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The Washington Office Forest and Rangelands Management and Vegetation Ecology and Sustainable Forest Management Research, the Northern Rocky Mountain Region and the Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS) will host the Biennial National Silviculture Workshop scheduled for July 13-15, 2021, in Kellogg, Idaho. The theme for the workshop is ***“Foundational Concepts in Silviculture: Emphasis on Reforestation and Early Stand Improvement.”***

This letter requests volunteer papers and posters from National Forest System (NFS), Research and Development (R&D), and university scientists and cooperators. The overall objective is to bring together NFS foresters, R&D scientists and universities to share silvicultural advances in reforestation and early stand improvement. The papers and posters should address one of the following objectives of the workshop:

1. Enhance the awareness of the importance of reforestation and early stand improvement to improve forest conditions.
2. Exchange information on science and management successes and challenges associated with reforestation and early stand improvement projects.
3. Enhance and highlight forest management and research interactions within the Agency and universities to address reforestation and stand improvement needs.

Although we welcome general topics fulfilling our overall objectives, we are looking for papers and presentations that may cover more specific topics; please refer to the [National Silviculture Workshop 2021 Website \(https://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/vegetation-management/silviculture/nsw.shtml\)](https://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/vegetation-management/silviculture/nsw.shtml) for specific topic suggestions.

Please submit your abstracts to Theresa “Terrie” Jain, RMRS at terrie.jain@usda.gov by **October 1, 2020**. When submitting your abstract, please include speaker’s name, affiliation (NFS, R&D, State and Private Forestry, etc.), title, and a brief abstract summarizing the subject matter. Submissions (speakers, 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 1, 2020**. Speakers and poster presenters will be expected to provide a final copy of their abstract to RMRS for inclusion in the workshop handout by January 15, 2021. Manuscripts for the proceedings are due by July 13, 2021. 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.

If you have questions, please direct them to Terrie Jain through email with subject "NSW 2021."

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