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"Who so walketh in solitude, 
and inhabiteh the wood, 
Choosing light, wave, rock and bird, 
Before the money-loving herd, 
Into that shall pass, 
From these companions, 
power and grace."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
When I was growing up, he used to gauge my height against the buttons on his Pendelton, plaid shirts. Although I’ve long since passed the top button, my grandfather continues to check on my progress. He questions me about foreign log exports and other current resource related events and continually updates my dendrology knowledge by answering my questions with the appropriate Latin taxonomy.

The forestry profession has changed since my grandfather, Burton Edwards, graduated from the University of Montana in 1942, but the basic science principles are unchanged. During his time at UM, Burt was active with the Forestry Club, the Foresters Ball, the Riffle Club and the Druids.

After graduation, Burt worked as a Park Ranger in Glacier National Park, served in WWII and returned to open a small business in urban forestry. He then came full circle, and began teaching at California technical college during the school year and worked again as a Park Ranger in Glacier during the summers.

My grandfather has had a significant influence on my career path. He fostered my love for the outdoors when I was young and has since provided me with incentive to succeed at his Alma Mater. I would like to dedicate this issue of the Forestry Kaimin to Burton Edwards as a way of thanking him for all of his love and support.

Kearstin K. Edwards
The 1995-96 academic year was another outstanding one for the School of Forestry and its students and faculty. There are so many highlights only a few can be captured here.

For the second year in a row the student population was about 1000, nearly 9% of the UM student body. It is a vital group, preparing to be the leaders in natural resource management as we enter the 21st Century. One of the many highlights was the outstanding 79th Foresters' Ball. This was a very well planned and fun event. The set was superb and the good time better than that. The SAF Student Chapter was again awarded second place among all student chapters nationwide during the SAF Convention in Portland, Maine in October. And, to top everything off, the Grizzly’s won the national championship in football, bringing recognition to the whole campus.

Five new faculty joined the School during the year. Scott Mills brought new expertise to the wildlife biology program in population ecology, Bill Borrie joined the recreation management faculty adding depth in management and wilderness, Lloyd Queen has brought us to the leading edge in remote sensing, Norma Nickerson brought new ideas and energy to the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research and brought us a course in tourism fundamentals, and Jim Burchfield became the first full-time director of the Bolle Center for People and Forests and brought us his expertise in natural resource sociology.

Up the Blackfoot new things happened too. In April, ground was broken for both the Lubrecht Lodge, a 32 bed facility, and a new duplex of researcher apartments. Also, a second new log house was being put up to replace some of the “old” cabins in the camp area. Finally, planning proceeded to find better ways to use Lubrecht in education and research programming.

Finally, I note two areas of special recognition for the School. First, based upon our midterm self-study, SAF continued accreditation of the Forest Resources management curriculum through our normal ten-year term until 1999. Second, friends of the School have been generous in contributing scholarship and special project funds. Three new undergraduate scholarships were endowed during the year and money was made available to improve computer access for graduate students, as well as to support student attendance at professional meetings and other events.

The School of Forestry is a community of learners and scholars. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 1996 and look forward to their helping to lead the natural resource professions into the next century.

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DON'T MESS WITH THE PUSH
Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, it’s two o’clock on Sunday morning, and the 79th Annual Foresters’ Ball has drawn to a close. With the last few bars of “Goodnight, Irene” ringing in my ears, I somehow thought this was the perfect time to write to you. For so long we have worked on the Ball. Now that it’s over, my mind is flooded with an incessant tide of memories of the past year.

You know, back in September when I watched you guys drive away from the steps of Knowles Hall, I thought I had made a big mistake. Six hundred miles from home—what was I thinking? But time has had a way of proving me wrong. Somehow I knew I had to try this—that somewhere under these big Montana skies, dreams awaited for the chasing. I’m glad I stayed.

I guess one of the first times I felt at home was at the Fall Smoker. What a wild bunch of people! Before I could blink, we were piled into the back of pickups headed to only God knows where, just to be dumped out in the dark. Our only hope of survival was to follow a slightly tipsy leader who navigated our way through the woods at a full run. We finally found a bonfire so big I could never have imagined! But nothing could confirm more in my mind that this was a group like no other than when I heard the chant...Foresters once, foresters twice?? Somehow amongst the festivities there emerged a feeling of acceptance, and in a moment, I quietly realized this was going to be OK.

It seems like time flew after the Smoker. I turned around one day and realized I had a whole group of friends that cared what was going on and shared many of the same hopes I had. Every Wednesday night, as Christmas drew near, we met to cut paper for the blue snow dance at the Ball. Saturdays were usually filled with pole runs or donation gathering and Sundays were reserved for Can-can practice.

Now it’s Sunday morning after the Ball and I have to be at deconstruction in six hours. Though Schreiber Gym will be back to normal by Monday, the magic of the Ball will always live in my mind. As I stood on the second story track just minutes before the doors opened Friday night, I began to realize what this group of people was all about. The club was friendship, hard work, learning by doing and one heck of a party! It was amazing to see what this group could accomplish!

You know, someone told me that initiation begins in September and ends after the Ball. They couldn’t have been more right. There was just something about going through the Ball that seemed to unite the group. Mom and Dad, it’s been a bumpy road at times, but it’s been worth it. I’ve found a home in the club, and now I want to make sure it’s there for all those Forestry students yet to come. I guess with that, there’s only one thing left to say...

Foresters once, foresters twice! Holy jumpin’ Jesus Christ!
Flim flam, Good damn, who the hell are we?
Foresters, foresters, FORESTERS!!!

Love, Julie
Dear School of Forestry:

I am writing you this letter to tell you a little bit about my experience at this school. With one year of college under my belt from a small community college near Cody, Wyoming, I came to the University of Montana’s School of Forestry full of fears and uncertainty—fears from leaving what I was familiar with; family, friends, home and uncertainty of what to expect from the school.

These feelings were soon laid to rest by the helpful faculty and the open welcome of the other forestry students. I remember getting bombarded with fascinating information about tree names, tree physiology, and soils and some not so fascinating information about technical writing and statistics—which I have come to appreciate now. I remember meeting everybody in the Forestry Club at the Fall Smoker. The atmosphere at the Smoker created a sense of comradeship with the students, both old and new. The connections that I made at the smoker influenced me to help with the major event of the year—The Forester’s Ball. I worked on the ball when I could and I especially put my efforts into Ball week-- there was a great feeling of accomplishment when construction was completed in time. The event was one of the great experiences of my life.

Eventually, I found myself drifting away from the group although I felt they were always there for support and guidance for classes and work experience. I turned toward my classes, trying to figure out which aspect of forestry I wanted to go into. The professors were very helpful with this decision through their presentations and performances inside and outside of class.

Now I am ending my four-year college career with some excitement and a fairly firm grasp of the direction I want travel. I am looking for a forester or a silviculturist position with either a private group or with an agency, yet the fears and uncertainty have risen again. However, because of my college experiences, I know that wherever I go, I will be welcome as I take my place among the other resource management professionals. So I thank all those I have met and wish you the best of luck with your careers and lives.

Sincerely,
Robert Horner
To avoid tripping over one another and causing serious injury, club leaders are encouraged to wear steel-toed boots when working in the "office".
BACK ROW: Bill Sportsman, Bob Tardif, Pattie Boggs, Erin Bentley, Jon Propp, Katie Fisher, Doug Moore, Jeanne Bradley, Calvin Leithead, Tim Nesmith, John Tillotson, Jill Ballard, Michelle Strouse

MIDDLE ROW: Will Smith, Jen Nesmith, Lizzy B Foley, Fitzhugh Elder, Shelley Taylor, Elizabeth Lundkvist, Jen Canuso, Brian Pew, Timothy McManus

FRONT ROW: Sheila Kropp, Amy Hybner, Julie Morrison, Sidney Cain, Dave Valentine, Kearstin Edwards, Greg Allen
The Fall Smoker started off the first of the induction ceremonies for new students. They got to see what UM forestry was all about, by participating in the round-robin events organized by the various departments in the school, as well as learn from experts how NOT to walk through a fire (JF).

The next outing we made was up to the Bandy Ranch where we helped cut fire wood and fix some fence. Everyone enjoyed the lunch time break but those beans caught up with everyone about three hours later. The club’s fearless leader decided that picking 400 pounds of pine needles would be a good way to make some money for the club and so the work project began.....6 months later, at Winter Olympics, we completed the task.

Halloween Party. No comment!

I was told that Santa Claus made an appearance at the Christmas Party. Unfortunately I was busy studying until late and didn’t get to see Santa. Thank you to Jason Fairbanks for letting us abuse his house. Jason please apologize to your downstairs neighbor about the sagging roof he acquired. Jill Ballard received one of the most useful gifts, suction cup shoes. Unfortunately she wore them out at the Bow Room, hopefully Santa will bring another pair next year.

Jeanne Bradley and her side kick Ruger put on a heck of a show with the 79th Foresters Ball, regardless what the State Fire Marshal said. Special thanks go out to all the people who put in long hours. It is good to show the rest of the University what Foresters can really do.

Winter Olympics was held out at Lubrecht. The tradition of skitchin’ (riding the car hood being pulled by a speeding truck) continued. Tim Nesmith’s nose is looking much better now. The left over chili from the ball had it’s revenge on all who dare to take a bowl, the coyotes enjoyed the rest. I’m sure.

Lubrecht Days, Bob Steele Days, and Spring Dance are the up-coming events for the Forestry Club. Dave Valentine is the newly selected president and I am sure he will do a magnificent job presiding over future events.

Thanks to everyone who was in the club and participated this year. I will remember the club as been the best damn group of social degenerates I know. When I become an alumni, I want to be just like Garrett Grothen.

Best of luck to everyone in the future!

Calvin Leithead
FSA President

NOW WHERE ARE THE DIRECTIONS WRITTEN IN CANADIAN ON THIS THING?
The axe leaps!
The solid forest gives fluid utterances
They tumble forth, they rise and form
Hut, tent, landing, survey.
The shapes of the using of axes anyhow,
and the users and all that neighbors them,
Cutters down of wood and haulers of it to the
Penobscot or Kennebec.

WALT WHITMAN
"Song of the Broad Axe"
This year I was voted in as the Student Manager for Section 13, successor to Martin Balukas. As the new manager, I was challenged to complete an ongoing management plan that was started in the late 80’s. The project consists of two timber sale units and a road to access the units.

Last spring, Martin, Calvin Leithead, Paul Lenmark, Steve Regan, Dave Valentine, and Davin Jones helped me get the road right-of-way cleared so that Jeff Scholty’s crew could get started on the earth work. The road is now finished, minus a few minor details. Last fall we began logging the larger of the two stands and hope to have it completed by July of 1996. Money from this project helped to support the Ron Barger Memorial Endowment which sponsors scholarships for forestry students.

Next fall Calvin and I are planning to conduct a slash reduction project on the newly logged site. Weather and other influential factors permitting, we will follow up with some prescribed burning. Anyone interested in some hands-on experience is welcome to join us, we’re going to need a bunch of help to complete these projects!

John Tillotson
Section 13 Student Manager
The 1995-96 year proved to be a busy one for The Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. It all began in September with the annual Fall Smoker sponsored by the Forestry Students Association. Wildlifers outnumbered other majors nearly two to one! To keep the new folks moving, the Chapter sponsored a canoe trip to the Seeley-Swan country. In all, twelve people attended and all returned home safe, albeit a little damp.

During the fall semester we held eight meetings with wildlife professionals speaking at each. It turned out to be a very successful series. We learned more about the habits of animals that we treasure as part of Montana’s forest resources.

Our chapter also directed a letter writing campaign in support of the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative. Thanks go to Brenna Burns, and Deb Elwood for there dedicated help in seeing it successfully through. We initiated nearly 200 letters of support for the cause. Good job everyone!

Spring semester saw the chapter join forces with the Boone and Crockett Club to sponsor another series of speakers. These ex-faculty members provided us with laughs, remorse, and hope by telling us stories of the past. They discussed mistakes we have made, and ways we may fix what we have broken. On behalf of The Wildlife Society I wish to thank all the speakers for giving us their time and thoughtful insights.

We were unable to attend The Western Students Conclave and defend our animal behavior trophy this year. However, we sent a delegation of nine students to the Western Section meeting which was held in Banff, Alberta. All that attended made many contacts, gained much knowledge and even drank a few cold ones with the hospitable hosts. If budget and scheduling allows we would like to make this a annual event.

This spring we must still complete the changing of the guard and induct new officers. Their first official duty will be to hold the annual beast feast. We will be going to Bandy Ranch for the annual spring bird count and hope to have a fund raiser at the woodsman team meet at the end of April. Cheers to the new officers, may their year be as busy this one. Have a terrific summer, see you next year.

Chad Fealko,
TWS President
1995-96 has been a busy school year for the Montana Druids. We have been working to insure our survival and to sharpen the focus of our organization. Druids was founded in 1923 as a preferred alternative to a national honorary forestry fraternity, Xi Sigma Phi. Organized by Seniors and the Forestry Dean, the Druids' primary function was to provide service to the school, and to foster closer relationships among the students and faculty.

Druids members include undergrad and graduate students, and faculty members who have been in the Forestry School for at least two semesters. Members represent all the Forestry School's disciplines and are invited to become Druids based on observed leadership abilities and citizenship. Undergraduates must also meet certain scholastic standards, and all members must have a desire to "render service" without expecting compensation in return.

Presently, our concentration has been to influence the quality of education in the Forestry School. Many students have been dissatisfied with the faculty evaluation process. Druids have worked to install a student on the evaluation committee and it is now possible for better student input into this procedure. Other efforts include presenting a Professor of the Year Award at the annual Awards banquet and working on the search committees who select new professors. Members also work in many capacities which are not visibly recognize to improve the school and its academic standards in small ways.

I have had the good fortune of working with a group of people who are truly dedicated to selfless service. Druids members are excited about serving the School are willing to work hard to accomplish things that can make a difference in the future of the University of Montana's Forestry School.

Verna O'Larey
President

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BACK ROW: Glen Koepke (local chapter rep.) Jay Cole, Jason Fairbanks, Brian Pew

MIDDLE ROW: Tim Nesmith, Greg Allen, Tim Kuhn, Fitzhugh Elder, Ryan Anderson, Lisa Malory, Brian Peura, Will Smith, Shelley Taylor

FRONT ROW: Calvin Leithead, Kaycee Bridger, Katie Fisher, Julie Morrison, Melissa Boyd
(Kearstin Edwards-member and photographer)
This has been a great year for the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Work projects, outreach and rising membership were the norm for this past year.

One of our largest projects was organizing a daylong “Walk in the Woods” for 150, fifth grade students from Hellgate Elementary. We taught the students principles of ecology, dendrology, mensuration, and cartography. We also worked digging ditches, picking pine needles, and burning slash piles to raise funds for the group. Because of these projects and support from the local and national SAF chapters, we were able to send six students to the National Convention in Portland, Maine.

At the convention, the University of Montana was nominated to be the host school for the 1996 National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The student chapter is looking forward to putting on a great show for all the students next November.

All in all, it has been a great year for the student chapter and hopefully, this trend will continue for years to come!

Fitzhugh Elder
SAF Chair

SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION
PORTLAND, MAINE

Six of us packed our Viking suits, logger boots and resumes and headed off to the national convention in Portland, Maine to learn a little about eastern forestry.

The University of Maine was in charge of keeping the student contingent busy, and with over 100 student participants, they had their hands full. They took us on a tour of family owned private industry lands, introduced us to Eastern Whitepines, Portland nightlife, and Mainer accents. In addition, we spent some time at round table discussion, sharing student chapter activities, fundraising ideas and membership recruitment tactics. It was a great opportunity to meet with students from across the US and compare our educations and form new friendships.

Of course we didn’t spend all of our time with just students, there were lectures, workshops and group tours to attend. We learned about Russian forestry practices, the eastern harvesting techniques, and numerous other topics.

We took the opportunity to socialize more with professionals during the Alumni mixer, and Halloween Ball. Always ready to jump at a job opportunity if it might arise.

Other highlights included taking third place in the Quiz Bowl Event and receiving recognition as the second most active student chapter in the US, a title we plan to improve upon next year! Look out Albuquerque, here we come!
The Student Recreation Association is a student organization in the Recreation Management department, whose purpose is to promote professional development for its members.

This year we've had guest speakers, such as Ralph Swain from the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center and Joe Kipphut from the Lolo National Forest, come in and talk to us about various recreation issues. We cooperated on a work project with the Forest Service to help relocate and rejuvenate portions of the golf course at Blue Mountain recreation area. Our biggest project has been getting the Leave No Trace (LNT) ethics and skills classes organized. We have coordinated nine overnight trips to help participants practice LNT skills. While it was a huge success, we are looking forward to next year's adventures being even better!

Somewhere in between busy schedules and life beyond school, we managed to have a little fun too. We rafted the Alberton Gorge in late September, played intramural volleyball and softball, cross-country skied into the Anaconda-Pintlar Wilderness, and got in some orienteering training from our newest faculty member, Dr. Bill Borrie. Even though I will not be around next year because that light at the end of the tunnel has become an oncoming train, I hope everyone will take advantage of all the good things going on in the rec club.

Michael Meehan
SRA President

Pictured: Greg Miller, Josh Chromick, Mike Meehan, Tinella Bustam, Eric Anderson

Not Pictured: Steve B. Kami Burns, Jaimie Berry, Darren Clumpner, Amy Burgess, Shannon Reeley, Keith Carter, Carsten McCarter, Ryan Robinson
The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation/Education Program was started in 1981 by Professor Joel Meier. It is made up of upper level students majoring in Recreation Program Services. The first eleven weeks of the program are spent on campus discussing leadership and wilderness issues. The remainder of the program is spent gaining field experience by volunteering for federal land management agencies. During this time, students live together in a camplike atmosphere that facilitates interaction and analysis of group dynamics.

In the past few years, C.O.R.E. students have been involved in promoting and programming the Missoula Bike/Walk Week and the Montana “Race to the Sky” dog sled race. After fifteen years of valuable programming experience, the School of Forestry is phasing out the Recreation Program Services emphasis to expand the curriculum in the Resource Management emphasis. C.O.R.E. will be missed!
Well, seeing how it is so early in the spring, the Woodsmen’s Team’s Logger Sports season is just getting underway.

Last year the Team won all but one meet, and this past fall the Team took first place at the Colorado State University Fall Festival. We have about 5 returnees on the Team this year and about 10 rookies; pretty green, but good, fun loving, hard practicing folks. I guess what I’m trying to say is; I’m not sure how we’ll do this year, but we’ll sure have fun!

We are traveling to Humboldt State University at the end of March for the AWFC Conclave. We have our fingers crossed that it won’t rain on us the entire time! It sounds like they have planned lots of interesting activities for us; the beach party, the big logger sized dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse, visits to Redwood State Park, a harbor Cruise, and the Awards Banquet. (Oh!, and of course all the educational stuff). Can’t wait to see those big trees!

This year we have put a lot of effort into the new competition grounds at Fort Missoula. It is not quite finished at this time, what we have right now is a huge, fenced mudpit. Sooo... we are in the process of fixing that,.... I sure hope the “gravel layer covered with a hog-fuel” idea works. If we ever get power out there we can fire up that pump and fill our new cement pond. Currently, alumni Scott Kuehn is on the “get the power hooked up” detail. We do have a nice shed out there to store our equipment and once the mud problem is solved, I can get all that stuff out of my garage!

I guess that’s all, wish us luck this year and in the future!

Michelle Strouse,
Team Captain
BACK ROW: Garrett Grothen, Greg Allen, Mike Harrison, Brian Pew, Doug Moore, Ann Nutt, Bob Tardif, Tim Nesmith, Kearstin Edwards

FRONT ROW: Michelle Strouse, Jeanne Bradley, Pattie Boggs, Katie Fisher, Kaycee Bridger, Melissa Squire

TEAM MASCOT: Ruger

"THIS IS THE EASY PART"

SAFETY FIRST: THE GREENHORNS WITH SHARP TOYS
After taking the fall semester off, the Forestry Graduate Student Organization (FGSO) roared into spring semester with renewed enthusiasm and energy. Dee Casey led the efforts to create a Brown Bag Lunch Forum, a setting for forestry graduate students and faculty to gather and discuss; research projects, current events, experimental design, and other topics.

The Brown Bag Lunch Forum is scheduled to occur every Friday at noon in SC 437. At the first forum Alan McQuillan discussed his impressions of the American Forest Congress meeting held recently in Washington D.C. A list of future discussion topics will be posted.

The FGSO has been working closely with Dean Brown and Scott Purl in creating a computer lab for graduate students in the School of Forestry. Thanks to the Dean, there will soon be a lab for graduate students to conduct the quality research this university is known for.

The FGSO is committed to serving as the voice for graduate students in the School of Forestry. This includes attending the campus wide Graduate Student Association meetings in addition to facilitating communication within the Forestry School.

For further information regarding any of our activities contact either Dee Casey or Charlie Sperry in person or via E mail.

Charlie Sperry
NOTABLE EVENTS
On July 27, 1995 Congress passed Public Law 104-19, the Emergency Salvage Timber Sale Program (Rider to the Rescission Act). The purpose of the bill was to "Prepare, advertise, offer, and award contracts during the emergency period for salvage timber sales from federal lands...The Secretary concerned is to achieve, to the maximum extent feasible, a salvage timber sale volume level above the programmed level to reduce the backlogged volume of salvage timber." Congress defined the "emergency period" to be from the date of passage through September 30, 1997. The act allowed the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to use "expedited procedures" to accomplish the harvests while also meeting the requirements of MUSY, ESA, RPA, NFMA, and "all other applicable federal environmental and natural resource laws...except those prohibited by PL 104-19". Prohibitions include injunctions against harvesting activities and against administrative review. Additionally, the period for judicial review is limited to 15 days following the initial advertisement of the sale. Uncomfortable with the lack of an appeals process, President Clinton entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Forest Supervisors. 1) Ensure that salvage sale projects meet environmental laws and forest plans and objectives. 2) Ensure timeliness in implementing salvage projects. 3) Increase the volume of salvage wood offered by national forests. 4) Demonstrate that Region One can run a comprehensive timber sale program.

The law has been met with resistance from special interest groups who see this as an opportunity for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to move ahead with environmentally dangerous or damaging sales without incorporating public input. However, public input is required by the federal laws guiding the salvage program and has been encouraged by the Secretaries in their Memorandum of Agreement with President Clinton. It is only appeals that are prohibited by the law.

Originally, the appeals process was an important and functional part of the procedure of selling timber. Recently it has been used to stop most every sale regardless of the actual or perceived danger of sale activities. What was once a productive avenue for social input has become a hinderance. Salvageable timber needs to be removed promptly to retain merchantable value, delays from appeals do not allow that to occur.

However, the elimination of appeals is ultimately leading to the demise of the Salvage Bill. What is it that makes the appeals process such a point of contention? Have past sale programs been so poor that the public feels the need to guide all harvest activities? Or, is the public just feeling left out of the decision process? Whatever the reason, it is obvious that public involvement is a key ingredient in resource management.

It is debatable what the "right" amount of dead and down material should be in our forests. Too much fuel...and fires burn hot, sterilizing the soil, volatizing nutrients, and consuming areas larger that they normally would. Too little fuel can lead to concerns about water quality, aquatic habitat, nutrient cycling, and terrestrial wildlife. Certainly the fires during the summer of 94 were, at least partially, a result of our fire suppression over the last 100 years and an indication that there is excessive dead and down wood in certain forests. Removal of this material is important to reduce fire hazard and provide the lumber that society demands. Protecting the environment and supplying products from our forests are primary goals for resource managers.

Possibly, the Salvage Bill will be the catalyst for change. It may consolidate resource management laws into one dynamic set of rules. These rules will allow the departments to be managed with more consideration of today's societal values, and not those of 1897, 1950, 1969, 1973...or, the adoption of collaborative planning that may lead to fewer delays in timber harvests and a higher degree of satisfaction with department activities. As the next generation of resource managers, we must be instrumental in guiding and implementing the changes in resource law so that they meet forest health objectives and satisfy public demand.

Duncan Lutes
Sr. Forest Resource Management
WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, DO YOU THINK THE SALVAGE BILL WILL HAVE ON FOREST HEALTH?

If it is implemented to the full extent, in every case, more damage will be done than good. On the other hand, if individual stands are considered as individual stands with their own wildlife and nutrient needs, damage to individual stands will be minimal.

Sandy Olson  
SR. WBIO

If harvest treatments conducted under the salvage sale program are in compliance with environmental laws and are designed to fulfill objectives relating to the restoration of native ecosystems, then the salvage bill has great possibilities to influence the health of our forests on a large scale.

Nathan Amo  
SR. FOR.

The Salvage Bill is an innovative and powerful piece of legislation that will improve forest health. By removing the lengthy appeals process, unhealthy timber subject to insects, diseases, fire, and windthrow can be harvested in an expeditious manner. The Salvage law will enable forest managers to remove unhealthy trees quickly for product utilization while simultaneously preventing the spread of insects diseases and fire into healthy neighboring forests.

Tammi Reschke  
SR. FOR.

Forest health is a set of conditions about what a forest should be, depending upon the telos of the group concerned with it, thus it is a political and managerial (administrative) term; politics and management assign it meaning. Watching the discourse around forest health evolve is interesting.

Rick Freeman  
FOR. P.H.D. STUDENT

The primary intent of the Salvage Bill is to recover a deteriorating resource while it still has value for products. However, salvage cutting is a tactical or "reactive" activity occurring after the damage has been done. Chronic forest health problems are better addressed strategically with proactive silvicultural cutting and prescribed burning treatments aimed at preventing problems before they occur or become acute (a forest health bill, perhaps?)

Carl Fiedler
Well, it's that time of year again. Kearstin (the Forest Empress) Edwards is breathing down my neck to get this article written. So I am asking for help...yes from you the reader. It is not that I cannot remember the Fall Smoker, only that through time, I have forgotten many details that would spice up this article. So if I misquote anyone, bring up a situation that happened but shouldn't be mentioned, or I don't write this in the order that things happened, forgive me.

The Annual Fall Smoker was once again held at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. The selling feature this year was the FIRE. For those who were not in attendance, last year's Smoker was fireless due to a very dry summer.

The gang of incoming students were transported to Lubrecht by bus and given various tours and explanations of logging practices on some nearby Plum Creek land. I was not along, so I cannot give details on what one might have learned, if one was paying attention. Joey a saw demonstration and discussed his profession as a Timber Beast for Columbia Helicopters. The woodsmen's team gave a presentation on how to flail a sharp, 7 foot, cross-cut saw through a piece of wood. Club President, Calvin Leithhead, showed us his form and grace, while chipping tooth from his illustrious mouth. “Anybody want to try their hand at this?” he asked, giving the audience a rag-a-tag smile after finishing his cut. Then we marched the new cadets in double time...oh yeah this isn't ROTC (but who would know that) over to a small saw mill powered by a Volkswagen car engine. Who, but a forester would try to start a car with a rope attached to the flywheel? We all took turns trying to start the damn thing...”Anyone know how to swear in German?” Finally the engine sputtered to life and Steve Regan and I cut a few boards out of a log for demonstration. Then on to lunch.

The next thing I can remember is the real reason people go to the smoker- to see John Fiddler's slide show and eat ice cream. Ice Cream...yeah, for those who know what I am talking about...keep it to yourselves. After the slide show, the freshman ran to where the night's activities would be held. As they came running in, mind you this is in the dark, the fire was burning bright. A word to the wise, and please mention this to the kids next year...TAKE YOUR WALLET OUT of YOUR PANTS. If I recall correctly, some kid from NEW YORK lost his wallet for awhile. It seems that new kids can scout out a brew even if they don't know a damn thing about the college system. I am willing to bet they couldn't do the same thing with the first class they tried to find...even in the daylight.

Well, the party was in full swing when we were visited by some neighboring Potomac fellows. It seemed that they wanted to join the celebration. Things were a little tense for a moment, but eventually things were settled and the party resumed. For those who were around to witness the discerning and virtuous Fidler Fire Walking demo, you were up too late. I had long since been put to bed, but the story and the scars of the previous night's exploits were abundant.

The morning after the party...Oh my head...John Tillotson and crew woke every one up with the screams of a chain saw revile. Students, new and old, stumbled to the mess hall where various Professors, bright eyed and bushy tailed, cooked a breakfast of belly bombs and horse blankets... A.K.A. sausage and pancakes. No disrespect intended, but they should stick to teaching.

Oh yeah...i just remembered... Kearstin and I went back to the bonfire sight to pick up trash as well as two crazy kids from the great state of New Jersey (never mind the medical waste on the beaches), who wanted to rough a Montana night alone, by the fire. We failed to tell them about the black bear we scared away from a cow carcass laying not 300 yards from where they slept. Oh, the plight of the neophytes-Jen and Brian, glad you two are still with us.

Meanwhile back at the ranch...the Fire God, Ron Wakamoto, fell into action and torched off untold acres of virgin timber. He both explained and demonstrated the virtues of fire management and burn control. This concludes my time at Lubrecht, as I had to go home to start some kind of writing project to appease a high and mighty Professor of the English Department. I have left blank lines following this discourse, so those who deem it necessary can record events that I failed to mention.

Dave Valentine
EATIN'

THINKIN'

PLAYIN'

FEELIN'

WHOOHOO!
HALLOWEEN

"E" IS FOR what???

HOWWWDEEEE!

UM, DRESSED FOR SUCCESS NATIONAL SAF CONFERENCE

THE NC MOOSE
Man and woman; Earth and Moon; Christmas and Olympia Beer.....throughout history these classic associations have been constants to be counted on in our rapidly changing world, and the 1995 Forester's Christmas party was no exception.

Despite a misplaced beard, Santa Calvin graced us with his full glory, giving presents and commentary to everyone, good folks and bad. Of course, the most intriguing gifts definitely went to those who might be termed “bad” girls and boys, but the Moose Drool was by far the best gift of all. Slightly thicker than the usual grog consumed by Foresters, it acted as Emergency backup in the unfortunate event that the Oly ran dry.

But all in all, it was better than a swift kick to the head with a frozen mukluk.

Music and mayhem were the rule that cold, snowy evening, with Fidler firmly in control of the stereo system....actually on second thought Fidler wasn’t firmly in control of anything at all. But that is neither here nor there. The music was loud and primarily country, the cheer was flowing and the dancing was sweaty. By the time Santa got back to the North Pole, he had new beard of fake snow, and a pounding in his brain. All sure signs of a great Christmas party! HAPPY NEW YEAR

Steen
PT CORKS

TOOLS!

HO! HO! WOW!

POLITICALLY CORRECT EVENINGWEAR
79th ANNUAL FORESTERS BALL

From RIGGIN SHACKS TO TIMBERJACKS
The 79th Foresters' Ball was a year to bring back old traditions and a to start a few new ones.

Wooden Tickets - A tradition that hadn’t been done since the 62th Foresters’ Ball. These gave everyone a great memento for their gray hair, rocking chair days. The tickets were a great group effort by students, alumni and faculty, Great Job!!

The Passion Pit - not a favorite building of the administration’s, but the students seem to enjoy the tradition. It fit under the “killer” slide with some private stalls dedicated to “fearless leaders”. This year the passion pit was a great success, under the watchful eye of Louy, our favorite university security officer. The most remarkable thing is, I never heard one compliment from the administration and I received a lot of “thank yous” from the students even after the ball.

Paul Bunyan - John’s great idea and very BIG headache. I would be lying if I said it want up without a problem. Thanks to the labor crew and some very dedicated students, the 30ft Paul stood in the air all week. Paul hasn’t welcomed people on the bridge for four years.

“From Riggin’ Shacks to Timberjacks”, the Foresters’ Ball theme once again tied into forestry without using the three line, rhyme scheme. Thank God. The committee, made up of only three forestry majors, managed to reemphasize the Ball’s beginning roots in Forestry.

High tech. moosenappers started a new tradition when they introduced Bertha to the internet. Most of the resource students don’t know how to run the internet, but our mascot had a first hoof experience surfing the net. Hopefully, in the future, we won’t have to cut the lock to free her from the science complex elevator. F.A.R.T. (Foresters Armed Response Team) did a great job in scaring the nappers who didn’t show their faces and gave up on the ransom. Ball Week - Oh my god what a week! - I could write a book about that week but Kearstin only give me a page.

Sunday’s tracks, what a great time! Thanks to one forester, the Push had a “great time” riding around in a Missoula Police car. For future reference, don’t call a police officer an ‘asshole’ it will save the next Push a lot of headaches. We were unable to decorate the law school after tracks due to a disagreement with the law dean about what constitutes joke. With all the lawyer jokes in the world, you would think they would be used to a little grief by now.

Monday - Boondocker’s Day and Convocation. The Woodsmens’ team put on a very good show outside the forestry school, complete with competitions in both axe and cow-chip throwing. Convo, as usual, was great fun. Club members all had their moments of glory on stage. Calvin introduced the Ball Queen candidates to his pet roadkill rabbit while Dave paraded around in a purple dress. It was impossible to know what was going to happen next.

Construction began on Tuesday. Thanks to a great afford from the young pups assisted by the helpful old timers, construction was completed about 5 minutes before 8p.m. on Friday. Two minute short of the fastest construction time, but it may be a record since we started a hour later to allow for “important aerobic classes” on Tuesday evening. Friday and Saturday night didn’t go without an injury or two, but with the one of the largest alumni and student attendance in years, it was a GREAT time!

Last thing, I want to Thank everyone who put time in to make the 79th Foresters’ Ball a wonderful success. This year I got a lot of compliments that I didn’t deserve. I wouldn’t have accomplished anything without my committee and the support and assistance from the students and alumni.

I wish the best of Luck to John and his crew on the 80th Foresters’ Ball.

Jeanne Bradley,
Chief Push 79th Foresters’ Ball
POLE RUN

A HEALTHY FORESTERS LUNCH

CHILEAN EXCHANGE

MINE IS "LONGER" THAN YOURS

DESTRUCTO MAN
GUESTS OF HONOR

JAN MATHIS
NANCY SHUCK
JIM RICHARDS
PAT MURPHY
SHARON MORAN
OFFICE ASSISTANTS

This year’s Guests of Honor have been chosen in acknowledgment of all they do for the School of Forestry and its students. For the last few years, students have been cheerfully greeted by either Jan or Nancy as they enter the office. In the presence of the “never ending candy basket” Jan, our receptionist, will answer your questions or direct you to a person who can. Nancy, the secretary to the Dean, keeps an eye on the front desk when Jan is away and among other things, is in charge of the Alumni Newsletter. Jim, the administrative aide, works on many things, only one of which is keeping all the forestry students’ files in order and advisors assigned. During peer-advising, Jan, Jim and Nancy were constantly bombarded by students and advisors needing one thing or another.

Sharon and Pat were two well-loved secretaries for the School of Forestry in the past. Despite the fact that they no longer reside in Missoula or work at the School, students still remember them and the things they accomplished while they were here.

The office workers at the School of Forestry go above and beyond the call of duty and are always there when needed. It is difficult to put into words just how much these people do for us and how much their work is appreciated. On behalf of all the students in Forestry, we honor them and ask them to attend the Ball with their families as our distinguished guests.
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THANK YOU!
Despite prolonged periods of procrastination and incremental progress, the Forestry Kaimin in once again completed and I think it fairly represents the activities of the last year.

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this beast, especially those who stayed up till the early morning hours, working to finish in time for my deadline. I promise to resume my calm, even tempered, facade as soon as this passes to the printers!

They say the third time is a charm, so perhaps this is the best compilation that I've put together so far. The learning curve was somewhat shortened and I hope I can pass on some of this technological knowledge to Julie and Shelley, next year's editors. GOOD LUCK!

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