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## Professional Development Course Syllabus

*Sponsor/Instructor is required to submit all class registrations within one week of the start date.*

Course Number: EDSC5612 (Sec.01)

Sponsor ID: 214284

Course Title: **PLT "Walk in the Forest"**

(Office Use Only) Section Title: **Boise/Idaho City, Idaho**

Professional Development Credit(s): 1 Total Cost for Credit: **\$60.00**

Course Dates: **September 30 - October 1, 2011** Location: **Boise/Idaho City, Idaho**

Instructor: **Michelle Youngquist** Contact: **plt@idahoforests.org**

Course Prerequisites: Bachelor's Degree & PLT Registration (<http://www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm>)

Evaluation Procedure: **Pass/Fail**

*NOTE: Professional Development courses do not normally count toward an academic degree.*

### 1. Course Description:

Through a classroom session and one day in the field, teachers will learn about Idaho's forests, current issues affecting their management, and the profession and practice of forestry. At the close of the course educators will have activities they can use immediately to share their new knowledge with students, while working toward meeting Idaho's Achievement Standards.

### 2. Educational Goals:

*(Broad statements of what participants will achieve as a result of taking this class. Goals will be achieved by completing the learning objectives indicated below.)*

- Educators will learn more about Idaho's forests, current issues affecting forest management, and the profession and practice of forestry.

### 3. Learning Objectives:

*(Specifically, what will participants be able to do as a result of this class? Measurable results for instructor to determine participants' grade.)*

- Identify and measure trees.
- Interpret tree rings.
- Discuss different land ownerships (federal, state, private), the management objectives on each, and how economic aspects play a role in management decisions.
- Explain the concept of Wildland-Urban Interface.
- Consider the role of foresters in addressing the current fuel shortage.
- Use PLT activities to share this information with their students.

### 4. Course Requirements:

*(A minimum of 15 student learning hours, to include at least one measurable learning product, required per credit earned.)*

- Attend and participate in all class sessions and activities.
- Conduct a Project Learning Tree activity with their students, and submit a written report and self-critique about their experience. In addition, educators will submit a reflective piece about the information presented in the course and how it relates to their instruction.
- Submit all course work to Michelle Youngquist at [plt@idahoforests.org](mailto:plt@idahoforests.org)

### 5. Course Meeting Dates, Times and Location:

Thursday and Friday, Friday, September 30, 2011, 4:00pm - 9:00pm; Saturday, October 1, 2011; 8:30am - 4:00pm in Boise and Idaho City, Idaho. Participants will also complete additional hours of outside course work to equal the necessary hours for a one-credit course.

**Due Date for Completion of Course Requirements: October 28, 2011**

### 6. Learning Resources or Text:

**Project Learning Tree: Environmental Education PreK-8 Activity Guide. Project Learning Tree Secondary Module. Focus on Forests: Investigating Environmental Issues. Project Learning Tree Secondary Module. The Changing Forest: Forest Ecology.**