

Forest Management Essay

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If I was in control of taking care of Idaho's forests, I would improve the forest by selective cutting and changing unmanaged forests to managed forests. Like in McCall, there was a managed side of the forest and an unmanaged side of the forest. There were lots of grand firs on the unmanaged side but not on the managed side. There were also fewer ponderosa pines on the unmanaged side than the managed side. The reason there are fewer ponderosas on the unmanaged side is because there hasn't been a fire in a long time and ponderosa thrive in fire because they have a thicker bark. So, if we want to make the forests like they were before, we need to start managed fires but first we should remove more debris so that the fire does not burn as hot.

Selective cutting is also important because I don't want to cut all the trees in an area. I just want to cut the dead trees and the most abundant trees. If there are too many trees, then if there is fire there is so much fuel it can spread to fast and the smoke jumpers can't stop it.

I would also manage how many houses are built in the forests. I think building a lot of houses in the forests would be bad because they would just cut down all the trees in that area, and they would have to build roads and that destroys trees too. Then more houses would be built and more roads would be built and there would not be enough forests left.

This would be bad because we need forests for paper, air, and wood for fires and building things. The forests are also important for the animals that live there and for hiking trails and campgrounds. Idaho forests are interesting because we have wolves, grizzly bears, cougars, black bears, wolverines and foxes. Not very many other states have so many rare and interesting animals. I will make sure that Idaho's forests remain healthy for all of these animals.