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Spirit Woods... Stories and Songs of Forests and Trees

- ❖ The "Spirit Woods" CD was a *joint* project done by the ND Forest Service and ND Council on the Arts.
- ❖ The *enhanced* CD is an educational and entertaining recording that features stories, music, scientific information, and photos relating to trees and forests, and is based on the trees and storytellers of varying ethnic backgrounds found in North Dakota.
- ❖ The ND Forest Service sponsored this project to encourage youth and adults to read and learn more about trees and forests, as well as the cultural connections between people, traditions and trees.
- ❖ The ND Council on the Arts sponsored this project to highlight and educate the public as to the folk arts and traditional storytelling that thrives in our state in regard to trees and forests – preserving folk traditions in our state and making others aware of them.
- ❖ The ND Forest Service will use the CD to complement the Project Learning Tree curriculum for educators of students in grades PreK-12, and help meet the *No Child Left Behind* primary mandate of strengthening language arts skills through multisensory stimulation that are interactive.
- ❖ The CD features German, Celtic, Norse, and American Plains Indian stories, music and trees found in North Dakota, which should be of interest to students and adults.
- ❖ Most cultures have beliefs, values and traditions that shape human interactions with the environment and its natural resources.
- ❖ Trees and forests provide artistic and spiritual inspiration, as well as recreational and intellectual resources.
- ❖ Stories, poetry, music and art provide an opportunity for people to express feelings, values and beliefs about trees/forests and related natural resources in creative and artistic ways.
- ❖ **The cost is \$15.95, plus \$3 for shipping, or 10 or more CDs for \$9.85 each.**
- ❖ **To obtain a copy, contact the ND Forest Service at (701) 228-5446 or Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.nodak.edu; or the ND Council on the Arts at (701) 328-7590 or comserve@state.nd.us**