$380 (6-7") - \$420 (8"+)	\$360 (6-7") - \$380 (8"+)
Western white pine	\$350 - \$425	\$390 - \$450
Western redcedar	\$1,100 - \$1,700	\$1,200 - \$1,700
Cedar poles	*\$2,200*	*\$2,300*
Pulp	\$20 - \$25+/ton	\$20/ton +/-
Tonwood	\$50/ton +/-	\$52/ton +/-

*Note: These figures represent prices paid by competitive domestic facilities in the Inland Northwest, and are based on average-sized logs and standard log lengths - usually 16'6" and 33'. MBF = Thousand Board Feet. Please note that the higher prices may reflect prices only paid in select locations within the Inland Northwest. \*Pole value varies widely depending upon length. Market information as of October 21, 2021*

In spite of the roller-coaster lumber market over the last six months, most log prices have only experienced modest adjustments. Sawmill inventories are now building following the wildfire season slowdown. Regarding wildfires, substantial burned timber deliveries to mills are anticipated, which will inhibit log prices from moving higher.

*by Mike Wolcott, ACF, Certified Forester*

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# THE BOARD WALK: AUG, SEPT, OCT

## August 10, 2021

◆ **NRCS Local Work Groups:** Aubrie Hoxie, Kootenai-Shoshone District Conservationist, announced that the Local Work Group “Team 2” meeting, (Kootenai, Shoshone, and Benevah) is scheduled for November 4, 2021. The “Team 1” (Bonner, Boundary) meeting was scheduled for October 28, 2021. Project applications for the 2021-2022 term mainly addressed cropland, stream-bank, and forestry resource concerns. Forestry projects that were approved for funding involved thinnings slash projects, and fuel breaks. Some funding is available for “wildfire recovery”, and landowners who are interested in this program should contact their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office.

◆ **Farnsworth Enchanted Forest Trails Project:** Member Kirk David attended the August meeting of the 9B Trails group and discussed the locations of the signs which will inform visitors to the Enchanted Forest near Bonners Ferry about these trails and the Farnsworth Family Legacy. These forestry educational interpretive signs are a project funded by the IFOA-Education Foundation. Kirk and Madeline David also hiked the trails and took photographs for use at the various sites where forestry interpretive signs will be placed.

## September 14, 2021

◆ **Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Smoke Rule Update:** Mark Boyle, Smoke Management Supervisor for the DEQ, reported that, in response to comments received during their last Rule-Making meeting, work has been done to explore the possibility of combining the DEQ Smoke Rule with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) rules that govern smoke. The goal is to develop a simplified Smoke Rule that addresses the burning of slash by all private, governmental, and commercial entities, as well as an efficient system of notification when weather conditions are right for burning. Progress has been slowed by the extremely active fire season but a meeting between IDL and DEQ is tentatively scheduled for November.

◆ **Bonner County Forest Property Tax:** Recently hired Bonner County Forester Craig Savidge has been tasked with reviewing the County’s Timberland Tax Category Program and assessing the level of landowner compliance with the Program’s requirements. After meeting with several IFOA representatives Savidge agreed to accept, with a few added stipulations, the “One Plan” forestry plan that is used in Kootenai County and elsewhere. Periodic reviews of all forestry plans may also be required as well as updates after any harvest activities.

## October 12, 2021

◆ **Technical Committee Report:** Chair Paul Turcott reported that Phase 1 of the IFOA Website Update project has been completed. EVP Newsam Banks reported that expenses for this portion of the project came in under-budget and three new memberships have been received through the new website in the past month. Phase 2 of this project will include the addition of the ability to register via the website for IFOA events such as the Forest Owners Field Day.

◆ **Scattered Lands Project:** Adrienne Morrow of the IDL reported that this Blanchard-area project, which aims to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire on federal or state as well as private land, is moving forward. The project has recently received NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) approval. Contracts are being put together for the surveying needed to define the many parcels of land involved in this project. IDL, the Bonner County Office of Emergency Management, and NRCS have put together a strategy to encourage participation by landowners whose property is adjacent to the USFS lands. The Scattered Lands project focused on the Horn Mountain area, planned for 2022-2023, is also making progress. Public meetings are being held and easements are being developed. *by Marianna J. Groth, IFOA Secretary*

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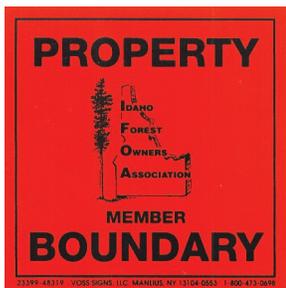
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