## **Professional Tree Appraisals**

**Tree Appraisals** are often required by homeowners, insurance companies or lawyers, to settle claims or disputes arising from accidental or willful damage or destruction of trees and/or shrubs. The appraisal provides a monetary value of the tree or shrub, as a basis for awarding damages. Appraisal of a tree in a landscape situation is not based on the value of the products the tree could produce, but on the non-consumptive benefits which it offers, such as privacy screening, dust and noise filtration, wind protection, cooling and shading, as well as aesthetic considerations. Factors taken into consideration are size, species, condition and placement.

A tree or plant appraisal will provide the owner with an accurate and defensible value of tree/plant losses through a system developed by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, which is comprised of representatives from American Association of Nurserymen, American Society of Consulting Arborists, Associated Landscape Contractors of America, International Society of Arboriculture, and National Arborist Association.

Following are the people we know of in east Idaho that do professional tree appraisals. They do charge a fee for this service.

## Idaho Falls:

**Bob Potter**- Advantage Tree Care- 390-6410 **Gerry Bates**- Forester for Idaho Dept. of Lands- 681-5964 **Kim Johnson**- Lawn Tech- 523-5296

## Pocatello:

Dirk Anderson- Top Notch Tree Service- 233-8233

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