NATIONAL FORESTS IN DECLINE

What will we pass on to future generations – an ASSET or a LIABILITY?

• Forests are dying faster than they are growing on national forests in Idaho.
• 73% of national forests in Idaho and 42% of all national forests need restoration.
• There is a $3 billion backlog of Forest Service road maintenance.
• 13% of bridges on national forests are structurally deficient.
• There’s been a 95% reduction in maintenance budgets for national forest campgrounds, water and wastewater systems, dams, recreation structures, and buildings since 2000.
• Three-quarters of the 158,000 miles of trails on national forests currently need maintenance.
• Over 10.5 million acres of Idaho forests have forest health problems, most of which are on national forests.
• 93% of forest mortality in Idaho is on national forest lands.
• 80% of national forest lands needing reforestation have not been replanted.