



A cooperative training presented by the U.S. Forest Service and
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation



Forest Insect and Disease Identification and Management (Seeley Lake, MT)

Description: A three-day workshop covering identification and management of forest insects and diseases. This training will include indoor presentations and daily field trips.

We will cover identification of important forest insects and diseases common to the area, recognition of the damage they cause, their natural roles in forested ecosystems, and strategies to mitigate their damage. Upon completion attendees will:

- Recognize the common forest insects and diseases and the stand conditions conducive to pest-related concerns;
- Be familiar with the effects of insects and diseases on multiple resources in forested ecosystems;
- Know the silvicultural, chemical, and biological control measures available to manage insects and diseases; and
- Be familiar with the technical resources available to further assist with identification and management issues.

Who should attend:

- Foresters, forest technicians, student interns, and any land managers from government agencies or private industry who perform forest inventories, stand exams, and (or) write management prescriptions for forest stands of any age. **We recommend that foresters re-take this class periodically for review and update.**
- Forest planners, unit managers, lead silviculturists, and EA/EIS coordinators who need to understand the short- and long-term impacts of forest insects and diseases.
- Managers of recreation areas and (or) arborists responsible for hazard tree identification and management.

Credits: We are applying for credits from the Montana Dept. of Agriculture (pesticide recertification), International Society of Arboriculture (CEU credits), and Montana Logger's Association. We will provide copies of the detailed agenda (classroom and field) for those interested in applying on their own for Society of American Foresters CFE credits. We received both MDA pesticide and ISA CEU credits for this same session in 2014.

Note: Attendance at the entire course is required in order to receive the above credits.

Instructors: Blakey Lockman and Nancy Sturdevant: USFS Forest Health Protection; Missoula, MT
Amy Gannon and Brennan Ferguson: Montana DNRC, Forest Pest Management; Missoula, MT

Dates and location: **Tuesday - Thursday, May 19-21, 2015**
Double Arrow Resort
Seeley Lake, MT

Registration deadline: Monday, May 4th or until a maximum of 35 is reached. Register early!

A block of rooms is reserved at the government rate at the Double Arrow Resort **through April 1st**. If you are going to attend and need a room please register **ASAP**. The government rate will also be available Monday and Thursday nights.

How to register:

Contact Chris Hayes (cjhayes@fs.fed.us; 406-329-3130). Once registered you will receive a confirmation letter via email with information on booking a room at Double Arrow, items to bring, start times, a detailed agenda, etc.

In your registration email please include the following:

1. Course name and location.
2. Student name, employer, job title, and work email/phone number.
3. Any specific insect and disease topics you would like covered.
4. Accessibility/special needs requests.