

IDAHO MASTER FOREST STEWARDS TRAINING

Forestry Shortcourse (18 hrs.)

Thinning & Pruning Field Day (6 hrs.)

Forest Insect & Disease Field Day (6 hrs.)

Measuring Your Trees (6 hrs.)

IMFS Core 1: Welcome to the Idaho Master Forest Stewards Program (7 hrs.)

IMFS Core 2: How Adults Learn & Forest Plant Identification (7 hrs.)

IMFS Core 3: Becoming a Volunteer Forestry Educator & Forest Stream Ecology (7 hrs.)

IMFS Core 4: Family Forestry Leadership (7 hrs.)

Case Study Credits: (3 hrs.) Two-page case study on a day spent with a natural resource professional

Elective credits: Non-required UI Extension programs, or other educational activities (7 hrs.)

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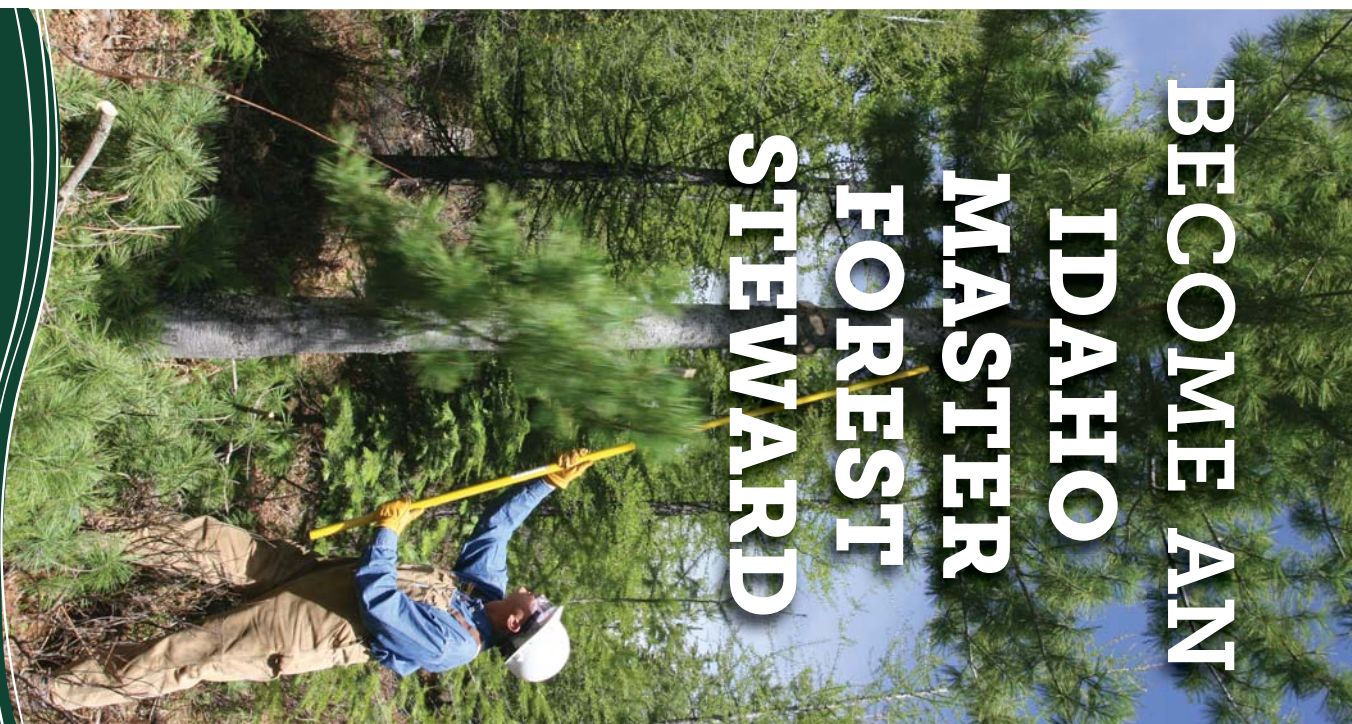


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BECOME A MASTER FOREST STEWARD

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The Idaho Master Forest Stewards (IMFS) program is a certified volunteer program and peer to peer learning community that provides educational assistance to help forest owners and others learn more about Idaho forestry.

TRAINING

Idaho Master Forest Stewards complete over 70 hours of training (see back), including selected University of Idaho Extension programs held annually and four “IMFS core sessions” held from spring through fall at diverse forested sites. After completing training, Idaho Master Forest Stewards join a community of peers who continue learning about Idaho forests and forestry.



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VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Idaho Master Forest Stewards function as UI Extension volunteers, similar to Master Gardeners. After certification, they provide at least 70 hours of volunteer service.

Possible activities include:

- outreach to individual forest owners;
- helping with UI Extension forestry workshops and field days;
- helping with forest owner associations;
- teaching youth about forests;
- forest-related community service projects;
- writing newsletters or newspaper articles on forestry; and
- working with UI Extension and partner agencies to guide efforts for forest owners.

Many Idahoans volunteer for such activities already. This program provides more knowledge, skills, support and confidence in those efforts.

TO APPLY . . .

The Idaho Master Forest Stewards program gives participants valuable learning experiences and the means of making a meaningful impact on Idaho forests.

To obtain an IMFS application, or for questions, contact us via e-mail (kootenai@uidaho.edu) phone (208-292-2525) or go to the IMFS web site: (<https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry/panhandle/programs/master-stewards>)

When 10 applications are received, we schedule IMFS core sessions the next year. Meanwhile, applicants can complete IMFS-required UI Extension classes offered every year.

Up to 20 people are accepted into each IMFS training cohort. After core sessions are scheduled a \$40 registration fee helps off-set program costs.

The IMFS program is an Idaho Forest Stewardship Program, co-sponsored by University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Department of Lands, and the USDA Forest Service.