

# Great Plains Tree Pest Council

## May 6-7, 2014

### Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 20, Foord Room

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**Chairperson: Bob Cain**  
**Secretary: Mark Harrell**

Tuesday May 6, 2014

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- 8:00 – 8:15**      **Welcome & Logistics**  
Rick Cooksey, Director, State and Private Forestry and Tribal Relations (USFS)  
Roy Mask, Acting Assistant Director for Forest Health Protection (USFS)
- 8:15 – 8:30**      **Update on status of “Diseases of Trees in the Great Plains” publication**  
Aaron Bergdahl, North Dakota State University
- 8:30 – 9:15**      **Overview of Pine Wilt Disease**  
Mark Harrell, Nebraska Forest Service
- Discussion: Q & A and Update on Status of Pine Wilt Disease by State**
- 9:15 – 10:00**      **Overview of Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD)**  
S. Sky Stephens, USDA Forest Service, FHP
- Discussion: Q & A and Update on Status of TCD by State**
- 10:00 – 10:15**      **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 11:00**      **Status of Emerald Ash Borer in Colorado**  
Lisa Peraino, USDA APHIS PPQ
- Discussion: Q & A and Update on Status of EAB by State**
- 11:00 – 11:30**      **Synthesis of Lower Treeline Limber Pine: Woodland Knowledge, Research Needs, and Management Considerations**  
Bob Means, BLM Wyoming State Forester
- 11:30 – 12:30**      **LUNCH (on your own)**

- 12:30 – 12:45**     **Road Deicing Salts in the Black Hills of South Dakota**  
John Ball, Professor of Forestry/Forest Health Specialist, SDSU
- 12:45 – 1:00**     **Update on the Nebraska *Ips* Beetle Outbreak**  
Mark Harrell, Nebraska Forest Service
- 1:00 – 1:15**     **Highlighting Invasive Species in Kansas: Bush Honeysuckle and Salt Cedar**  
Ryan Armbrust, Forest Health & Conservation Forester, Kansas Forest Service
- 1:15 – 1:45**     **Forest Pathology on the Northern Great Plains: A Research Summary**  
Jared LeBoldus, North Dakota State University
- 1:45 – 2:00**     **Update on the Status of the National Insect and Disease Risk Map**  
Jeri Lyn Harris, USDA Forest Service, FHP
- 2:00 – 2:30**     **Highlights from Several Studies from the Great Plains Portion of the Rapid City Service Center Zone**  
Jim Blodgett, USDA Forest Service, FHP
- 2:30 – 2:45**     **BREAK**
- 2:45 – 4:30**     **State Reports**
- 4:30 – 5:00**     **Business Meeting – Select 2015 Officers and Priorities**
- 5:00**             **Wrap Up/Adjourn**
- 5:30**             **Dinner (optional) at Jose O'Sheas**  
<http://www.joseosheas.com/index.html>

Wednesday May 7, 2014

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- 8:00 AM**             **Meet at DFC for field trip (lunch provided for \$10/person).**
1. Meet with Fort Collins City Forester for an overview of the Front Range/Denver IPM Groups' response to emerging pests such as EAB and TCD. Visit field sites to learn about TCD and Burr oak bullet gall.
  2. Travel to Lyons to view and discuss flood damage and the USFS response. Have a picnic lunch in Sandstone Park.
  3. Head to Boulder to view and discuss EAB issues in Colorado with the Boulder City Forester.
- 5:00 PM**             **Return to Lakewood Service Center**