

## THOMAS E. RIEGER

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Natural Resource Instructor:**

- I instruct mostly first year students in forestry field classes, timber harvesting, and chainsaw operation and safety, counsel students, serve on campus committees, advise the Natural Resources Club and the Logger Sports Team, and complete other task as assigned. Department Chair from 2002-2004.

#### **Sales Manager:**

- Negotiated lumber sales with lumber brokers throughout the United States.
- Established lumber prices upon determining current market value.
- Evaluated new customer credit applications and set credit limits.
- Improved customer relations and customer base by dealing in a honest and courteous manner.
- Supervised three employees in the shipping department.
- Sold the entire production of the sawmill (20+ million board feet /year).
- Improved retail sales in local economy.
- Organized lumber sales for truck and rail car shipments.
- Loaded trucks and helped out in the sawmill when needed.

#### **Forester:**

- Evaluated timber sales to determine economic viability for sawmill purchase.
- Provided on site instructions to logging contractors, producing improved log quality delivered to the sawmill.
- Worked with private landowners to combine economic feasibility with environmental concerns to produce workable timber harvest plans for the landowner, contractor, and the sawmill.
- Evaluated and submitted comments on Forest Service and BLM Environmental Impact Statements for Salmon Intermountain and the Lemhi County Commissioners.

#### **Pre-Sale Forester:**

- Selected silvicultural prescriptions and cutting unit layout.
- Determined harvest methods and road locations for timber sales.
- Wrote Environmental Assessments , Forest Officers Reports, and Timber Sale Appraisals on each timber sale.
- Trained and supervised three members of the Nez Perce Indian Tribe as forestry technicians.
- Marked and cruised timber for sale.
- Surveyed property lines and cutting unit boundaries.

#### **Timber Sale Contract Administrator:**

- Inspected timber sales for contract compliance.
- Wrote contract inspection reports for each inspection made.

#### **Forestry Technician:**

- Analyzed, restructured, and initiated stocking surveys for the Pinedale, Wyoming , Resource Area.
- Conducted stage II stand exam timber inventory for forest health and growth.
- Collected data for Idaho State's Continuous Forest Inventory program.
- Evaluated aerial photo's of timber stands inventoried.
- Marked and cruised timber.
- Determined habitat types for timber stands inventoried.
- Surveyed property lines and cutting unit boundaries.
- Assisted in fire suppression activities.

**Timber Committee Chairman:**

- Assisted in developing one of the first legally sound County Land Use Plans In the United States.
- **The Lemhi County Land Use Plan:**
  - Was developed to give local government more authority in natural resource management of federal lands through the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process.
  - It has been used as a blueprint for other counties' plans for resolving critical natural resource conflicts.
  - Was instrumental in developing a Riparian Resource Conservation Agreement between Lemhi County and various State and Federal Agencies.
- Analyzed environmental issues and laws for the County Commissioners.
- Provided Lemhi County Commissioners with information on critical environmental issues (Range reform, Mining reforms, PacFish, etc.).
- Negotiated with the Forest Service and BLM to resolve timber management conflicts.

**Log Scaler:**

- Managed log scaling program at Salmon Intermountain.
- Scaled 12-20+ million board feet of logs annually.
- Improved log quality and log scale of loggers by explaining basic log scaling rules, scaling one or two loads of logs with them, and working with timber fallers in the woods.
- Responsible for taking monthly log yard inventory.
- Ran 966 and 980 Cat log loaders when needed.

**Purchasing Agent** It was my responsibility, as a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT), to inventory, purchase, and restock supplies for three ambulances. I purchased band aids to backboards, and more. I also wrote grant proposals for specialized equipment purchases.

**Work History**

1998 to present Natural Resource Instructor, Spokane Community College, Spokane, Washington.  
1997 to 1998 Forester, Stimson Lumber Company, Newport, Washington.  
1996 to 1997 Head Log Scaler, Shearer Lumber, Elk City, Idaho.  
1989 to 1995 Sales Manager, Forester, and Log Scaler, Salmon Intermountain, Inc., Salmon, Idaho.  
1992 to 1996 Purchasing Agent, Salmon EMT's and Lemhi County Ambulance, Salmon, Idaho.  
1987 to 1988 Pre-Sale Forester and Contract Administrator, Nez Perce Indian Tribe, Lapwai, Idaho.  
1981 to 1987 Forestry Technician, seasonal employment with private companies and Federal Agencies throughout the inland west.

**Education**

B. S. Degree in Forest Resource Management, University of Idaho, May of 1984.  
B. S. Degree in Range Resource Management, University of Idaho, May of 1984.

**Licenses and Certificates**

Log Scaler 1989 to 1999 Idaho State License #958.  
Emergency Medical Technician 1990 to 2001, Idaho State Certified.  
Hazardous Materials Trained - Operations Level, 1995 Certificate of completion.  
Idaho State Certified EMT Instructor, 1997.