

2026 FOREST HEALTH IN OREGON STATE OF THE STATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY | CORVALLIS, OREGON

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7:30 am Registration and Coffee

8:00 am Welcome — *Tom DeLuca, Dean, OSU College of Forestry*

Session 1: Statewide Disturbance Trends (*Moderator: John Riggins*)

8:15 AM Drought in Oregon: Current Conditions, Operational Tools and Monitoring, and Future Projections — *Larry O'Neill*

8:45 AM Fire and Forest Health — *Mark Swanson*

9:15 AM June 2021 Heat Dome — *Dave Shaw*

9:45 AM Coffee Break

Session 2: Insects (*Moderator: Dan Stark*)

10:00 AM Bark Beetle/Woodborer Trends and Emerging Issues in Oregon Forests — *Melissa Fischer*

10:30 AM Insect Defoliator Trends and Emerging Issues in Oregon Forests — *Robbie Flowers*

11:00 AM Mediterranean Oak Borer Update — *Christine Buhl*

11:30 AM Emerald Ash Borer Update — *Matt Mills and Kat Bethea*

12:00 PM Lunch, Networking, and Discussion



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Session 3: Pathogens (*Moderator: Julie Woodward*)

1:00 PM	Dynamics of Swiss Needle Cast Foliage Disease in the Coastal Forests of Oregon and Southwest Washington — <i>Adam Carson</i>
1:30 PM	Evaluating Airborne LiDAR as a Tool for Disease Detection and Management Planning — <i>Brent Oblinger</i>
2:00 PM	Managing for Healthy 5-Needle Pine and Port-Orford-Cedar Ecosystems and the Impacts of Non-Native Pathogens in Oregon — <i>Josh Bronson</i>
2:30 PM	Sudden Oak Death Management in Oregon: New Detections Past the Quarantine — <i>Sarah Navarro</i>
3:00 PM	Coffee Break

Session 4: Mitigation Strategies and Responses (*Moderator: Jennifer Killian*)

3:15 PM	Monitoring Forest Health from the Sky: Tree Mortality Detection in Oregon Using Aerial Survey and Remote Sensing — <i>Sean McKenzie</i>
3:50 PM	Emerald Ash Borer Biocontrol in Oregon: A Long-Term Strategy — <i>Max Ragozzino</i>
4:25 PM	Managing Forest Genetic Resources for Climate Change — <i>Gancho Slavov</i>
5:00 PM	Adjourn



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