
Forest Health Monitoring Program
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Recent Happenings

Michael Bohne, Forest Health Monitoring Coordinator for the Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service, has accepted a promotion to Forest Health Group Leader with the Northeast Area in Durham, NH effective August 11, 2008. Michael will oversee all aspects of the Forest Health Protection program for the five New England states and New York. We congratulate Michael on his promotion and look forward to working with him in his new position.

Upcoming Events (items beginning with * indicate a new listing or new information added)

*September 16-18, 2008. Utah State University, Logan, UT. Restoring the West Conference, Frontiers in Aspen Restoration. Interest in western aspen forests and their restoration and management remains high. This year participants will build on the foundation laid by this conference in September 2006 where aspen management and restoration efforts going on throughout the West were discussed. Participants will cover aspen biology and ecology, possible effects of climate change on aspen forests, trends in aspen management, monitoring, human dimensions of aspen ecosystems, and other topics. The conference will appeal to managers and researchers, including public and private land managers, landowners, and others. This year's conference will include two full days (September 16 and 17) of invited presentations with a poster session, and a final half day of roundtables/workshops to discuss how best to move aspen restoration efforts forward. Anyone can propose a poster presentation; a request for submissions along with instructions will come out mid-summer. For more information visit: <http://www.restoringthewest.org/>

*September 22-27, 2008. Jackson, WY. '88 Fires: Yellowstone and Beyond. This momentous conference commemorates the 20th anniversary of the 1988 fires in Yellowstone and the northern Rocky Mountain area. This event is presented by the International Association of Wildland Fire in association with the National Park Service 9th Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem with the support of a consortium of partners. The conference will offer a host of opportunities to celebrate and learn lessons from past and present fire management practices and scientific research which serve as a foundation for the future of fire management. Discussions, presentations, and special sessions will focus on the following themes: fire behavior, weather and fuels, including crown fire modeling, long range fire behavior, weather forecasting, fuels, and fuels management; fire ecology, including wildlife, water, aquatic systems, landscape ecology and fire history; fire management and policy, including fire suppression, operations, safety, and planning; Global trends: carbon, invasive species, climate change; cultural and social perceptions of fire and the human interaction. For more information visit: <http://www.iawfonline.org/yellowstone/>.

October 21-23, 2008. Park City, UT. The 2008 FIA Symposium. The USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program is pleased to announce the 2008 FIA Symposium. The symposium will emphasize innovative uses of FIA data that shed new light on contemporary issues, such as carbon, climate change, fire, bio-energy/biomass, forest health, and other contemporary issues. Plenary and breakout sessions from a variety of disciplines will be presented. The goals of the symposium are to: present ways that FIA has aided in policy and management decisions; provide a forum for linking issue-focused analyses with techniques development; exchange science and technology between FIA regions; showcase collaborative ventures and foster continued work with FIA partners; display state-of-the-art science and tools; and communicate utility of FIA data and analyses to the broader user community. Papers and breakout sessions on applications or technologies related to the symposium theme – *Climate Change, Fire, and Other Hot Topics* – are invited. The 2nd call for papers and other information about the symposium are available on the symposium web page: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/symposium> . Abstracts for papers and breakout sessions were due May 30, 2008 and should have been submitted to Will McWilliams (USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station) at wmcwilliams@fs.fed.us . Visit the symposium web site for updated information.

November 17-20, 2008. Hot Springs, AR. The 15th Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference. The conference will consist of concurrent technical sessions, a poster session, and an optional field trip. Abstracts for offered papers and posters currently are being accepted. For more information about the conference and specifics about submitting abstracts, please visit the conference website at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/bssrc2008/index.htm>.

Job Announcements

The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region (R2) Forest Health will soon be advertising an Aerial Survey Program Manager GS-401-09/11 position. This is a permanent full-time position. The duty station for this position is located in Lakewood, Colorado and requires a large amount of traveling throughout the region. This position is with the Forest Health Monitoring Program and Renewable Resources staff of the Regional Office. The primary duties of this position are to manage the Regional aerial survey program and conduct aerial surveys and field visits on-the-ground. This position is responsible for program management R2 aerial survey coordinating with both State and federal Forest Health specialists and staff. The program manager will manage a centralized aerial survey program, prepare an annual program of work, provide direction to aerial survey personnel, ensure safety standards are being met by all personnel conducting surveys, and manage an annual budget. The incumbent will be responsible for planning and conducting annual and special aerial surveys, collect data to National standards, train personnel in data collection methods, and compile data and results into clear and concise reports. The incumbent will be skilled in forest vegetation and damage agent recognition, have experience with GIS, and background in forestry or other natural resources. If you are interested or desire further information about this position, please contact Jeri Lyn Harris (jharris@fs.fed.us or 303-236-8001). USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

The Missouri Department of Conservation is seeking candidates for the Forest Pathologist (Resource Scientist) position located in Columbia, Missouri. The pathologist partners with the Forest Entomologist to monitor forest health and provide forest health information to resource managers and the general public in Missouri. The announcement and information for applying online are available at this site: <http://mdc.mo.gov/about/jobs>. The deadline for applications is September 3, 2008.

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