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Subject: Designation as Chainsaw Sawyer Instructor and Evaluator

To: Rob Adams, Back Country Horsemen of Idaho

This letter designates Rob Adams as a Chainsaw Sawyer Instructor and Evaluator for Back Country Horsemen of Idaho as a certified C-Bucker on 5/17/2024.

This designation allows you to train, instruct, field evaluate and recommend for chainsaw saw certification those volunteers, cooperating partner participants, and Forest Service employees who have satisfactorily met the policy requirements for safe use of chainsaws.

All identified members of the Forest Service's saw program are responsible for comprehensive knowledge of Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2358 and the current USDA Forest Service Saw Operations Guide. The role of all Saw Program members is critical to maintaining a high level of saw skills and expertise within the Intermountain Region. Saw program members will ensure that the National policy is disseminated and that saw operators are trained properly.

Sawyer Instructor specific responsibilities are:

1. Instruct at the skill level commensurate with their saw qualifications and recommend that sawyers who have successfully completed the requisite Nationally Recognized Saw Training Course (NRSTC) be evaluated for certification.
2. Conduct sawyer training using NRSTCs.
3. Confer periodically with the Regional Saw Program Manager, and local Saw Program Coordinators as appropriate, to provide continuity in the Saw Program.
4. Monitor and evaluate the Saw Program in accordance with FSM 2358.3.

Sawyer Evaluator specific responsibilities are:

1. Evaluate and reevaluate sawyers' proficiency in the field using the Sawyer Training and Field Evaluation form (FSM 2358.3, ex. 03 and 04).
2. Sign the Sawyer Training and Field Evaluation form (FSM 2358.3, ex. 03 and 04) as the sawyer evaluator for sawyers that are determined to have satisfactorily met the requirements for the safe use of saws and recommend them for certification by the certifying Agency official.

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