- I. What kind of buildings are constructed in the North-West Rockies?
- II. What are the common structural elements and material components used in mountain cabin houses?
  - A. Large forward facing facades
  - B. Short back-ends
  - C. Elevated foundations
  - D. Stilts
  - E. Log exterior
- III. What is the Climate around MBRNF?
  - A. Low= 9F(Jan/Dec)
  - B. High= 67F(Jul)
  - C. 29.3 inches of rain
    - 1. Snow depth can range from 2'-12'
  - D. Natural Disasters are semi-common
    - 1. Mudslides
    - 2. Snowstorms
    - 3. Floods (lower elevations)
    - 4. Fires
- IV. What's the vegetation of the Area?
  - A. Soil Conditions
    - 1. High concentration of Inceptisols
      - a) Found of steep slopes
      - b) Parent rock=resistant to weathering
      - c) Thin/Rocky
      - d) Low water retention
    - 2. Moderate concentration of Entisols
      - a) Found in high valleys/base of slopes
      - b) Often don't have a B horizon
      - c) Can still supply plant nutrients
      - d) Found in many urban areas
  - B. Dominant Tree=Lodgepole Pine
  - C. Large patches of Aspen Subalpine Fir and Engelmann Spruce
  - D. Shrubs can be found in steppes
    - 1. Sagebrush
    - 2. Gambel's Oak
    - 3. Serviceberry
  - E. Flowers can be found at forest floor
    - 1. Mules Ear
    - 2. Columbines

- 3. Scarlet Gilia
- 4. Phlox
- 5. Lupine
- 6. Indian Paintbrush
- 7. Glacier Lilies
- 8. Marsh Marigolds