



**Ecology and Management of Spruce-Fir & Aspen  
Ecosystems-Scientific Considerations**  
August 19, 2014; 8:30 - 4:30  
Holiday Inn Express-Jordan Room-Montrose, CO



**7:30 AM**

**Registration** (Name tag and card) Please answer:

- ◆ Why are you attending?
- ◆ What do you want to gain from this workshop?
- ◆ What are your concerns?

**8:30**

**Introduction** (Scott Armentrout-GMUG Forest Supervisor;  
Robbie LeValley– Public Lands Partnership)

**Objective:** This workshop will: present state of the knowledge on the ecology and management of spruce-fir and aspen ecosystems which are experiencing spruce beetle and aspen decline leading to abundant mortality on National Forest System lands; utilize key findings from the workshop to improve approaches and analysis being completed in the DEIS.

**PLP Involvement:** Short term (workshop and field trip on September 4 on the Gunnison Ranger District; Long term-post decision stakeholder involvement.

**8:45 to 10:45 Ecology of Spruce-Fir and Aspen Ecosystems-Alison Hill, Moderator**

**8:45**

**Terrie Jain-** *Balancing the ecology with social and economic values.*

**9:00**

**Dale Bartos-** *Aspen autecology, values and current condition.*

**9:15**

**Jason Sibold-** *The combined influence of beetles, fire, blowdown and salvage on regeneration in spruce dominated forests.*

**9:30**

**Mike Ryan–** *Climate projections, climate effects on disturbance and how management and disturbance may alter forest carbon storage.*

**9:45**

**Charles McHugh–** *Fire behavior after bark beetles.*

**10:00**

**Kelly Elder–** *Snow dynamics and watershed response after bark beetles.*

**10:15**

**Jim Long–** *The future landscape and framing objectives.*

**\*Other scientists who will participate in the panel discussion:**

**Wayne Sheppard and Dan Binkley**

**10:30-11:00**

**Break (Feel free to fill out cards with questions for panel)**

**11:00**

**Panel Discussion and Audience Feedback-Alison Hill, Terrie Jain-Moderators**

**12-12:45**

**Lunch**

## **Ecology and Management of Spruce-Fir and Aspen Ecosystems Scientific Considerations—Continued**

- 12:45**      **Continued Science and Management Moderated Discussion.**  
**Alison Hill/Terrie Jain Moderators.**
- 2:15**      **Break**
- 2:30**      **Key findings summary from morning and afternoon sessions-Samantha Staley/  
Tim Stroope/PLP.**
- 2:45**      **Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response (SBEADMR)  
Project-Clay Speas**
- ◆ Purpose and need for the project
  - ◆ Alternatives being considered
  - ◆ Guidelines for selecting priority treatment areas
  - ◆ Monitoring and adaptive learning strategy
  - ◆ 10-year planned accomplishments authorized under the EIS
- 3:45**      **Examination of the SBEADMR Project with key findings from science panel-  
Susan Hanson Facilitator**
- 4:15**      **Close-out and Next Steps**

**Vistar Media Solutions has been contracted to record the session.  
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