

## ***IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING INSECTS AND DISEASES IN FORESTED ECOSYSTEMS***

**Description:** A two-day workshop covering both identification and management of forest insects and diseases.

This course will cover basic identification of important forest insects and diseases common to the area, recognition of the damage they cause, their natural roles in forested ecosystems and the strategies to manage changes they cause in forested ecosystems. Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to 1) recognize the common forest insects and diseases and the stand conditions conducive to pest-related concerns, 2) evaluate the effects of insects and diseases and the importance of the damage they cause, 3) be familiar with silvicultural, chemical, and biological control measures currently available to reduce insect and disease-caused damage, and 4) be familiar with the effects of insects and diseases on multiple resources in forested ecosystems.

**Eligibility:** Anyone from government agencies or private industry needing or wanting to be able to recognize some of the more important forest insects and diseases. Also serves as a good review for others who may have taken a similar class previously.

**Note:** The 3 sessions being given are the same format; you need attend only 1 session. There is no prerequisite to taking this training.

## ***VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES***

**Description:** A one-day workshop focusing on development of vegetation management plans in recreation/administration areas, including an introduction to hazard tree identification.

Vegetation Management Planning for Developed Recreation Sites will be offered as a third day training immediately following Identifying and Managing Insects and Diseases in Forested Ecosystems of both Sessions 1 and 2. Upon completing this course, participants will 1) be familiar with at least one vegetation management plan template, 2) be familiar with at least one hazard tree evaluation form, and 3) understand the importance of an integrated approach to dealing with vegetation management in recreation settings.

**Eligibility:** Anyone from government agencies or private industry involved with completing vegetation management plans. Recreation specialists, silviculturists, landscape architects, and many other disciplines should be involved and will benefit from attending this session. Also serves as a good review for others who may have taken a similar class previously.

**Note:** This is a stand-alone training with no necessary prerequisites. However, participation in the first two days of insect and disease identification and management are encouraged.

**Course Locations, Dates, and Times:**

**Session 1:**

**Kalispell, MT**

Flathead Supervisor's Office  
July 13-14 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2010  
Vegetation Management Workshop  
July 15 (Thursday), 2010  
Registration deadline: **June 11, 2010**

**Session 2:**

**Red Lodge, MT**

Lupine Inn (rooms blocked until June 11)  
July 13-14 (Tuesday-Wednesday), 2010  
Vegetation Management Workshop  
July 15 (Thursday), 2010  
Registration deadline: **June 11, 2010**

**Session 3:**

**White Sulphur Springs, MT**

Meagher County Training Center  
July 21-22 (Wednesday-Thursday), 2010  
Registration deadline: **June 18, 2010**

**Registration:**

- Enrollment: Limited to 35 students in each session.
- Waiting list: Once enrollment is full cancellations will be filled from a waiting list.
- Tuition: None.
- Additional class details will be sent after application is received.
- Montana pesticide recertification credits are available.
- Accessibility/Special Needs: Please contact Scott Sontag or Amy Gannon (below).

**To Register:** (Note: Federal & tribal contact Scott Sontag - state & private contact Amy Gannon)

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**Cancellation:** Contact Scott Sontag or Amy Gannon **immediately** if you need to cancel. There is always a waiting list for this course, please give others a chance to attend if you cannot. Plan to attend the **entire** course. Those who leave early will not be provided a certificate-of-attendance.

**Field Trips:** These are critical elements of the session. Be prepared for light hiking and bad weather.

**Lunch:** Bring a lunch each day. There will **not** be time to go out.