Subject: 2019 National Silviculture Workshop - Request for Voluntary Papers and Posters

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

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The Biennial National Silviculture Workshop is scheduled for May 21-23, 2019, in Bemidji, Minnesota. The Washington Office Forest Management, Rangelands Management and Vegetation Ecology, the Washington Office Sustainable Forest Management Research, the Northeastern Region and the Northern Research Station will jointly host the workshop. The theme for this workshop is "Forest Management-Research Partnerships."

This letter requests volunteer oral papers and posters from the National Forest System (NFS), Research and Development (R&D), State and Private Forestry (S&PF) as well as from University scientists and cooperators, and others. Please distribute widely and encourage the participation of individuals you know who are involved in work relevant to the theme of this workshop and the particular areas of interest described in this letter. The papers and posters should address one of the following objectives of the workshop:

- Provide a forum to showcase successful partnerships and shared stewardship between forest managers and researchers.
- Enhance forest management and research relationships within the Agency to meet shared goals and objectives.
- Build on the Forest Service strategic objectives to improve the condition of forests through innovative silviculture and active forest management.
- Identify emerging forest management needs for new research investment.

Submit your abstracts by September 21, 2018. When submitting your abstract, please include speaker’s name, affiliation (NFS, R&D, S&PF, etc.), title, and a brief abstract summarizing the subject matter. Submissions (papers and posters) will be evaluated by members of the Workshop Program Planning Committee and all respondents will be notified of the selections by November 6, 2018. Oral and poster presenters will be expected to provide a final copy of their abstract to the Northern Research Station by April 5, 2019, for inclusion in the workshop handout. More detailed information on guidelines for publishing papers and posters including examples will be provided with a notification letter.
Please note that the process of selecting presenters is separate from that of selecting employees to attend the workshop. Within the next few months, a separate call for employee nominations to attend the workshop will be issued.

Please submit your abstracts to Lauren Pile, Ecologist, Northern Research Station, at lpile@fs.fed.us. If you have questions, she can be reached at (573) 875-5341 x 233.

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