

THE BARK

IDAHO FOREST GROUP
*Building the Foundation for
 the 2009 Presidential Inauguration*

March Birthdays:

Melvin Teats	2nd
Drexel Schilling	2nd
Chance Allbright	3rd
Jerry Brehmer	4th
Mike Hanson	10th
Scott Rathbone	12th
Carl Salisbury	13th
Travis Miller	17th
Travis Randall	17th
Joe Sarbacher	19th
Steve Fogleman	21st
Kevin Northrup	22nd
Ty Martin	25th
Heather Bashaw	25th
Terry Edwards	29th
Pat Hovey	31st

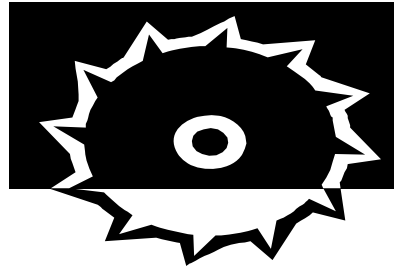
March Anniversaries:

Kenneth Skiles	1 yr
Ron Hutchins	2 yrs
Kevin Tomlinson	2 yrs
James Wallace	2 yrs
Larry Lytle	3 yrs
Ronnie Thompson	7 yrs
Eric Townsend	7 yrs
Gene Learn	7 yrs
Trudie Johnson	16 yrs
Don McAdow	18 yrs
Mary Morgan	20 yrs
Kathy Ruzicka	28 yrs

By: Carla Wilkins

When you saw Barack Obama sworn in as our 44th President last month, you may have noticed him high on a platform in front of the Capitol Building. That platform was built specially for the Inauguration and guess who's lumber they used? Although photocopied newsletter pictures aren't the clearest, I hope you can see our IFG logo on the paperwrap.

This picture was taken by a friend of Marc Brinkmeyer. He happened to be driving past the capitol building in Washington D.C., saw our lumber, and snapped several pictures. It was quite a surprise to our sales office to receive them. They started searching the web and found several web-



sites showing the project, with our lumber displayed, but didn't hear a word from the customer to whom we sold the lumber.

As the picture was passed around, other customers, local newspapers and even a timber industry publication contacted our sales office looking for details.

Robin Martin in our sales office contacted Mr. Staley

of The Christman Company, the contractor in charge of building the platform. Mr. Staley told her that part of the terms of the government contract was that they cannot talk about doing the work in an effort to self-promote. In fact, the company that put up the railings on the platform did send out a press release and were served with a cease & desist court order. He believes that may be why we did not hear from our customer. He did tell Robin the lumber was beautiful and easy to work with.

If you'd like to check out the website that shows the building of the platform, the address is <http://inaugural.senate.gov/2009/slideshow-platformconstruction.cfm>

