

# CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

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2. Download the current code from the CATA Website: [Curricular Activities Code](#)
  1. Do not delete anything from the code. Strikethrough parts to delete. Any new wording, type into the code and highlight in yellow.
  2. Upload "Proposed Code" below.
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  4. Scroll all the way to the bottom and sign the form.
3. **IMPORTANT - Answering "Yes" to any of the questions requires the Host Site's Contest Coordinator's signature.**
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  3. Email this link to the Host Site coordinator to review your proposal. When emailing the Host Site, request that they review your proposal and sign in the "Host Site Coordinator's" Signature box. Request that they hit "Save" after signing the document and let you know that the signature is complete.
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### **Name of Contest:**

Forestry

### **Curricular Codes Open - List A**

Forestry

### **Out of Rotation Curricular Codes**

**Revive a Contest: Please enter the name of the contest below and contact the CATA office for a copy of the Code.**

### **Proposed by:**

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### **Issue:**

The proposed changes to the Forestry CDE curricular code are intended to modernize the contest, improve consistency, and better align the event with current forestry education and industry expectations. These revisions maintain the integrity and purpose of the contest while making the code more usable, relevant, and sustainable for contest hosts, advisors, and students.

One major change was the removal of lengthy appendices from the body of the curricular code. These appendices will now be listed and maintained outside of the official code document. This allows supporting materials, plant lists, equipment lists, resource tables, graphs, and reference documents to be updated

more easily without requiring a full code revision each time industry practices, contest resources, or instructional materials change. This makes the contest more flexible and ensures that students are being assessed on current and relevant information.

The revisions also establish an annual rotation system for certain contest areas. This allows the Forestry CDE to cover a broader range of forestry and natural resource topics over time while preventing the contest from becoming overly large or repetitive in any single year. Annual rotations also give contest officials the ability to emphasize timely and relevant forestry issues such as wildfire, forest health, reforestation, wildlife, carbon, archeology, weather, and forest business management.

Point values and time limits were also adjusted to create a more uniform and balanced contest structure. These changes help ensure that each event area is weighted appropriately based on its educational value, difficulty, and connection to real-world forestry skills. A more consistent structure also improves fairness across contest sites and makes the event easier for advisors to prepare students for and for host sites to administer.

The revised contest areas were also aligned more closely with the National FFA Forestry Career Development Event. This alignment strengthens the connection between California's Forestry CDE and the national contest while still allowing California to emphasize skills, species, practices, and industry needs specific to our state. By mirroring appropriate elements of the national contest, California students will be better prepared for higher levels of competition while still receiving instruction that reflects California forestry conditions.

Finally, the proposed updates make the Forestry CDE more relevant to current industry standards. Forestry has changed significantly in recent years, with increased emphasis on wildfire resilience, fuels management, forest health, invasive species, pest and disease identification, reforestation, carbon management, environmental compliance, equipment modernization, and workforce readiness. The updated contest better reflects the knowledge and skills students need to understand today's forestry profession and prepares them for careers, postsecondary training, and real-world natural resource management.

Overall, these changes create a more current, consistent, and educationally valuable Forestry CDE. The proposed revisions preserve the traditional strengths of the contest while improving its organization, flexibility, and relevance for students, advisors, contest hosts, and the forestry industry.

**This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation: (Please note: It is highly recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.)**

No

**The change will affect General Rules:**

No

**The change will affect the awards needed:**

No

**The proposed change will affect contest forms:**

No

**The proposed change will affect contest hosting site (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)**

No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please explain:

**Which JudgingCard scorecard will be used for tabulations?**

Forestry

**Is this a New Contest Proposal?**

No

**If you answered YES to this being a New Contest Proposal, please indicate who will be sponsoring the contest. New Contest Proposals require a 3-year sponsor. Contact information for Sponsor:**

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signature:**

**Host Site Contest Coordinator's Name:**

**CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature (agreeing that changes are able to be accommodated by the host site.)**

**Upload code with tracked changes:**  
2026 Forestry Curricular Change .docx

**Upload any additional information you would like:**  
Appendices to Upload (old and new)-  
20260602T023012Z-3-001.zip

**Please sign below:**

*Noah Corp*

# FORESTRY

**Revised 06/2024**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate student interest and to promote forestry instruction in the agricultural education curriculum and to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of forestry instruction.

**Contestants**

Teams consist of four members, with all four individual scores plus the compass activity team event score counting as the team score. All team members are eligible for individual awards. Individuals not on a complete team may also compete for individual awards.

State Finals will consist of two rounds. Round one will be the team event and knowledge portions and round two the remaining portions of the contest. Round one will be held Friday and round two will be held the following day.

**Classes**

The contest will consist of five divisions involving eight subject areas. A summary of these Skillsets are as follows:**Tie Breaker**

Area	Description	Time	Individual Points	Team Points
<b>Identification — Skillset I (150 points possible)</b>				
AREA 1	Plant Identification	30	100	400
AREA 2	Identification of Forestry Equipment, Wood Species, and Wood Characteristics	30	50	200
<b>Land Measurement — Skillset II (100 points possible)</b>				
AREA 3	Acreage	30	30	120
AREA 4	Compass	30	20	80
	Map Reading	30	50	200
<b>Forestry Knowledge and Table Interpretation — Skillset III (100 points possible)</b>				
AREA 5	Forestry Knowledge	30	50	200
AREA 6	Graph and Table Interpretation	30	50	200
<b>Timber Measurements — Skillset IV (100 points possible)</b>				
AREA 7	Tree Height	20	30	120
	Diameter	20	40	160
	Log Scaling	20	30	120
<b>Team Event — Skillset V (60 points possible — team score only)</b>				
AREA 8	Timber Cruising	30		100
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>450</b>	<b>1900</b>

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Area	Description	Time	Individual Points	Team Points
Identification & Knowledge – Skillset I				
Area 1	Plant Identification	30	100	400
Area 2	Identification of Forestry Equipment, Wood Species, and Wood Characteristics	30	60	240
Area 3	Forestry Knowledge	30	60	240
Annual Rotations – Skillset II				
Area 4	Acreage (2029)	30	60	240
Area 5	Compass (2027)	30	60	240
Area 6	Map Reading (2028)	30	60	240
Area 5	Log Scaling (2027)	30	60	240
Area 6	Graph and Table Interpretation (2028)	30	60	240
Area 4	Insects Pests and Disease (2029)	30	60	240
Timber Measurements - Skillset III				
Area 7	Tree Height	30	60	240
Area 8	Diameter	30	60	240
Team Event – Skillset IV (200 points possible - team score only)				
Area 9	Forest Business Management Sernario	30		200
TOTAL				

If adopted we will need to reformat the code to correspond with skillsets and areas. This will not change any language or rules just the location on the document itself.

3. In the case of ties, Plant Identification scores shall be used to break the tie.
4. If a tie continues to exist, it shall be broken by using the next area of the contest until the tie is broken.

## Sub-contest Awards

~~Sub-contest awards will be given for high teams and individuals in the following areas: Identification—Skillset I, Land Measurement—Skillset II, Forestry Knowledge, and Table Interpretation—Skillset III, Timber Measurements—Skillset IV, Team Event—Skillset V (team only).~~

Sub contest awards will be given for high teams and individuals in the following areas. Skillset I, II and III.

## Host School Requirements

All equipment for the contestants will be available at the judging sites. Teams should be informed by email at the conclusion of the “on time registration date” with regards to the tools that they are expected to bring. Answer keys will be created by using the same tool that contestants are required to use. For example, the merritt hypsometer will be used to determine the number of logs for a given answer key.

## Rules

- I. Contestants in the Forestry Contest will be divided into four groups so that only one member of a school or team will be in the same group at the same time (disqualification will result if this rule is broken). Only one group will be allowed at an area or site at one time.
- II. All ID including plants, tools, and wood; and knowledge will be presented in a scantron format.
- III. All adjustable tools and equipment provided by the host school will be calibrated so that the students will have the same opportunity to get the correct answer.
- IV. All contestants must fill out the official scorecard and will be graded according to the points shown on the scorecard.
- V. Calculators shall be allowed in all aspects of the contest. If a contestant is found using a programmable calculator, they are to be disqualified.
- VI. Contestants are encouraged to use their own measuring tapes (both logging and diameter tapes), non-adjustable measuring equipment, and surveying pins.
- VII. Identification (Skillset I)
  - A. AREA 1 Plant Identification (Appendix A)
    1. Fifty 25 specimens from the Plants Identification list in Appendix A will be displayed.
    2. Fresh foliage is preferred and if fruit, flowers, or cones are available they will be part of the identification specimen. Otherwise, cones, fruit or flower, and stems shall be used with a pressed specimen (no more than five pressed items are allowed).
    3. The list in Appendix A and the score card shall list plants by scientific name, in alphabetical order, with common names listed on the right.
    4. Fruit and/or cones can be displayed by themselves if they are underlined in the plant list (not to exceed five fruits and/or cones on the contest).
    5. If contestants are not permitted to touch plants samples; needled plants should have a typical group displayed by taping to a 3x5 card next to the sample so needle length and other features can be observed.
    6. Students are permitted to use a ruler.
    7. Scoring Information
      - a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.
      - b) Total points for this event: 100
      - c) Scoring: 24 points for each correctly identified plant species.
  - B. AREA 2 Identification of Forestry Equipment (Appendix B), Wood Species and Wood Characteristics (Appendix C)
    1. Forestry Equipment Identification
      - a) 25 15 tools or forestry equipment items from the Forestry Equipment Identification list in Appendix B will be displayed.

- b) No more than three (3) Stihl Chain Saw parts will be used.
- c) All items will be clearly marked with a reference number for identification.
- d) Pictures or accurate models can be used for heavy equipment portion.
- e) Items must be good specimens of the equipment.

2. Wood Species Identification

- a) 5 wood samples from the Wood Species Identification list in Appendix C will be displayed.
- b) Contestants will identify wood samples as to wood type (species).
- c) Wood species samples will be typical of market lumber with all 3 wood surfaces shown (tangential, cross section and radial).

3. Wood Characteristics Identification

- a) Wood samples showing 10 at ~~2~~ 1 points each from the Wood Characteristics List.
- b) Characteristics Identification list in Appendix C will be displayed.
- c) Natural or manufactured wood characteristics are to be identified. Each sample will be clearly marked.
- d) Characteristics will be indicated on the sample as follows:
  - (1) Knot shape will be marked on the sample if round knot or spike knot are wanted.
  - (2) Knot quality will be marked on the sample if encased knot, intergrown knot or knot cluster is to be identified.
  - (3) Grain will be marked on the sample to indicate that flat grain or vertical grain is to be identified.
  - (4) Wood surface will be marked on the sample to indicate that cross-section, tangential surface or radial surface is to be identified.
  - (5) Wood area will be marked on the sample if heartwood, pith, or sapwood is to be identified.
  - (6) All other characteristics will be plainly marked as to what is being asked for by circles, arrows, etc., and the characteristic should be the predominant characteristic on the sample.

4. Scoring Information

- a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.
- b) Total points for this event: ~~50~~ 60
- c) Scoring: One (1) point for each correctly identified forestry equipment item (~~25~~ 30), wood species (5), and wood characteristic (~~20~~ 10).

VIII. Land Measurement (Skillset II)

A. AREA 3 Acreage

- 1. A three to four-sided polygon with straight sides shall be measured for area in acres.
- 2. It will be free of obstructions so that it can be easily paced.
- 3. The acreage problem given must be 0.30 to 1.25 acres in area.

4. Scoring Information

- a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.
- b) Total points for this event: ~~30~~ 60.
- c) Scoring: One (1) point will be deducted for each .01 acres of error

B. AREA 4 Compass and Map Reading

1. Compass Reading

- a) The contestant will be provided with a bearing hand compass that has been set at a magnetic declination of zero and checked for accuracy prior to each contest.
  - b) A polygon of 4 stations in the form of a traverse will be laid out in the field. Each forward station will be visible from each back station. The beginning and ending point will be Station A.
  - c) The contestant will start at Station A and determine the bearing to Station B. Contestant will move to the next station and determine the bearing to the forward station, continuing this procedure until finally determining the fourth bearing while sighting Station A. A total of 4 bearings will be determined. The contestant will record the answers on the form provided.
  - d) Scoring Information
    - (1) Time allowed: 30 minutes.
    - (2) Total points for this event: ~~20~~ 60.
    - (3) Scoring: Five ~~5~~ 15 points possible for each correct bearing. One (1) point deducted for each two (2) degrees of error.
2. Map Reading
- a) Contestants will be provided with a U.S. Geological Survey map such as the 7.5 minutes series map.
  - b) Specific points will be marked for the contestant to identify.
  - c) The contestant is expected to: know legal land description, recognize topographic map symbols, understand the meaning of map symbols, use the scale to correctly determine distance between points, calculate the number of acres in a parcel, and determine elevations.
  - d) Example questions:
    - (1) What is the legal land description of the five parcels marked?
    - (2) What is the item located at this point?
    - (3) What is the acreage of the area enclosed?
    - (4) What is the distance in miles from point A to point B?
    - (5) What is the elevation (on the contour line) at point C?
  - e) Five specific parcels will be indicated and numbered on a map and the student will determine the proper legal description.
  - f) The following parcels can be determined:
    - (1) 1/4 of a section
    - (2) 1/4 of a 1/4 section
    - (3) 1/2 of a section
    - (4) 1/2 of a 1/4 section
  - g) The legal description will be written as follows: NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 23, T4N, R2E, MDM. Abbreviations will be used as above except that section can also be written as S. (as on national contest). Commas can be replaced by the word of.
3. A Dot Grid may be used to determine acreage using either the 660 or 440 scale dot grid. The student will be provided with a dot grid and a map scale. Full point value will be awarded if calculations are within 10% of the total correct acreage.
4. Scoring Information
- a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.
  - b) Total points for this event: ~~50~~ 60.
  - c) Scoring:

(1) Each correct parcel legal description is worth ~~five~~ **six** points. Five parcels x ~~5~~ **6** points each = 25 points. Partial credit will be allowed. For example, each error will have a deduction of one point. If NW 1/4 is correct and SW 1/4 is the answer one point will be deducted. Other examples: incorrect Sec., etc., is one point deducted. Maximum of five points deducted per parcel.

(2) Additional questions will be worth a total of ~~25~~ **30** points.

IX. Forestry Knowledge and Graph and Table Interpretation (Skillset III)

A. AREA 5 Forestry Knowledge:

1. ~~25~~ **30** questions from the Forestry Knowledge list in Appendix D will be selected.

2. Scoring Information

a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.

b) Total points for this event: ~~50~~ **60**.

c) Scoring: A total of ~~25~~ **30** questions will be selected. Each question is worth two points each.

B. AREA 6 Graph and Table Interpretation: ~~50~~ **60** points total.

1. Site Index

a) A site index graph will be selected from those presented in Appendix E-

b) Three sets of tree heights and tree ages will be given.

c) The average tree height and age will be calculated by the contestant.

d) The site index will be calculated by the contestant from their calculated averages and the graph provided. The site index will be scored correct within a range of plus or minus 2 site index reference numbers.

e) Scoring Information

(1) Time allowed: 30 minutes total for both (a) site index, and, (b) board foot volume.

(2) Total points for site index: 20. Scoring will be based on the actual value plotted (not rounded to the nearest line).

(3) Scoring: Ten points will be given for the correct Site Index rating, five points will be given for the correct average height, and five points will be given for the correct average age.

2. Board foot volume

a) The dbh and height for ~~three~~ **four** trees will be given.

b) Board foot volume will be determined using a volume table in units of board foot volume.

c) Scoring Information

(1) Time allowed: 30 minutes total for both (a) site index, and, (b) board foot volume.

(2) Total points for this event: ~~30~~ **40**.

(3) Scoring: Ten points will be awarded for each correct total volume (one point deducted for each ten board feet off).

X. Timber Measurements (Skillset IV)

A. AREA 7 Timber Measurement

1. Tree Height

a) Contestants will measure tree heights on ~~two~~ **four** trees to the very top of the tree.

2. The clinometer will be used on ~~one tree~~ trees one and two for total height, and either a logger's tape or a one hundred (100) foot tape will be used for measuring distance from the tree. Answers will be given in feet.
3. The Merritt Hypsometer will be used on ~~one tree~~ trees three and four for number logs, and either a logger's tape or a one hundred (100) foot tape will be used for measuring distance from the tree. Answers will be given in logs and ½ logs. When reading the hypsometer; answers will always be rounded down to the nearest half logs.
4. Scoring Information
  - a) Time allowed: 10 minutes.
  - b) Total points for this event: ~~30~~ 60.
  - c) Scoring: 15 points per tree possible. One (1) point will be deducted for every foot of error using a Clinometer. Five (5) points will be deducted for every 1/2 log (8 feet) of error using a Merritt Hypsometer.
5. Tree Diameter
  - a) Contestants will measure four (4) trees for diameters. Diameter will be determined at dbh (4.5 ft.).
  - b) Trees ~~A & B~~ 1 and 2 will be measured with a Biltmore Stick
  - c) Trees ~~C & D~~ 1 and 2 will be measured with a diameter tape to the nearest 0.1 in.
  - d) Scoring Information
    - (1) Time allowed: 10 minutes.
    - (2) Total points for this event: ~~40~~ 60.
    - (3) Scoring: ~~Ten~~ fifteen points will be scored for each diameter. One point will be deducted for each two (2) inches of error for trees measured with a Biltmore Stick. One point will be deducted for each 0.1 inch of error for the trees measured with a diameter tape.
6. Log Scaling (Appendix F)
  - a) A Scribner's Decimal C log scaling stick will be used.
  - b) The answer will be given in board feet. A log defect may be indicated and will be identified by its volume in either board feet or in Scribner's Decimal C.
  - c) No odd length logs will be used. If rounds are used for diameters, two rounds should be used, one for the small end and one for the large end. The log length will be given in even footage. Length rules are included in Appendix F. Rules for butt logs are also provided in Appendix F. If the contest is giving butt logs, this needs to be indicated on the log or score sheet clearly to the contestant.
  - d) Scoring Information
    - (1) Time allowed: 10 minutes.
    - (2) Total points for this event: 30.
    - (3) Scoring: Two logs will be measured at 15 points each. One point will be deducted for each 10 bd. ft. of error.
7. Insect Pest and Disease
  - a) Use the provided Insect Pest and Disease question bank.
  - b) 20-question event; 15 written/photo questions plus 5 hands-on specimen or image stations; 3 points per question for a 60-point section. Rotate the selected pest/disease set each year.

XI. Team Event (Skillset V) – Forest Business Management Scenario

The Forest Business Management Scenario will be a team activity worth 200 points. Each team will be provided with a written California forestry scenario involving a forest operation, forest ownership decision, timber stand condition, product market, or resource management problem.

The scenario may include information related to timber volume, stumpage value, logging cost, trucking cost, reforestation cost, fuel reduction cost, pest or disease impacts, fire risk, product marketing, biomass utilization, equipment cost, labor cost, depreciation, profit/loss, cost-share opportunities, or record keeping.

Teams will use the information provided to complete an objective answer sheet. The answer sheet may include calculations, multiple choice, true/false, matching, ranking, and short-answer questions with specific accepted responses. The activity shall be scored using a contest-provided answer key. Subjective written responses shall not be required for scoring.

A maximum of 20 questions or problems may be used. All four team members may work together. Only one answer sheet will be submitted per team.

## Objective Scoring Requirement

The Forest Business Management Scenario shall be scored objectively. Numeric answers shall be graded using the official answer key and accepted tolerance ranges when appropriate. Multiple choice, true/false, matching, and ranking questions shall be scored according to the official answer key. Short-answer questions may be used only when the official answer key provides specific acceptable responses.

No points shall be awarded for writing style, grammar, persuasiveness, or judge preference. A final recommendation may be included, but it must be scored as a selected-response or coded-response question.

(a complete explanation of the team event with example scenarios, questions and scoring will be provided)

~~Three team events will be used on a rotating basis.~~

- ~~1. 2025 Timber Cruising~~
- ~~2. 2026 Compass and Tape~~
- ~~3. 2027 Basal Area~~
- ~~4. 2028 Timber Cruising~~
- ~~5. 2029 Compass and Tape~~
- ~~6. 2030 Basal Area~~

~~B. Compass and Tape Measurement Team Event~~

- ~~1. The four (4) team members will be given data for a four sided traverse.~~
- ~~2. Compass bearings will be to the nearest one (1) degree.~~
- ~~3. The traverse will be set up by the judge with a staff compass, transit or an advanced technique that is superior to a transit. If the course is laid out with a compass, bearings will be true bearings and the compass used will be adjusted for declination.~~
- ~~4. Contestants will be supplied with a Silva Bearing compass and a 100 foot tape. All hand compasses will be set to 0 declination.~~

- ~~5. Answers will be given as a measured distance from the contestant's ending point to the traverse beginning point. The answer will be compared to a known distance from the traverse ending point to the beginning point.~~
  - ~~6. The traverse ending point will be located at least 25 feet from the beginning point.~~
  - ~~7. Scoring Information~~
    - ~~a) Time allowed: 30 minutes.~~
    - ~~b) Total points for this event: 60.~~
    - ~~c) Scoring: One (1) point will be deducted for every one (1) foot error.~~
- ~~C. Basal Area – Team Event~~
- ~~1. A wedge prism of 10 factor will be used at the contest site and will be designated prior to the contest. It is encouraged to have at least one borderline tree in the plot.~~
  - ~~2. Scoring Information~~
    - ~~a) Total points for this event: 60.~~
    - ~~b) Scoring: Two (2) points will be deducted for each one square foot of error.~~
    - ~~c) The answer for Basal Area must be reported in square feet per acre.~~
- ~~D. Timber Cruising – Team Event~~
- ~~1. A cruisers stick will be used to determine the number of logs and diameter class of ten trees. Using the provided Scale table (Appendix H) students will determine the total scale and report their data on the provided table (Appendix G). Contestants will use board foot volume to determine a dollar value of the stand in dollars per thousand board feet (using the given rate of \$452/thousand board feet).~~
  - ~~2. Contest sights may elect to use fewer trees if ten are not available by providing data (logs and diameter class to plug into the table).~~
  - ~~3. Scoring Information~~
    - ~~a) A correct answer will fall within \$226 of the determined dollar value amount. Teams will be penalized by five (5) points per each \$226 (half of given value/thousand) that their answer is off.~~

**NOTE: ALL PRIOR INCLUDED APPENDICES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CODE WITH THE INTENTION TO BE UPLOADED TO THE CURRICULAR CODE WEBSITE, LISTED SEPERATELY.**

~~Appendices~~ Relevant appendices: see <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> under Forestry.

- A – Plant Identification List x
- B – Forestry Equipment Identification List x
- C – Wood Identification Species and Characteristics List x
- D – ~~Forestry Knowledge List~~ California FFA Forestry 250 Question Master Bank 2026 x
- E – Site Index Graphs
- F – Log Scaling Lengths and Rules for Butt Logs
- ~~G – Cruising Table~~
- G. H – Volume Table
- H. ~~Insects Pests and Disease Question Bank and Key~~
- I - Team Event Outline
- ~~–Basal Area- References~~
- J –

**NOTE: Plant list now a separate document listed on: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> under Forestry.**

### Appendix A -- Plant Identification List

1	<u>Abies concolor</u>	White fir
2	Abies magnifica	Red Fir
3	Abies grandis	Grand Fir
4	Acer negundo	Box-elder
5	Acer macrophyllum	Big-leaf Maple
6	Adenostoma fasciculatum	Chamise
7	<u>Aesculus californica</u>	California Buckeye
8	Alnus rhombifolia	White Alder
9	Alnus rubra	Red Alder
10	Arbutus menziesii	Pacifica Madrone
11	Arctostaphylos spp.	Manzanita (California Native)
12	Baccharis pilularis	Coyote Bush
13	Berberis aquifolium	Oregon Grape
14	Betula occidentalis	Water Birch
15	<u>Calocedrus decurrens</u>	Incense Cedar
16	Ceanothus cuneatus	Buckbush
17	Ceanothus interrimus	Deerbrush
18	Ceanothus leucodermis	Chaparral Whitethorn
19	Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud
20	Cercocarpus betuloides	Mountain Mahogany
21	Chamaebatia foliolosa	Sierra Mountain Misery
22	<u>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</u>	Port Orford Cedar
23	Chrysolepis chryophylla	Golden Chinkapin
24	Cornus nuttallii	Pacific Dogwood
25	Diplacus spp.	Monkey Flower (California Native, shrub)
26	Eriodactyon spp.	Yerba Santa
27	Fraxinus latifolia	Oregon Ash
28	Fremontodendron californica	Flannel Bush
29	<u>Hesperocyparis macrocarpa</u>	Monterey Cypress
30	Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
31	<u>Juglans californica</u>	California Black Walnut
32	Juniperus californica	California Juniper
33	Lupinus albifrons or arboreus	Bush Lupine or Tree Lupine
34	Natholithocarpus densiflorus	Tan Oak Tanbark Oak
35	<u>Picea sitchensis</u>	Sitka Spruce
36	<u>Pinus attenuata</u>	Knobcone Pine
37	<u>Pinus contorta</u>	Lodgepole Pine
38	<u>Pinus coulteri</u>	Coulter Pine
39	<u>Pinus jeffreyi</u>	Jeffrey Pine

40	<u>Pinus lambertiana</u>	Sugar Pine
41	<u>Pinus monophylla</u>	Singleleaf Pinyon Pine
42	<u>Pinus monticola</u>	Western White Pine
43	<u>Pinus muricata</u>	Bishop Pine
44	<u>Pinus ponderosa</u>	Ponderosa Yellow Pine
45	<u>Pinus radiata</u>	Monterey Pine
46	<u>Pinus sabiniana</u>	Foothill Pine Grey Pine
47	<u>Pinus torreyana</u>	Torrey Pine
48	<u>Platanus racemosa</u>	California Sycamore
49	<u>Populus fremontii</u>	Fremont Cottonwood
50	<u>Populus trichocarpa</u>	Black Cottonwood
51	<u>Populus tremuloides</u>	Quaking Aspen
52	<u>Pseudotsuga menziesii</u>	Douglas Fir
53	<u>Pteridium aquilinum</u>	Bracken Fern
54	<u>Quercus agrifolia</u>	Coastal Live Oak
55	<u>Quercus chrysolepsis</u>	Canyon Live Oak
56	<u>Quercus douglasii</u>	Blue Oak
57	<u>Quercus kelloggii</u>	California Black Oak
58	<u>Quercus lobata</u>	Valley Oak
59	<u>Quercus wilezinii</u>	Interior Live Oak
60	<u>Rhamnus spp.</u>	Coffee Berry
61	<u>Rhododendron occidentale</u>	Western Azalea
62	<u>Ribes spp.</u>	Current or Gooseberry (California Native)
63	<u>Rosea spp.</u>	Rose (California Native)
64	<u>Rubus parviflorus</u>	Thimbleberry
65	<u>Salix spp.</u>	Willow (California Native)
66	<u>Sambucus mexicana</u>	Blue Elderberry
67	<u>Sequoiadendron giganteum</u>	Giant Sequoia
68	<u>Sequoia sempervirens</u>	Coast Redwood
69	<u>Taxus brevifolia</u>	Western Yew
70	<u>Thuja plicata</u>	Western Red Cedar
71	<u>Torreya californica</u>	California Nutmeg
72	<u>Tsuga spp.</u>	Mountain Hemlock or Western Hemlock
73	<u>Umbellularia californica</u>	California Bay Laurel
74	<u>Woodwardia fimbriata</u>	Giant Chain Fern

~~\*Fruits and/or cones may be displayed by themselves from the plants that are underlined.~~

**NOTE: Tool/Equipment list now a separate document listed on:**  
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### Appendix B – Forestry Tools & Equipment Identification List

1	Abney Level	38	Engineer's Tape
2	Altimeter	39	Fire Rake
3	Anemometer	40	Fixed Radius Plot Tape
4	Axe—Cruiser's	41	Flagging Tape
5	Axe—Double Bit	42	Forester's Hand Compass
6	Axe—Hand	43	Fusee
7	Axe—Single Bit	44	GPS—Hand Held
8	Bark Gauge	45	Hazel Tool
9	Back Pump	46	Hoedad
10	Brand Hammer	47	Hookeroon
	<b>Chain Saw Parts Identification</b>	48	Increment Borer
11	Chain Saw Chain	49	Jacob's Staff
12	Chain Saw File	50	Leveling Rod
13	Guide Bar	51	Logger's Tape
14	Oil Filler Cap	52	McLeod
15	Starter Grip	53	Peavy
16	Ignition Switch	54	Plumb Bob
17	Spark Plug	55	Pulaski
18	Throttle Lever Lock	56	Range Finder
19	Spark Plug Wire	57	Relaskop
20	Air Filter	58	Safety Hard Hat
21	Brake Lever	59	Scaling Stick
22	Fuel Filler Cap	60	Shovel
23	Choker Lever	61	Sledge (or Single Jack)
24	Throttle Trigger	62	Sling Psychrometer
25	Chaps A	63	Soil Tube
26	Choker B	64	Splitting Maul
27	Glinometer	65	Staff Compass
28	Cross-cut Saw	66	Stereoscope
29	Cruiser's Stick	67	Surveying Pins
30	Data Recorder	68	Talley Sheet
31	Diameter Tape	69	Tree Caliper
32	Dot Grid	70	Tree Injector
33	Drip Torch	71	Tree Marking Gun
34	Dibble Bar	72	Tree Planting Bag
35	Dixie Pike Pole	73	Tree or Pole Climbers
36	Dumpy Level	74	Wedge Prism
37	Ear Protectors	75	Wedge—Falling
		76	Wedge—Splitting

### Forestry Heavy Equipment

77	Skidder	81	Yarder
78	Feller Buncher	82	Self Loading Log Truck

<del>79</del>	<del>Dozer</del>	<del>83</del>	<del>Rubber-Tire Loader</del>
<del>80</del>	<del>Logging Helicopter</del>	<del>84</del>	<del>Processor</del>

**NOTE: Wood Identificataion Species and Characteristict list now a separate document listed on: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> under Forestry.**

**Appendix C – Wood Identification Species and Characteristics List**

**Wood Identification Species List**

<del>1</del>	<del>Alder</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>Ponderosa Pine</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>Black Walnut</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>Sugar Pine</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>Coast Redwood</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>Western Red Cedar</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>Douglas Fir</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>White Ash</del>
<del>5</del>	<del>Incense Cedar</del>	<del>11</del>	<del>White Fir</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>Maple</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>Oak Species</del>

**Wood Identification Characteristics**

Area:		Other:	
<del>13</del>	<del>Heartwood</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>Birdseye</del>
<del>14</del>	<del>Pith</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>Flecks</del>
<del>15</del>	<del>Sapwood</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>Grub Holes</del>
<b>Grain:</b>		<del>28</del>	<del>Pitch Pocket</del>
<del>16</del>	<del>Flat Grain</del>	<del>29</del>	<del>Planer Miss or Skip</del>
<del>17</del>	<del>Vertical Grain</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>Season Check</del>
<b>Knot Quality:</b>		<del>31</del>	<del>Shake</del>
<del>18</del>	<del>Encased Knot</del>	<del>32</del>	<del>Split</del>
<del>19</del>	<del>Intergrown Knot</del>	<del>33</del>	<del>Stain</del>
<b>Knot Shape:</b>		<del>34</del>	<del>Timber Break</del>
<del>20</del>	<del>Round Knot</del>	<del>35</del>	<del>Unsound Wood (Rot)</del>
<del>21</del>	<del>Spike Knot</del>	<del>36</del>	<del>Wane</del>
<b>Wood Surface:</b>		<del>37</del>	<del>Warp</del>
<del>22</del>	<del>Cross Section</del>	<del>38</del>	<del>White Speck</del>
<del>23</del>	<del>Radial</del>		
<del>24</del>	<del>Tangential</del>		

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### Appendix D—Forestry Knowledge List

Forestry knowledge questions will be derived from this list.

No.	Term	Description
A	Acre	Ten square chains, or 208.7 ft. by 208.7 ft. square, or 43,560 square ft.
B	Afforestation	Establishment of a forest or stand in an area not previously forested.
C	Age Class	Classification of a stand of trees based on when regeneration started.
D	Rotation Age	Age at which a tree is ready to harvest.
E	Annual Ring	A summer and spring ring representing one growth year.
A	All Aged	A stand of timber where all age classes are represented.
B	Aspect	Direction the slope faces.
C	Azimuth	Three hundred sixty (360) degrees on compass.
D	Back Fire	Fire set along a control line which burns back into the fire.
E	Inner Bark	Area between the cambium and periderm.
A	Outer Bark	Layer of tissue outside of the last periderm layer.
B	Bearing Compass	A compass set up with four (4) 90 degree quadrants.
C	Tree Biomass	Weight of complete trees (living material).
D	Board Foot	The volume equivalent to a board one inch thick x twelve inches wide x twelve inches long.
E	Bole	Trunk or stem of a tree.
A	Breast Height	A point on a tree 4.5 ft. above the ground on the uphill side of a tree.
B	Controlled Burning	A deliberately started fire to accomplish a particular management purpose.
C	Burning Prescription	Describes the conditions and results to be garnered from a control burn.
D	Buck	To cut logs into specific lengths.
E	Butt Log	The first log above the stump.
A	Cambium	Growing tissue, produces xylem and phloem, that is part of the inner bark.
B	Chain	66 ft. measurement unit, or four (4) rods long.
C	Chaparral	A thicket of low, evergreen oaks or dense tangled brushwood.
D	Season Check	Lengthwise separation of wood which goes or extends across the rings of annual growth and is caused by stress during seasoning.
E	Clearcutting	Area in which the entire timber stand has been cut.
A	Codominant	Trees which are the average level of the canopy and receive light on the top but not necessarily on all sides of the crown.
B	Conifer	Cone bearing trees, usually evergreen.
C	Cord	Unit of measurement for stocked wood, four ft. by four ft. by 8 ft. (4' x 4' x 8') or 128 cubic feet.
D	Crown	The part of a tree or woody plant bearing live branches and foliage.
E	Crown Fire	Fire which has moved into the tops of the trees.
A	Cruise	Survey of forest lands to locate and estimate volume and grades of standing timber.

No.	Term	Description
B	Cubic foot	A unit of true volume that measures 1 x 1 x 1 ft or the equivalent of 12 board feet.
C	Cunit	A unit of volume, usually pulpwood, that measures 100 ft <sup>3</sup> .
D	Cull	Any item of production, e.g., trees, logs, lumber, or seedlings, rejected because it does not meet certain specifications of usability or grade.
E	Deciduous	Trees which usually drop all of their leaves more or less at one time, usually in the fall.
A	Mill Deck	Platform where logs are held in the sawmill prior to sawing.
B	Log Defect	Any irregularity or imperfection in a log which reduces the volume of sound wood or lowers the durability, strength or utility value.
C	Dendrology	Identification or systematic classification of trees.
D	Crown Density	The compactness of foliage of the crowns of trees and shrubs.
E	Diöecious	Male and female flowers produced on separate plants.
A	Dominant	Trees whose crowns extend above the average level of the forest canopy. They receive direct sunlight from above and some from the sides.
B	Duff	Organic debris in various stages of decomposition on top of the mineral soil.
C	Ecology	The study of the interrelationships between living organisms and the environment.
D	Even-Aged Management	Applied to a stand where relatively small age differences exist between individual trees. The maximum age difference is usually 10 to 20 years.
E	Tree Farm	Area usually privately owned which is dedicated to the production of timber products.
A	Surface Fire	A fire which burns over the forest floor and burns only the surface litter, loose debris and small vegetation.
B	Exploitation	Use of natural resources with economic greed as the primary motivation and the manipulation of the environment with no consideration for sustained yield.
C	Firebreak	A barrier existing or constructed before a fire to serve as a line from which work can be facilitated. Inflammable materials have been removed from the area and it is designed to stop creeping or running fires.
D	Multiple Use of the Forest	Management of the forest with concern for all natural resources including timber, wildlife, recreation, mining, watershed, and range. All of the uses are used without the harming or detrimental affects on the other uses.
E	Gall	A pronounced localized swelling of modified structure which occurs on plants usually as the result of the irritation or stimulus by another organism.
A	Girdle	To completely encircle the bole of a tree with cuts that completely sever the cambium layer eventually killing the tree.
B	Ground Fire	A fire which burns in the organic matter and down into the soil and roots.
C	Habitat	The site or area in which the plants or animals live. The unit area of the environment synonymous with site.
D	Hardwood	Wood produced by broadleaf trees; same as porous wood.
E	Heartwood	The inner core of the woody stem or bole wholly composed of nonliving cells and usually has a darker color.
A	Hectare	A unit of land measure within the metric system. About 2.471 acres.
B	Heeling In	Placing small bundles of bare root seedlings in a shallow trench or hole and covering the roots.
C	Herbicide	A chemical used for killing or controlling the growth of plants.
D	Humus	Plant and animal residues of the duff which is in varying stages of decomposition.

No.	Term	Description
E	Hypsometer	Instrument used to measure tree height using geometric or trigonometric principles.
A	Intermediate Cuts	Harvest of trees made before a final harvest.
B	Intolerance	Inability of a tree to develop and grow in shade or in competition with other trees.
C	Kerf	Saw width of cut made by the saw. Basically sawdust residue.
D	Litter	Organic materials on upper layer of the duff.
E	Log	a) To cut and deliver logs aka logging.
A		b) Tree segments, cut to length and suitable for lumber.
B	Lookout	A station used for detection of fires. Usually a tower at a high point so a good view of the forest is available.
C	Lop	To cut limbs from trees, whether standing, felled, or fallen.
D	Maturity	Age beyond which growth declines in a given species.
E	Mensuration	Science of measurement of volume and growth and development of individual trees and stands and of the products they produce.
A	Merchantable Log	Size of a log, usually 16 ft., which is marketable.
B	Mixed Stand	Less than 75% of the stems in the stand are of the same species.
C	Monoecious	Having male and female flowers on the same plant.
D	Overrun	Excess amount of lumber actually sawed from the logs compared to the estimated volume from scaling.
E	Overstory	Upper crown cover.
A	Pathology	Study of the science of diseases of forest trees or stands, and the deterioration of the products by the organisms.
B	Phloem	Inner bark, just outward of the cambium, that translocates food made in the leaves down to the branches, twigs and roots.
C	Photosynthesis	Process by which plants manufacture food and oxygen.
D	Pole (size class)	Name for trees less than 12 inch dbh. Young: dbh of 4 inches. Small: 4 to 8 inch dbh. Large: 8 to 12 inch dbh.
E	Pruning	The removal of live or dead stems from dead or living trees.
A	Pulpwood	Wood cut or prepared primarily to be used in wood pulp manufacture for paper products, etc.
B	Reforestation	The natural or artificial restocking of an area with forest trees.
C	Rot	Wood in a state of decay.
D	Rotation	The period of years required to establish and grow a timber crop to a specified condition of maturity.
E	Sapling (size class)	A tree usually 3-10 ft. in height with a 2-4 inch dbh. Not over 4 inch dbh.
A	Sapwood	The light colored wood which conducts water and nutrients to the crown of the tree.
B	Saw Timber	Trees that yield logs of suitable size and quality to be made into lumber.
C	Scale	Measuring to determine the sound volume or contents of a log or group of logs.
D	Seasoning	The process of reducing the moisture content of wood or lumber by exposing it to air or using a kiln.

No.	Term	Description
E	Section	An area of land one mile square containing 640 acres.
A	Seeding	Planting of seed by man or by natural process.
B	Seedling (size class)	A tree usually grown by natural process from seed that is less than three ft. tall and smaller than a sapling.
C	Seed Tree	A mature tree left for natural seed regeneration or for seed collection.
D	Shake	A lengthwise separation of the wood usually between the annual growth rings.
E	Shelterwood	The establishment of natural reproduction with a partial shade left to protect the young seedlings. Removal of the mature timber in a series of cuttings, cuts not more than 25% or less than 1/10th of the stand.
A	Shrub	A woody perennial with a multiple branching stem.
B	Silviculture	The growing or the art and science of tending the forest.
C	Site	An area considered as to its environmental or ecological factors.
D	Site Index	A species-specific measure of actual or potential forest productivity expressed in terms of the average height of trees at a specified index or base age.
E	Slash	The debris and materials (limbs, etc.) left over from logging.
A	Snag	A standing dead tree usually over 20 ft. in height. Under 20 ft. is termed a stub.
B	Softwood	Wood produced by coniferous trees; same as nonporous wood.
C	Springwood	Wood formed of less dense, larger, cells.
D	Pure Stand	A stand in which 75% or more of the species are of the same species.
E	Stumpage	The value of timber as it stands in the woods.
A	Sustained Yield	Continuous yield of forest products from a specific area, year after year.
B	Taper	The difference in diameter between any two points along the tree stem.
C	Thinning	Cutting in an immature stand to increase its rate of growth to foster quality growth, improve composition and to promote a healthy stand.
D	Shade Tolerance	The ability of a tree to withstand shade.
E	Township	36 sections; a six mile by six mile parcel of land.
A	Transpiration	The process by which water vapor passes from the foliage or other parts of a living plant to the atmosphere.
B	Tree	A woody plant which has a bole or trunk of at least 8 ft. which is well defined.
C	Wolf Tree	A tree taking up space which has no value itself but competes with wanted trees. Usually stubby, short boled trees with many limbs.
D	Undercut	A cut in felling trees which is what creates a notch determining which way the tree is to fall.
E	Understory	The forest growth below the overstory, or taller plants in the canopy.
A	Uneven Aged Management	Management of a stand where different age classes are maintained.
B	Wildfire	Natural occurring fires or man induced fires which no matter how they were started are burning out of control.
C	Windfall	A tree uprooted by wind or broken off by wind.
D	Xylem	The principal water conducting tissue and the chief supporting system of higher plants, composed of tracheids, fibers, and parenchyma.

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**APPENDIX E – Table Interpretation: Site Index Graphs**

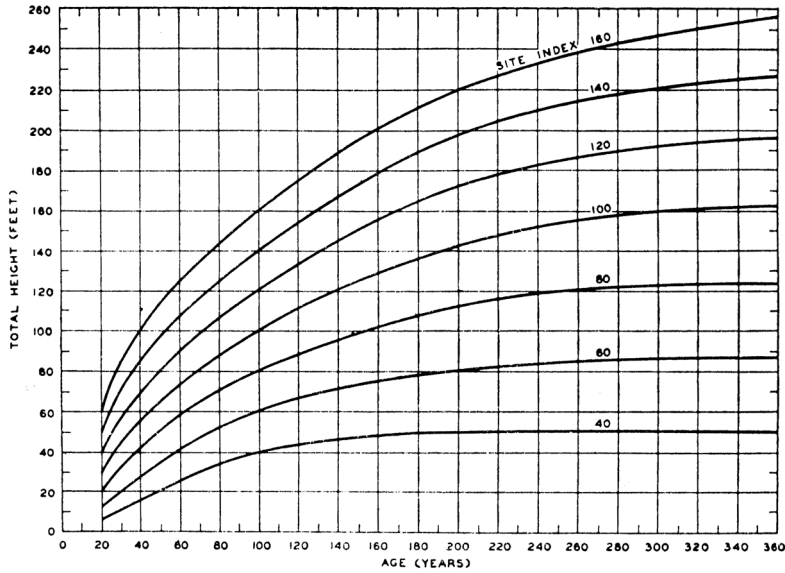


Figure A-4. Site index values of dominant and codominant ponderosa pine trees of average breast high diameter.

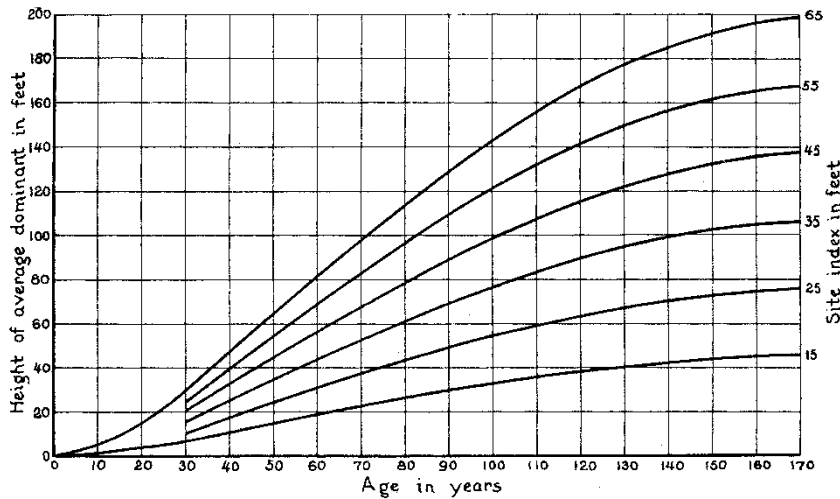


Figure A-6 Site index values of average dominant red fir trees.

U.C., Schumacher, 1928

Fig. 2. Red Fir Site Index Graph.

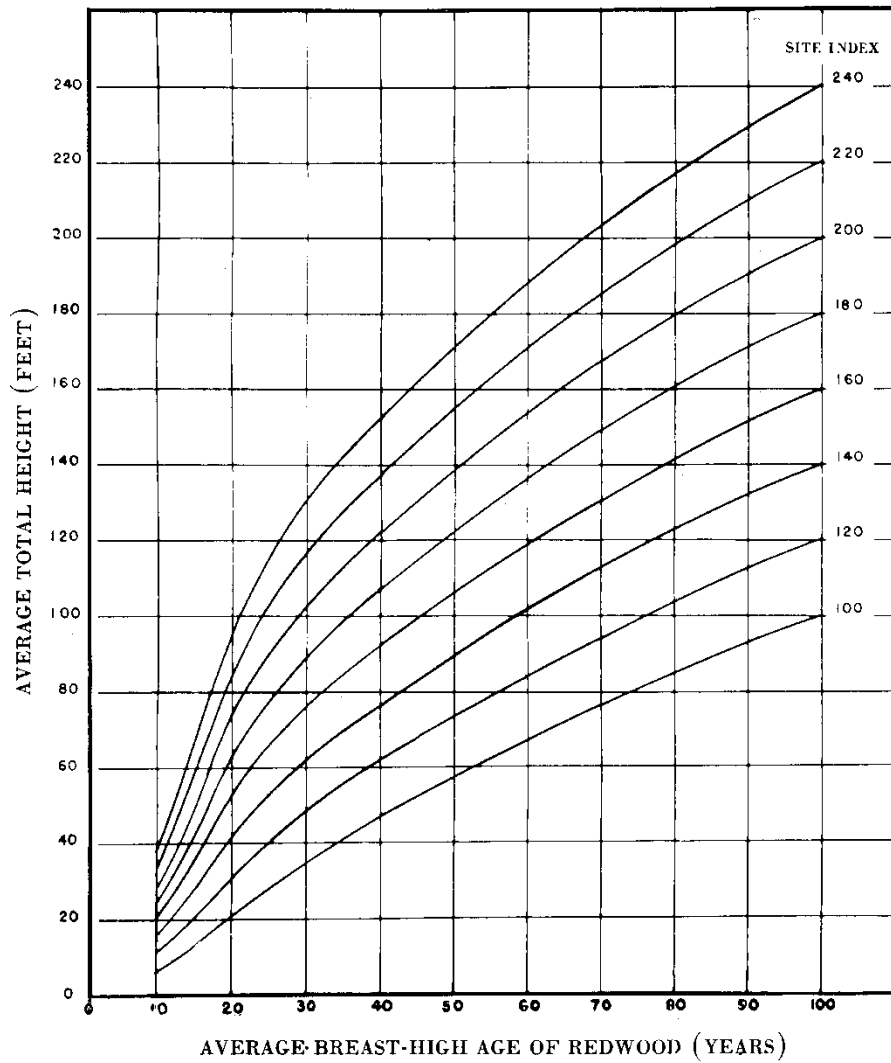


Figure A-1. Site index values of dominant redwood by height and breast-high age classes.

U.C., Lindquist and Palley, 1963

Fig. 3. Redwood Site Index Graph.

**NOTE: Forestry Log Scaling is now a separate document listed on: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> under Forestry.**

**Appendix F -- Log Scaling**

The following reference will be used for the log scaling portion of the Timber measurement Skillset, "National Forest Log Scaling Handbook" <https://fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsh/2409.11/2409.11-NF%20LOGSCALING%20HDBK.pdf>

Scaling Rules:

—When logs are measured for length, they must be in even 2 foot increments that include 6 inches of trim if they do not have the needed 6 inches then they will be scaled to the next shorter 2 foot increment. For example a 16' 8" log would be scaled as a 16' log; a 16' 2" log would be scaled as a 14" log. Two segment logs must have a minimum of 1 foot of trim or 6 inches for each segment.

Rules for scaling butt logs:

- 20' and under, no taper
- 22' - 26', 1" taper per segment, 2" total taper.
- 28' - 40', 2" taper per segment, 4" total taper

**NOTE: This curricular proposal eliminates the timber cruising team event that utilizes this table.**  
**Appendix G -- Cruising Table**

<i>Tree Number</i>	<i>DBH</i>	<i>Ht</i>	<i>Volume in BF</i>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>			
<b>6</b>			
<b>7</b>			
<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>			
<b>10</b>			
<b>Total Volume</b>			

**NOTE: Volume Table now a separate document listed on: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-activities-code> under Forestry.**

**Appendix H – Volume Table**

<b>FORM CLASS 65</b>											
<b>TABLE 34.—Gross volume of tree, Scribner log rule</b>											
Tree diameter (inches)	VOLUME (board feet) BY NUMBER OF USABLE 16-FOOT LOGS										
	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6
10.....	16	19	22	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
11.....	22	27	32	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
12.....	28	35	42	46	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
13.....	36	45	54	60	66	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
14.....	43	55	67	75	83	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
15.....	52	67	82	93	104	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16.....	61	79	97	111	125	133	141	-----	-----	-----	-----
17.....	71	92	114	131	148	158	168	-----	-----	-----	-----
18.....	81	106	132	151	170	183	196	-----	-----	-----	-----
19.....	92	122	152	175	198	213	228	-----	-----	-----	-----
20.....	104	138	173	200	226	243	260	273	286	-----	-----
21.....	116	156	195	226	256	276	297	314	330	-----	-----
22.....	129	173	217	252	287	310	334	354	375	-----	-----
23.....	143	192	242	282	322	343	373	398	424	-----	-----
24.....	157	212	267	312	356	384	412	442	472	-----	-----
25.....	172	233	294	344	393	426	460	492	525	-----	-----
26.....	187	254	320	375	430	468	507	542	578	-----	-----
27.....	204	277	350	411	472	514	556	596	637	-----	-----
28.....	221	300	380	446	513	559	605	650	696	737	778
29.....	239	326	412	484	557	606	656	708	760	808	857
30.....	257	350	444	522	601	654	708	766	825	880	936
31.....	276	378	479	565	651	711	771	832	894	957	1,020
32.....	296	405	514	608	701	768	834	898	962	1,033	1,104
33.....	316	434	551	652	753	826	898	967	1,036	1,114	1,193
34.....	337	462	588	696	805	883	961	1,036	1,110	1,196	1,282
35.....	360	495	630	747	864	948	1,032	1,113	1,194	1,284	1,373
36.....	382	527	672	797	922	1,012	1,102	1,190	1,279	1,372	1,464
37.....	406	560	714	850	986	1,082	1,178	1,275	1,372	1,470	1,568
38.....	429	592	756	902	1,049	1,151	1,253	1,358	1,464	1,568	1,672
39.....	454	628	803	958	1,113	1,224	1,334	1,443	1,552	1,663	1,774
40.....	478	664	850	1,014	1,177	1,296	1,414	1,526	1,630	1,757	1,875

**NOTE: This curricular proposal eliminates the Basal Area team event that utilizes this table.**

**Appendix I – Basal Area**

<b>Basal Area: Skillset V (60 points– team score only)</b>			
	<i>Total Basal Area measured in square feet per acre</i>		<b>60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>60</b>

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