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Dead trees, both snags (standing dead trees) and logs (downed dead trees), are critical elements of healthy and productive forests. The "Symposium on the Ecology and Management of Dead Wood in Western Forests" was convened to bring together forest researchers and managers to share the current state of knowledge relative to the values and interactions of dead wood to and in a functioning forest. Topics covered include the value of dead wood organisms in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats, the dynamics of dead wood, and ecological, industrial, and State and Federal land management agency perspectives. This information is immensely valuable to researchers and managers working with or managing dead wood in a variety of ecosystems.

Retrieval Terms: cavity-dependent species, dead and down wood, dead wood distribution, dead wood value, debris flows, logs, snags, tree mortality

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