

Another Successful Partnership

A STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY Accomplishment

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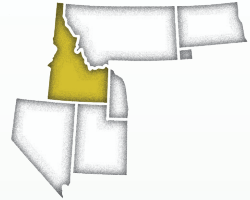
Council Schools' Superintendent shows off the wood chip, or woody biomass, fuel. This material, once considered waste wood and burned in slash piles now heats the school. The new boiler is expected to save the school district \$1 million in fuel costs during the next 15 years.

Idaho's Woody Biomass Utilization Partnership

With goals of

- eliminating woody biomass waste,
- improving forest health,
- increasing jobs in the woods products industry, and
- strengthening rural economies,

the newly formed Idaho Smallwood Partnership is working with existing businesses and new entrepreneurs to expand uses of ~ and value-added products made from ~ woody material that traditionally has been thought of waste wood.



“This newly formed partnership in SW Idaho is an excellent example of the impact the Forest Service & Idaho Department of Lands and Panhandle Lakes RC&D “Fuels for Schools” project has generated. There are four other development groups at work on the use of wood biomass in Idaho.”

Mike Tennerly,
Coordinator, Idaho Fuels for Schools

Early successes include:

- Securing 3 years of funding, to provide a consistent foundation for outreach and technical assistance.
- Installing a “Fuels for Schools” biomass boiler in the new Garden Valley school.
- Providing technical grant writing assistance to 5 start-up businesses, and
- Working with Adams County and Payette National Forest host an equipment demonstration in early July.

Additional information about the partnership is available on their website: <http://www.idahosmallwoodpartners.com>



Helping six counties generate benefits from the woody debris filling their landfills is one of the projects underway.

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