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Cover: Fall colors on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (FS photograph by Jim Hughes).

Reinvention Hits *TPN*


Reinvention seems to be the order of the day for Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as for private companies. Organizations need reinvention in order to respond to change—the one constant we can rely on. My duties at the USDA Forest Service are varied, and editing *TPN* is only one of many. New imperatives constantly arise that must be dealt with, and one of them is the issue of sustainable development. In 1987, the World Commission on Environment and Development issued the "Brundtland Report," which defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

This issue is becoming a high priority for the Forest Service, and the agency has formed a 6-person team to work on it full time. Its primary duty will be to help institutionalize the concept of sustainable development in the Forest Service: sustainable forest management is a primary component of sustainable development. I have been chosen for the team, and I'm looking forward to joining it. The team's assignment will last about 18 months, but because its duration is uncertain, we have decided at *TPN* to make some changes in how things are done.

Producing *TPN* is a real team effort. We on the editorial board take a team approach to garnering new authors and handling the review process. We have decided to work even more as a team in handling the *TPN* work load.

One of the Forest Service's reinvention initiatives is to merge the role of its Washington Office with the roles of various regional offices. Rebecca Nisley, currently our managing editor, will become new editor-in-chief. She will work closely with our newly expanded editorial board in putting out the journal. I am remaining in the Washington Office and will continue to help coordinate production. Clark Lantz will assist Rebecca in technical matters, as will other members of the board. If you have questions or concerns regarding editorial policy, you should turn first to Rebecca or Clark.

We are confident that these changes will ensure smooth delivery of the same highquality journal to you, the readers. As always, if you have comments on these changes or any other aspects of *TPN*, please give any of us on the board a call.



In departing as editor-in-chief (although I will still be around), I would like to say how much I've enjoyed working on TPN. It has been truly satisfying for me, and I have thoroughly enjoyed dealing with all of the authors and hearing from you, the readers. I hope that TPN has contributed, if only in some small way, to improving reforestation in this country and around the world.

Thanks for the wonderful opportunity!

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