



9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Montana Forest Landowner Conference  
Agenda



*“Becoming the Best Forest Steward Possible”*

*Radisson Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT*

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

8:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration**

8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcoming Remarks:**

*Ed Levert, Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation  
Gary Ellingson, Northwest Management, Inc.*

8:45 - 9:45 AM **Opening Session:**

The Montana Nature Conservancy: Montana’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Private Forest Owner  
*Steven Kloetzel and Chris Bryant, Montana Nature Conservancy*

9:45 - 10:00 AM **Break with Refreshments**

**Morning Concurrent Sessions (Choose one)**

10:00 - 11:00 AM **Session A: Forest Wildlife**

How do Birds and Mammals in the Forest Communicate Danger?  
*Erick Green, The University of Montana.*

11:00 - 12:00 AM **Studying Montana’s Moose Population: What are Scientists Learning?**

*Nick DeCesare, MT FWP*

10:00 - 11:00 AM **Session B: Forest Management**

West Kootenai Wildlife Management Area: A Story of Forest Management,  
Wildfire, and Post-Wildfire

*Jason Parke, Montana FWP Forester*

11:00 - 12:00 PM **Evaluating Forests Using Lidar Technology**

*Mark Corrao PhD, Northwest Management, Inc.*

12:00 - 1:30 PM **Luncheon with Presentation**

The Wild Days of Montana’s Early Christmas Tree Industry 1937-1968  
*Rich Aarstad, Montana Historical Society*

1:30 PM **Close Silent Auction**

## **Afternoon Concurrent Sessions (Choose one)**

### **Session A: Forest Insects and Disease**

*1:45 - 2:45 PM*      Consequences of Blister Rust in Limber and White Bark Pine  
*Katie McKeever, MT DNRC Forest Pathologist*

*2:45 - 3:45 PM*      How do Wildfires Impact Beetle Populations?  
*Amy Gannon, MT DNRC Forest Entomologist*

### **Session B: Forest Management**

*1:45 - 2:45 PM*      What is a Forestry BMP Audit? Why Should Landowners Participate?  
*Roger Ziesak, MT DNRC*

*2:45 - 3:45 PM*      Status of Montana Wood Products Industry and Log Markets  
*Todd Morgan, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research*

*3:45 - 4:00 PM*      **Closing Session:**  
Closing Comments