2010 Charles Lathrop Pack Essay Competition

**Prize: $500**

**Background:** In 1923, Charles Lathrop Pack had the foresight to establish this award so that students in the School of Forest Resources would “express themselves to the public and write about forestry in a way that affects or interests the public.” Good written expression continues to be an important communication tool even today.

**Essay criteria:** All submitted essays should focus on a forest resources topic, written from a political, ecological, or technical perspective, addressing a diverse and educated audience that needs further knowledge of natural resource issues. Writers are expected to clearly state the problem or issue to be addressed at the beginning of the essay and should emphasize a strong public communications element. Course papers restructured to meet these guidelines are acceptable, however no group entries are permitted. References and quotes are acceptable only when sources are clearly indicated; direct quotes should be used sparingly. Entries should be typed, double-spaced (one side of paper only), and may not exceed 2,000 words. Students should include a cover page with student name and title of the essay.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students enrolled in the School of Forest Resources during Spring Quarter 2010 who have not yet received a graduate-level degree from any institution. Undergraduate and graduate essays will be judged in separate categories.

**Judging:** A Judging Committee will be selected to assess originality, organization, mastery of subject, objectivity, clarity, forcefulness of writing, literary merit, and conciseness. The Committee reserves the right to withhold the prize if no entry meets acceptable standards. The Committee may also award more than one prize for outstanding entries if funds permit. Winning papers are posted on the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest website at http://www.packforest.org/research/papers.html.

Entries due by May 14, 2010
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