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**2025-2026 FORESTRY CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP
 JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET FOR FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION**

Part 1 – Application of data (105 points)					
The team demonstrated a solid understanding of:					
• the complex forest structure of Sierran forests prior to European influence	1 None	2 Minimal	3 Adequate	4 Good	5 Impressive
• the significance of Duncan Dunning's early work in the Stanislaus-Tuolumne Experimental Forest	1 None	2 Minimal	3 Adequate	4 Good	5 Impressive
• the value of current forest research and reporting, including GTR-220	1 None	2 Minimal	3 Adequate	4 Good	5 Impressive
• the reason(s) for conducting and objectives of the Variable Density Thinning Study	1 None	2 Minimal	3 Adequate	4 Good	5 Impressive
The team used the data from the Variable Density Thinning Study to state which of the 6 treatments would best perpetuate complex forest structure and why	3 None	6 Minimal	9 Adequate	12 Good	15 Impressive
The team addressed challenges and solutions for implementing prescribed fire and the 30" diameter limit rule	2 None	4 Minimal	6 Adequate	8 Good	10 Impressive
The team explained the application of research to the design of variable density treatments in SERAL	2 None	4 Minimal	6 Adequate	8 Good	10 Impressive
The team presented a plan for perpetuating complex forest structure in the SERAL units treated with variable density thinning	3 None	6 Minimal	9 Adequate	12 Good	15 Impressive
The team addressed the barriers for implementing their plan and offered suggestions on how to overcome them	2 None	4 Minimal	6 Adequate	8 Good	10 Impressive
The team had good comprehension of the focus topic and interpretation of key concepts and data	3 None	6 Minimal	9 Adequate	12 Good	15 Impressive
The information piece(s) were based on interviews, observations, & data the team collected, with specific reference sources cited	2 "A forester..."	4 1-2 sources with first names	6 1-2 sources with full names and titles	8 3 sources including people and references	10 4+ sources including people and references

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Part 2 – Quality of the presentation (35 points)					
Participants introduced themselves and made eye contact during the entire presentation	1 No introductions	2 Introductions, no eye contact (i.e., reading from slides, not looking at/toward judges)	3 Intros, little eye contact, read from cue cards	4 Introductions, eye contact often, read from cue cards	5 Introductions, eye contact throughout presentation, referenced cue cards
The presentation was well organized, with a clear introduction and a strong conclusion	2 None/Neither	4 Difficult to follow	6 Organized, but lacking intro and conclusion	8 Organized, good intro and conclusion	10 Very clear, easy to understand, followed outline
The PowerPoint presentation visually pleasing	1 Unorganized, small font, few to no graphics	2 Lacking effort in design and/or organization	3 Design could be better	4 Nice design, easy to read	5 Well designed. Very visually pleasing
Judges' questions were answered logically & concisely	3 Could not answer any of judge's questions	6 Incomplete answers	9 Generally answered questions	12 Answered questions thoughtfully and completely	15 Answered all questions clearly and knowledgeably
Part 3 – Required Elements (10 points)					
All team members participated relatively equally in giving the presentation	1 Only one team member participated	2 Mostly one team member participated	3 Most team members participated, unequally	4 Most team members participated equally	5 All team members participated equally
The team made effective use of their time	1 Under 15 minutes - mediocre	2 Under 15 minutes - adequate	3 Under 15 minutes - good	4 15-20 minutes - good	5 15-20 minutes - impressive

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