

Idaho's Forest

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One day, as I was walking through one of Idaho's State forest I was thinking about what it would be like if I managed Idaho's forest.

The first thing I would do is clean some of the brush. That way if we cleaned up the brush and nasty weeds the grass can grow. If a fire starts, the trees will die with the brush there, because the brush is like a ladder that leads the fire up to the top of the trees. Also if the brush was cleaned up the trees can grow bigger. The reason for this is with the brush there, the trees have to fight for water.

With trees growing bigger that means we would have to log more. As we log I would leave some of the bark lay on the ground to decompose in to the ground. Also with logging more means the forest will be managed and cleaner. After logging I would burn the tree that could not be used for lumber. I'd leave the stump to decompose.

Finally, I would replace trees. I would replant trees to replace the trees that were logged, so in the future those trees will be as big as the ones that were logged. But there really can't be a finally, because we will have to keep cleaning out brush, logging, and replanting trees. So, for right now I will keep walking through forest, and thinking about what it would be like if I managed Idaho's Forest.