

## **The University of Idaho Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research**

### DESCRIPTION

The University of Idaho Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research (CFNSR), administered through the College of Natural Resources with guidance from stakeholders, emphasizes the tripartite components of a land grant university: teaching, research, and service. The Center operates the Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery, which has served the conservation needs of Idahoans since 1909, and the Seedling Quality Assessment Laboratory.

### MISSION

The CFNSR mission, achieved through our staff, students, collaborators, and facilities, focuses on native plant regeneration. We teach students and professionals, conduct relevant research, and serve the native plant industry and Idahoans by sharing information and producing high-quality nursery stock.

### VISION

Our vision is to be the regional, national, and international leader in native plant regeneration education and research, and to serve as a valued partner with native plant producers throughout Idaho and the northern Rocky Mountains.

### POLICY STATEMENT

Pursuant to the University of Idaho's land grant mission, the Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling Research (CFNSR) will strive for excellence in native plant regeneration research, teaching, and service. One CFNSR goal is to cooperate with regional nursery industry and regeneration professionals. To foster this cooperation, CFNSR will support a Nursery Advisory Committee (NAC) comprised of stakeholders that produce or use native plant seedlings. NAC will help guide the teaching, research, demonstration, extension, and sales facets of the CFNSR program. NAC will report regularly to the Dean, who will advise the University President, who will advise the Board of Regents. The NAC report will be available upon request. Minutes will be collected and provided by the Chair of the NAC; approval of minutes is signaled by acceptance or a non-reply.

1. CFNSR will involve the regional native plant nursery industry and regeneration professionals in its teaching, research, demonstration, and extension programs including, but not limited to, research and teaching demonstrations at nursery industry sites (both bareroot and container), and having stakeholders participate in teaching activities, such as nursery and outplanting site visits.
2. CFNSR revenue generated from seedling production and associated revenue sources will be used only to support research, teaching, and outreach activity conducted within CFNSR.
3. CFNSR will limit sales to 500,000 seedlings per annum. Specifically, not more than 300,000 per annum will be produced in containers that are  $\leq 10 \text{ in}^3$ ; not more than 300,000 will be produced in containers that are  $> 10$  but  $\leq 30 \text{ in}^3$ ; and not more than 15,000 seedlings will be produced in containers that are  $> 30 \text{ in}^3$ . Seedling production of any single species will not exceed 50% of

that seedling category. Seedlings grown under cooperative agreements (defined in section 5) or for research projects are included within these production limits.

4. CFNSR prices for seedlings sold will meet or exceed commercial market prices for comparable seedlings (kind, number, size, species, quality) with only two exceptions: 1) seedlings available at the annual Pitkin Forest Nursery Arbor Day Sale will be sold at a seedling-plus-Idaho-sales-tax price that equals the catalog price without Idaho sales tax; and 2) CFNSR faculty, staff, and students may purchase up to 250 seedlings at 90% of the catalog bulk-rate price.
5. CFNSR will not routinely seek competitive seedling production contracts. CFNSR bids will meet the requirements of section 4. Cooperative agreements with forest industry, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), and USDA Forest Service (USFS) that provide research data about specific species, varieties, strains, seed sources, and known genetic stock, are permitted. Industry, IDL, and USFS in-kind support for research projects may count towards seedling costs.
6. CFNSR will maintain, and prominently display at the Pitkin Forest Nursery, a list of private growers for referral purposes.
7. CFNSR will cooperate to provide seedlings to, or receive seedlings from, private growers to meet market needs.
8. CFNSR will aggressively seek outside funding for teaching, research, demonstration, and extension activities. The NAC work to assist in such endeavors.
9. CFNSR will only donate seedlings to not-for-profit organizations and only in quantities of 100 seedlings or less per event. Only the CFNSR Director is authorized to donate seedlings and will do so in a manner that ensures the spirit of these policies is maintained.
10. CFNSR will, at the end of each fiscal year, compost any unsold seedlings in a manner that prevents scavenging.
11. CFNSR's Director and NAC will meet annually during the first full week of September to elect a NAC Chairperson, revise NAC membership, and conduct other business. A quorum (1/2 the filled NAC positions) is required for the election and conduct of business. A simple majority of the quorum present is required to pass any motion.
12. When required by special circumstances, voting can be conducted by email provided a one-week response period is allowed. "Yes" votes equal to or greater than 1/2 the filled NAC positions plus one is required for passage. Non-response of emails is considered abstaining from the vote.

Attachment A: Nursery Advisory Committee Representatives (effective Sep 2011)

<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	<b>Representative person</b>	<b>Representative organization</b>	<b>Email address</b>
Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association	Denny Dawes	Wildlife Habitat Nursery	wild@potlatch.com
Kootenai Valley Nursery Exchange	Lon or Kevin Merrifield; <b>Cristina Tuttle (CHAIR)</b>	Clifty View Nursery	ftrees@cliftyview.com; kevinm@cliftyview.com; cristinat@cliftyview.com
Forest Industry Nurseries	None available at this time		
USDA Forest Service Nursery Producer	Joe Myers	USDA Forest Service Coeur d'Alene Nursery	jfmyers@fs.fed.us
Large Private Forest Seedling Producer	Rich/Jan Schaefer - Sally Konen	Western Forest Systems	schaeferjk@clearwire.net; RichIV@clearwire.net; sally.konen@clearwire.net
Small Private Forest Seedling Producer	Pat Mason	Pleasant Hills Nursery	pdmason@moscow.com
Native Plant Seedling Producer	Kathy Hutton	Plants of the Wild	kathy@plantsofthewild.com
Tribal Representation	Jeremy Pinto	USDA Forest Service	jpinto@fs.fed.us
Private Reforestation Contractors	Matt Engberg	Northwest Management	engberg@consulting-foresters.com
Industrial Forest Landowners	Abbie Acuff	Potlatch Corporation	Abbie.Acuff@potlatchcorp.com;
Idaho Department of Lands	John Bruna	Idaho Department of Lands	jbruna@idl.idaho.gov
Idaho Forest Owners Association	Steve Funk	Idaho Forest Owners Association	Edgecreek@Earthlink.net
USDA Forest Service Research	Kas Dumroese	USDA Forest Service	kdumroese@fs.fed.us
Christmas tree producers	Tom Leege	Inland Empire Christmas Tree Association	tcleege@verizon.net
Government/other entities that provide technical and financial assistance to NIPF landowners	Frank Gariglio	USDA-NRCS	Frank.Gariglio@id.usda.gov
Cooperative Extension	Randy Brooks	UI College of Natural Resources	rbrooks@uidaho.edu