



## **Spring 2011: Field Class in Forest Management and Sustainability in Haida Gwaii, B.C.**

**REM-670: Introduction to Forestry**, a graduate class offered through the School of Resource & Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University.

**Instructor:** Dr. Ken Lertzman. **TAs:** Jordan Benner and Mary von der Porten

In partnership with the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society (<http://www.haidagwaisemester.com/>), we will be offering REM-670 **April 24 – May 14, 2011 in Haida Gwaii off the north coast of BC**. Though the course is nominally focused on forest management, the broad theme of the course will address how forest management can aid in a broader search for ecological and socio-economic sustainability on the islands. Topics will examine a diverse mix of subjects relating to forest ecology and ecosystems, management practices, and planning and policy. The idea of crafting forest planning and policy to achieve a broad range of social objectives will be a major theme linking different aspects of the course.

The course will consist of a mix of lectures, field visits and exercises, and discussions with members of the community. It will conclude with group projects conducted by the students. All activities will be carried out in conjunction with local community members through our partnership with the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society. Students with an interest in forests, forestry, or forest communities who are registered in a graduate program are eligible to attend. Students **do not** need to have a background in forestry or intend to pursue a forestry related area for their research or future employment. Some academic or employment background in an area related to ecology, natural resource management, or community development and sustainability is strongly recommended (for instance the suite of first year REM core courses provides this).

The cost will be roughly \$1,100-1,300 per student, including accommodation, use of classroom facilities, and transportation *in* Haida Gwaii. In addition, students are responsible for their own food and for transportation *to* Haida Gwaii. Spaces are limited, register as soon as possible.

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*Through the Western Dean's Agreement, students at the following universities can take this course with little administrative difficulty: University of Alberta, Athabasca University, Brandon University, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, University of Manitoba, University of Northern British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan, Simon Fraser University, University of Regina, and the University of Victoria. Students from other universities are welcome but will require special arrangements for registration.*