

University of Idaho
College of Natural Resources
Nursery Advisory Committee

CHARTER

The Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery (herein the Nursery), a component of the Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research within the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho, represents an area of emphasis in which the College expects to excel. The College is unique among natural resource schools in having an operational nursery for student training, faculty and student research, and public service. The Pitkin Forest Nursery has received a regional and national reputation for the quality of seedlings produced, graduates and students trained through the program, and research outputs. The Pitkin Forest Nursery is a living laboratory for continuous exploration and product refinement concurrent with the University of Idaho's mission: teaching, research, and outreach.

Establishment of an Advisory Committee was proposed in the new Forest Nursery Role and Mission Statement developed during fall 1985 to ensure adequate stakeholder representation, and provide a forum for communication to facilitate the open and honest exchange of ideas to solve and prevent misunderstandings and problems. The basic premises are that several heads are better than one and that external advice can guide the program to greater excellence, relevance, and service while also providing mutual support.

The responsibilities of the Nursery Advisory Committee are to:

1. Assist the Nursery in identifying needs and developing programs that attain excellence and maintain relevance.
2. Inform the Nursery of emerging resource problems, needs, and situations that can be addressed within the framework of the College's mission.
3. Understand the Nursery activities, problems, and operations and advise the College on their implementation and resolution.
4. Promote communication, understanding, and support for Nursery programs among stakeholder groups.
5. Advocate, identify, and support funding, internships, and jobs to support Nursery teaching and research.
6. Maintain open communication among stakeholder groups.

Information and recommendations developed by the Advisory Committee will be presented by the Committee Chairman in writing to the Director of the CFNSR, the Forest, Rangeland, and Fire Sciences Department Head, and the Dean of the College of Natural Resources.