

# Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update August 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**August 23-28, 2015.** Orléans, France. The 5<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on the Genetics of Tree-Parasite Interactions. The deadline for submission of abstracts was April 15, 2015. The deadline for early bird registration was April 15, 2015. To help the organizers with this event AND if you are considering attending the meeting but still waiting for money/approval, **please create a user account** on the conference's website. Creating a user account on the website does not imply registration to the conference or abstract submission, it is just a way to let organizers know that there is a fair probability that you will come. **To create your user account, just click [on this link](https://colloque.inra.fr/tree-parasite-interactions2015).** (if the link does not work, go to the conference website <https://colloque.inra.fr/tree-parasite-interactions2015> and you will find a link in the "Abstract submission" section. Although the link states "I want to create an account to submit" you will not be forced to submit an abstract once your account is created.) This workshop is intended to foster collaboration and communication among all scientific disciplines working on tree-parasite interactions, and between science and management. Forest trees will be the main focus, but contributions regarding ornamental or fruit trees are also welcome. For more information including the main topics, visit the workshop website: <https://colloque.inra.fr/tree-parasite-interactions2015>.

**\*September 17-20, 2015.** Ashland, OR. 2015. 2015 Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation Annual Science and Management Workshop. The Genetics and Restoration of Whitebark Pine on the Pacific Coast workshop and field tours to Crater Lake National Park, Crater Creek and Dorena Genetic Resource Center are still scheduled for Sept. 17-20 in Ashland, Oregon. Please check the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation [website](#). for current updates or contact Kristen Chadwick at [kchadwick@fs.fed.us](mailto:kchadwick@fs.fed.us)) or 503-668-1474 OR Richard Sniezko at [rsniezko@fs.fed.us](mailto:rsniezko@fs.fed.us) or 541-767-5716 for the latest information. This will be the first time the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation (WPEF) has had their scientific meeting in the Pacific Coast range of whitebark pine – a chance to feature unique aspects of this part of the range (California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia), the other high elevation white pine species, and to hear key information from scientists and managers from other areas. The hope is to feature not only whitebark pine, but also the other high-elevation 5-needle pines (foxtail, limber, southwestern white pine, the two bristlecone pines – many of which occur in this area [and notably in California]). Also, the definitive (through 2015) information on genetic blister rust resistance will be available. The Crater Lake National Park field trip will feature many things, including the successful restoration plantings they have established, the dramatic impacts of

mountain pine beetle on whitebark pine, the selection of trees for resistance testing and gene conservation, and much more. There will be an indoor session followed by a poster session, and multiple field trips.

**September 21-25, 2015.** Newport, OR. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Western International Forest Disease Work Conference (WIFDWC). The conference will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn. Register with the inn by **August 21, 2015** to receive the conference rate. Visit [the conference website](#) for updated information about the conference as it becomes available.

**October 28-29, 2015.** Logan, UT. Restoring the West Conference 2015. This annual conference to be held at Utah State University in Logan, UT addresses prominent science and management issues in the western U.S. This year's theme will be "Fire ecology and restoration in the Interior West" and will feature aspen and cohort forest communities, as well as other vegetation zones. Check the [Restoring the West](#) website as details continue to be posted in the coming months.

**November 3-7, 2015.** Baton Rouge, LA. Society of American Foresters 2015 National Convention. The theme of the convention is *Recreating Forestry: The Confluence of Science, Society, and Technology*. The 2015 call for presentations is currently posted. The deadline for presentation submissions was March 31, 2015. The deadline for poster submissions is **September 30, 2015**. For complete information about the convention, visit the [Society of American Foresters convention website](#).

**December 8-10, 2015.** Portland, OR. 2015 Forest Inventory and Analysis Science Symposium. The US Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program is pleased to announce the 2015 FIA Science Symposium. The theme of the 12<sup>th</sup> biennial Science Symposium is *Pushing Boundaries – New Directions in Inventory Techniques & Applications*, emphasizing the development of innovative approaches to incorporating non-traditional approaches and uses of inventory information. The Symposium brings together international forest scientists, managers, and stakeholders to share insights on a wide variety of topics, including contemporary issues, science policy, mensuration, geospatial products, and inventory methods. For more information about the symposium, visit [the symposium website](#) or contact Sharon Stanton ([sharonMstanton@fs.fed.us](mailto:sharonMstanton@fs.fed.us)).

**May 16-19, 2016.** Chicago, IL. Gene Conservation of Tree Species: Banking on the Future. Early Alert! The USDA Forest Service is sponsoring a workshop that will bring together a mix of land managers, conservation and restoration practitioners, researchers, and non-governmental organizations who share the goal of conserving tree species. The workshop will include invited and contributed presentations and posters, and a field trip hosted by The Morton Arboretum. More information including the call for papers and posters is available at the [workshop website](#).

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

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**\*Learn at Lunch Live Webinar: Ogden's Green Street, Making Connections**  
(Sponsored by the Utah State University Forestry Extension and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands) Speaker: Monte Stewart (Ogden, UT City Urban Forester). From river realignment and bank engineering to tree planting and invasive species control, Ogden City continues to invest in their urban river corridor. Additionally, they have created a "green street" that connects bike and pedestrian traffic from the downtown business district to the 9.6 mile river trail and resource. In this Learn at Lunch Webinar, Ogden City Urban Forester, Monte Stewart will discuss forestry successes and lessons learned associated with this ongoing, large scale project. No registration is required! 1 CEU is available from the following organizations: International Society of Arboriculture, and Society of American Foresters. This webinar will be conducted at **12:00 p.m. (MST) on August 25, 2015**. To access this free webinar, visit [the webinar information site](#) for more details. Plan to access the site a few minutes early.

**The Sustainable Forest Roundtable** offers periodic webinars. For information about accessing past and future webinars, please visit [the Webinar Portal for Sustainable Forests](#).

## PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Chastain, R.A.; Fisk, H.; Ellenwood, J.R.; Sapio, F.J.; Rufenacht, B.; Finco, M.V.; Thomas, V.** 2015. Near-real time delivery of MODIS-based information on forest disturbances. In: Lippitt, C.D., D.A. Stow, and L.L. Coulter (Eds.). Time Sensitive Remote Sensing. New York, NY: Springer. pp. 147-164.
2. **Rogers, P.C.; Catlin, J.; Jones, A.; Shuler, J.; Morris, A.; Kuhns, M.** 2015. Quaking aspen at the residential-wildland interface: elk herbivory hinders forest conservation. Natural Areas Journal. 35(3): 416-427.  
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3375/043.035.0305>

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