

13th Annual Montana Forest Landowner Conference

“Becoming a Better Forest Steward”

Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcome:**
Ed Levert, Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
- 8:45 - 9:45 AM **Opening Session:**
Forest Carbon: An Emerging Forest Management Objective
Michael Schaedel, Montana Nature Conservancy
- 9:45 - 10:00 AM **Break** with Refreshments (Visit Silent Auction)
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Round 1 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (*Choose one*)
- Session A: **Ecology and Restoration of Whitebark Pine: Montana’s Threatened Tree Species**
Robert Keane, Associate Director Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation
- Session B: **Montana Wood Products Market and Infrastructure Update**
Sam Scott, University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM **Round 2 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (*Choose one*)
- Session A: **Designing a Successful Pre-Commercial Thinning Project**
Lorrie Woods, Professional Forester
- Session B: **Familiar Woods of Montana – Their Properties, Uses and Identification**
Dr. Edwin Burke, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM **Luncheon with Silent Auction**
- 1:30 PM **Close Silent Auctions**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Round 3 - Afternoon Breakout Sessions (*Choose one*)

Session A: **Forest Succession Ecology**

Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry, Forestry Specialist

Session B: **The Forgotten Art of Using Hand Tools for Forest Work**

Spotted Bear Ranger District

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Round 4 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (*Choose one*)

Session A: **Forest Management on Conservation Easements**

Montana Association of Land Trusts

Session B: **Identification and Ecology of Montana Forest Dwelling Birds**

Montana Audubon Society

3:30 - 4:00 PM

Closing Session:

Announce Silent Auction Winners - Closing Comments