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THE RENEWABLE RESOURCES EXTENSION ACT (RREA) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, FY 2008

Idaho has some of the most productive family forests in the Rocky Mountains. Timber harvest income is rarely the sole source of income for individual forest owners. Idaho's family forests are also critical to water, wildlife, and many other shared values. The University of Idaho (IU) RREA program provides multiple benefits to the many family forest owners as well as to the natural resource and green industry professionals who work with them.

RREA dollars are multiplied by partnering with state, private, tribal, and institutional organizations and agencies with the University's annual allocation of $54,214.00, leveraging an additional $152,000.00 in partner grants and indirect contributions.

WILDFIRE IN THE WEST

Though a natural part of western forest environments, wildfire is a topic foremost to landowners and managers. RREA funding enabled UI Extension Forestry to partner with local, state, and federal agencies and organizations to:

- conceive and develop the statewide program called Idaho Firewise, a coalition of state and federal agencies and organizations working together with county emergency and fire protection personnel to educate landowners about wildland fire, ecology, protection, and mitigation;
- participate in and co-lead the development of the Living with Wildfire Community of Practice, part of the national eXtension network;
- release timely wildfire facts in collaboration with University of Idaho Communications and a release to the Associated Press.

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