

Conference Agenda - Friday, April 3

- 7:00 – 8:00 Speaker and participant registration
- 8:00 – 8:15 Welcome Address
Cindy S. Swanson, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Human Dimensions Program Manager
- 8:15 – 8:30 The Northern Region's Integrated Restoration and Protection Strategy- Where does aspen fit?
Bruce Fox, U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region, Director of Forest, Range, Wildlife, Watershed, Fish, and Rare Plants
- 8:30 – 9:30 Aspen Silvics, Physiology, Regeneration Capability, History of Aspen Management
Wayne D. Shepperd, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station (retired), Consulting Silviculturist
- 9:30 – 10:00 Refreshment break and poster session viewing
- 10:00 – 10:40 Insect and Disease Factors Affecting Aspen Health
John Guyon, U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Forest Health Protection, Entomologist
- 10:40 – 11:20 Value of Aspen as Bird Habitat
Tom Martin, The University of Montana, Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit
- 11:20 – 12:00 Aspen Communities and Rocky Mountain Ungulate Habitat
Cliff White, Ph.D., Banff National Park, Parks Canada, Environmental Sciences Manager
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 1:40 Complex Interactions Shaping Aspen Dynamics in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
Katie Ireland, Northern Arizona University, Ph.D. Student
- 1:40 – 2:20 Aspen Distribution and Climate Change
Dennis E. Ferguson, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Research Silviculturist
- 2:20 – 2:40 Break and poster session viewing
- 2:40 – 3:20 Aspen and Aesthetics
Stephen F. McCool, The University of Montana, Professor Emeritus
- 3:20 – 3:50 Comparison of the Effectiveness of Aspen Restoration Techniques Relative to Ungulate Browsing
Jodie Canfield, U.S. Forest Service, Gallatin National Forest, Forest Ecologist
- 3:50 – 4:20 Aspen Restoration Projects in Elk Country
Tom Toman, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Director of Conservation
- 6:00 Evening Social – Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar at Holiday Inn Parkside

Conference Agenda - Saturday, April 4

- 7:00 – 8:00 Speaker and participant registration
- 8:00 – 8:40 Restoration Management Options
Wayne D. Shepperd, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station (retired), Consulting Silviculturist
- 8:40 – 9:20 Sample Aspen Regeneration (plot procedures)
Dale L. Bartos, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Aspen Ecologist
- 9:20 – 10:00 Height-Based Monitoring of Ungulate Browsing on Aspen
Richard B. Keigley, U.S. Geological Survey, Research Ecologist
- 10:00 – 10:15 Refreshment break and poster session viewing
- 10:15 – 10:55 Aspen Management Through Stewardship - The RMEF Way
Al Christophersen, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Director of Habitat Stewardship Services
- 10:55 – 11:35 Aspen Landscape Assessment: Effects of fire exclusion, browse, and wildfire in Aspen in the Centennial Valley
Nathan Korb, The Nature Conservancy, Western Montana Director of Science and Stewardship
- 11:35 – 12:15 Regeneration and Management of Aspen in the Boreal and Montane Forests of Alberta
Simon M. Landhäusser, University of Alberta, Centre for Enhanced Forest Management, Research Assistant Professor
- 12:15 – 1:15 LUNCH
- 1:15 – 1:55 Stewardship Contracting
Jerry Thompson, U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region, Regional Stewardship Coordinator
- 1:55 – 2:35 Case Study: Multi-stage Aspen Inventory Using Remote Sensing
Jeff DiBenedetto, U.S. Forest Service, Custer National Forest, Vegetation and Landscape Ecologist
- 2:35 – 2:50 Break and poster session viewing
- 2:50 – 3:20 The Western Aspen Alliance: Uniting Scientists and Managers for Sustainable Aspen Ecosystems
Paul C. Rogers, Utah State University, Dept. of Environment and Society, Director, Western Aspen Alliance and Adjunct Asst. Professor
- 3:20 – 3:50 Line Officer Perspective
George Weldon, U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region, Deputy Director Fire, Aviation and Air
- 3:50 – 4:00 Wrap-Up: The Importance of Moving Ahead with Restoring Aspen
Tim Benedict, U.S. Forest Service, East Zone Timber Management, Assistant Contracting Representative