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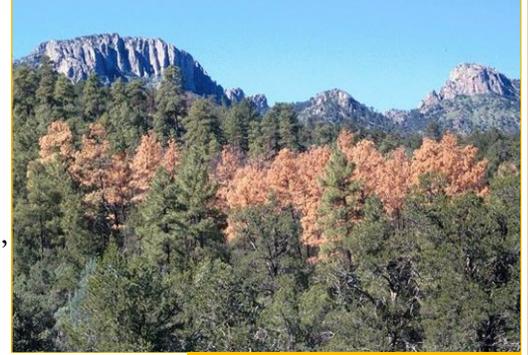
BENEVAH COUNTY FARM BUREAU® NEWSLETTER

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COUNTIES IN CRISIS

On Wed., Sept. 24th 2014, Shoshone County presented a forum of distinguished speakers on the topic of federal vs. local control of our forests. Speakers of varied backgrounds documented the slow but inevitable demise of our logging communities. The catastrophic loss of our individual, local, and state property rights have brought us to where we are now... "Counties in Crisis."



Ponderosa pines killed by western pine beetle.

The sociological, educational and legislative history of our logging industry describes the past and present health of our state. When our generational logging industry began to fail, so did the financial and moral integrity of our state begin its downward spiral. The rural nature of Idaho attracted intact, hardworking family units. Generations of tight knit logging families sustained themselves with pride and community cohesiveness. Strong families reaped financial security. Creative entrepreneurs attracted more industry and a growing tax base for schools. Private life was good; Idaho and her families prospered.

Meanwhile, back in Washington D.C., our state wealth became thought of as a federal necessity and a permanent source of revenue. Slowly, and unperceptively to most, our state legislators gave into the demands and handouts of the federal government. Before the people of Idaho realized it we had not only lost many of our generational logging skills and private forests, but the moral ethics of hard work that went along with those families. Today, futile attempts to sustain towns with tourist industry have largely failed. Along with the mining and forestry, even the tourist industry has been restricted by increased government law and regulation.

And how did we the people get to this point where it's "not without a fight?" Quite simply, we failed to educate ourselves as to our unalienable right to property. Therefore, as an uneducated electorate, we are on the verge of losing our sustainable lifestyle and therefore our liberty. Let your legislature know that we the people are awake. We are ready to defend our freedom with our words and, if necessary, with our lives. Encourage us, educate us by example. But most of all, pray we all once again become a God-fearing productive nation.

Rachael Johnson,
Farmer and Write-In Candidate for County Commissioner District 1

BENEVAH COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING!

Date: **Saturday November 1st**

Time: **6:00pm**

Where: **Assembly of God Church**

Invited Speaker: **Wayne Hoffman**

RSVP By: **Oct. 27th (245-5568)**

Let us know if you want a white pine seedling when you RSVP.

WHO IS WAYNE HOFFMAN?

He is one of Idaho's leading experts on public policy, the Idaho Legislature and the practice of journalism. Hoffman has spent 25 years writing about government and politicians. He writes a weekly column and is often invited to speak on complex issues.

Wayne has won numerous awards for his journalism work. During his years of covering the state legislature, Wayne often exposed government waste, failed government programs and politicians whose voting records were inconsistent with their rhetoric. Wayne has been at the helm of Idaho Freedom Foundation since the organization launched in January 2009.

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**LATAH COUNTY FARM BUREAU HOSTS
MARKETING SEMINAR**

Clark Johnston from JC Management in Ogden Utah was invited to speak March 6 at the Farm Bureau office in Moscow on grain marketing and the new GrainBridge program offered to Farm Bureau members. About 18 growers attended the marketing seminar. Mr. Johnston started off by talking briefly about the grain markets and where they are presently, and then gave an overview of some tools available to farmers in marketing their grain. "Basis is a good indicator of the local market" says Clark and understanding basis is crucial to knowing when to hold and sell grain. Clark said growers should be tracking basis weekly. Clark also covered other marketing tools such as hedging, call options, put options, and hedge to arrive contracts.

After the marketing seminar concluded, Clark spent an hour or so talking about the new GrainBridge program that Farm Bureau is offering its members to help them grow their farm operations and get better



organized as a business. "This program is an excellent way for farmers to create marketing plans that provide both break even and profit targets" says Clark. The program is designed to help growers manage their whole farm business; every component of the farm business can be managed by this program. Growers can create personal crop plans on a whole farm basis or even field-by-field. Plans can be built for multiple years with crop insurance, break-even analysis and profit targets incorporated. The program can be used to monitor all components of risk management. "The program is an excellent farm management/marketing tool" says Clark "and best of all it is **free** to Farm Bureau members." A livestock option has also been added to GrainBridge.

Bob Smathers

FB Federation Regional Manager

CODE OF THE NEW WEST BROCHURES

It is expected that the new brochures will finally come out in November! Please watch for them in our local County Farm Bureau, relator, and other business offices around town. A big thanks to everyone who has contributed.

The brochures are the condensed version of our CotNW document. You can find our most recent full version as well as a video about the Code on our website. Please come and share your comments!
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