

The Dictionary of Forestry defines **resilience** as the capacity of a plant community or ecosystem to maintain or regain normal function and development following disturbance. In close proximity to the magnificent forests of the Inland Empire, Spokane offers a natural backdrop for discussing research and issues of importance and provides an intrinsic opportunity for exploring the many links between the social, economic, and ecological considerations that contribute to resilience.

With track themes representing the multi-layered nature of forested ecosystems and ranging from Agroforestry to People and Communities to Soil and Water Resources, individual and panel presentations will encompass the diversity and complexity of topics inherent to forestry -such as:

Agroforestry Approaches for Sustainable Biomass Production

Incorporating Climate Change into Adaptive Silvicultural Planning

Green Cities Research Alliance: Integrated Urban Forest Assessments for Resilience

Mica Creek: 20 Years of Working Watershed Research

Integrating Ecosystem Services into Public/Private Partnerships

Advanced Geospatial Applications for Managing Emerald Ash Borer

Forest Policy and Management Around the World

Bark Beetles and Forest Resilience

Building Economic Opportunity through Forest Restoration: The Alamo Navajo Initiative

Sustainability and Forest Certification

In addition, there will be a number of short training modules and professional development opportunities available, including:

Roots, Shoots & Leaders: Tips for Budding Professionals - a students' and young professionals' development workshop sponsored by BLM.

Foresters' Leader Lab - A group forum for discussing real-deal and real-time leadership challenges where participants bring their real-life (perhaps even sticky) leadership challenges, personnel problems (no names, please) and/or team issues to a highly interactive group forum.

Forest Inventory/Mensuration improvements utilizing automated feature extraction imagery

- Object Oriented stand labeling leveraging Trimble e-cognition
- LiDAR to help reduce costs and improve accuracy
- Stereo image analysis

Twitter Training – A short learning opportunity for those who are less familiar with this technology. Includes a very brief overview of key social media and hands-on Twitter instruction for what Twitter is, how it differs from other social media and how to load and use Twitter at the conference and beyond.

The online schedule for the scientific and technical concurrent sessions will be available in June.