Achieving Forest Health in Arizona’s Forests: What is Sustainable and Executable?

July 23rd, 2019
8:00am-3:30pm
Gila Community College
201 North Mud Springs Road
Payson, AZ 85541

Join us!
- Engage with county and state decision makers, land managers and forest resource producers.
- Learn about forest health management solutions in Arizona today.
- Ask questions and share ideas about forest health on the Colorado Plateau and Mogollon Rim area.

About:
Achieving Forest Health in Arizona’s Forests: What is Sustainable and Executable? is a practical symposium to build common understanding about Arizona’s forest health issues and desired solutions, demonstrate wood product opportunities, forest practices and funding mechanisms that have been implemented, and discuss strategies to advance forest health management that is sustainable and executable.

Hosted by: The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization, and Gila Community College.

Agenda includes:

Panel Discussion and Q&A: State Senator Sylvia Allen, County Supervisors Tommie Martin (Gila), Art Babbott (Coconino), State Forester David Tenney, San Carlos Reservation Forest Manager Dee Randall, and USDA Forest Service Region 3 (Arizona/New Mexico) Forest Management Director Clifford Dils discuss: What are the best solutions and practical opportunities for managing for healthy forests in Arizona?

Keynote Session: Allen Reidhead of Novostar Wood Products and Brad Worsley of Novo Power in Snowflake, AZ present on: What is Sustainable and Executable to develop wood products and energy while managing for forest health on public lands.

Funding Mechanisms: The White Mountain Stewardship Contract, Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project, and Four Forests Initiative (4FRI) Bridge the Gap are featured to present possible means by which forest health management can be accomplished.

Space is limited – RSVP to save your seat:
Eventbrite: Register here, call (928) 402-8585 or email ckjones@email.arizona.edu.
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What: A facilitated, one-day symposium bringing together decision-makers, land managers, forest products industry leaders, and other key stakeholders and innovators in the Rim and Plateau area to explore Arizona’s forest health issues and solutions.

Why: Forest health and watershed conditions in Arizona’s forests are considered impaired in many circumstances. Most pressing is the threat of uncharacteristically severe wildfire, which can damage forest and watershed resources, as well as communities and livelihoods of those living in the wildland urban interface.

How: Various initiatives, like the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) and the Flagstaff and Cragin Watershed Protection Projects, have worked to accelerate forest treatments to address Arizona’s forest health crisis on a meaningful landscape scale. However, forest health management remains a challenge at this scale as well. Potential solutions include improving in-the-woods forest operations, developing innovative value-added products and markets and developing novel collaborative funding mechanisms and incentives that support forest industry. This symposium will help communicate desired solutions and practical approaches for how Arizona can achieve forest health that is sustainable and executable.