

2024

# FOREST HEALTH IN OREGON: STATE OF THE STATE

## WEBINAR SERIES

TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM

Oregon faces many forest health challenges. Recent articles have shed light on significant issues such as megafires, sudden oak death outbreaks and the threats of invasive species in our forests.

This webinar series will update participants on the current condition of Oregon's forests, forest health trends, challenges, current research and possible solutions. Geared to foresters, forest managers, woodland owners, students and others with an interest in forest health, the webinars will provide a blend of current information and practical applications on how to manage a healthy forest.

The webinar series is brought to you by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension (College of Forestry), and the Oregon departments of forestry and agriculture.



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This webinar series is free to all participants, but registration is required.

## EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

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# AGENDA - DAY 1

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM**

8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Invasive Species in Oregon's Forests | Moderator - Cody Holthouse, ODA**

8:35 AM Emerald Ash Borer Update | Wyatt Williams, ODF

9:05 AM Mediterranean Oak Borer Update | Christine Buhl, ODF

9:30 AM Invasive Pathogens Update | Gabi Ritokova, ODF

10:00 AM Invasive Species Concerns - What to Do if You Have an Issue? | Dan Stark, OSU

**Health of Oregon's Forests | Statewide | Moderator - Dan Stark, OSU**

10:15 AM Summary of Aerial Detection Survey in Oregon | Tim Bryant, USFS

**Health of Oregon's Forests | West Side of Cascades | Moderator - Dan Stark, OSU**

10:45 AM Douglas Fir Decline Complex and Mortality in SW Oregon | Laura Lowery, USFS & Bill Kuhn, USFS

11:05 AM West Side Conifers Update (including Swiss needle cast) | David Shaw, OSU

11:25 AM West Side Hardwoods Update | Glenn Ahrens, OSU

# AGENDA - DAY 2

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM**

8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Health of Oregon's Forests | East Side of Cascades | Moderator - Margaret Miller, OFRI**

8:35 AM Forest Insects and Elevated Fir Mortality in Eastern Oregon | Robbie Flowers, USFS

9:05 AM Elevated Fir Mortality and Forest Diseases in Eastern Oregon | Brent Oblinger, USFS

**Fire and Forest Health | Moderator - Carrie Berger, OSU**

9:45 AM Why Fire is Important for Ecosystem Health | Kerry Metlen, TNC

10:15 AM Landowner Perspective on Prescribed Fire and Forest Health | Rich Fairbanks, Landowner

10:45 AM Reducing Wildfire Severity - Lessons from the Bootleg Fire | Craig Bienz, TNC

11:05 AM West Side Fire Regimes | Andrew Merschel, OSU

11:25 AM Simulating Future Fire in a Changing Climate | John Kim, USFS

11:45 AM Fire and Forest Health Initiatives Across Oregon | Margaret Miller, OFRI

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