

Forest Health: Important to You?

Driving Tour



See Treatment Equipment in ACTION!

Wednesday, May 22nd

8:30am to 4:00pm

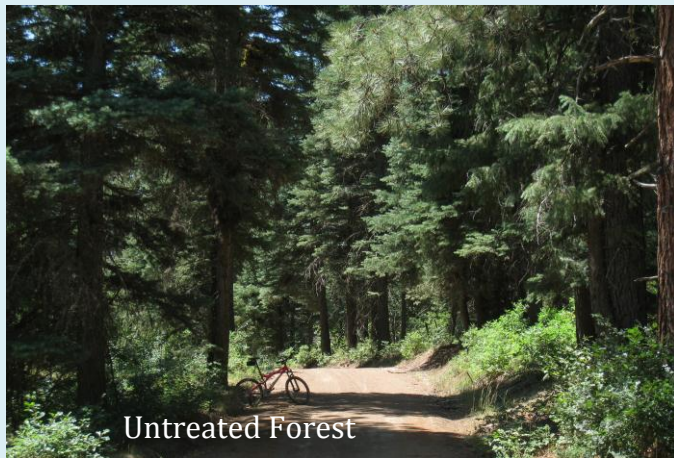
Free Event – Lunch Provided (RSVP!)

- *Observe healthy and unhealthy forests*
- *Explore local watersheds & water issues*
- *Experience tools for management*

Meet at Coyote Hill Parking Lot (at the end of pavement of Piedra RD/County RD 600)

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Firewise Communities of Southwest Colorado (Firewise), and Mountain Studies Institute (MSI) are pleased to offer a guided tour on the San Juan Forest Pagosa Ranger District. *Lunch will be provided.* Please RSVP at www.mountainstudies.org.

Who Should Attend: Private Land Owners with trees, People who love our Forests, Educators, Environmental Groups, Researchers, and Public Land Managers interested in managing for healthy sustainable forests and communities.



Untreated Forest



Treated Forest

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For more information on the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

<http://ocs.fortlewis.edu/mixedconifer/>

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Wednesday, May 22rd Field Trip

Tour of forest health sites in ponderosa pine and warm-dry mixed conifer stands; options for treatment and management on private and public lands.

FIELD TRIP – WEDNESDAY MAY 22

0830 – Meet at Coyote Hill Parking Lot (just beyond end of pavement of Piedra RD/County RD 600, on right [east side]). Introductions; review of tour day activities. Consolidate passengers and vehicles.

Travelers from west of Pagosa: Eastbound on US 160, turn left/north on N. Pagosa Blvd (first stoplight on west end of Pagosa); stay on N. Pagosa Blvd until reaching Piedra Rd (first stop sign, approx. 6+ miles from 160); turn left and travel ~ .6 miles to end of pavement.

Travelers from east can use Piedra Road from US 160 to reach the parking lot.

0900 – Leave Coyote Hill Parking Lot

0915 STOP #1: Devil Creek Bench/Hotz Spring Large Ponderosa Pine Stand

This site represents a good example of old, large ponderosa pine trees and the desired condition for a healthy forest. Gentle & steep slope conditions. Thin, burn and desired conditions. [50 minutes; depart site @ 1005]

1015 STOP #2: Dunagan Bench/Dunagan Canyon Area

No treatment; post-settlement dense trees beneath/beside pre-settlement old growth. [40 minutes; depart site @ 1055]

1100 STOP #3: Turkey Spring Demo, Unit 5- biofuels thinning

Compare treated v. untreated stands. [50 minutes; depart site @ 1150]

1200 STOP #4: Lunch at Turkey Springs Guard Station

[Already-prepared lunches; suggest attendees bring their own camp chairs.]

Historic guard station. View historic photo(s) with current conditions. [65 minutes; depart site @ 1305]

1330 STOP #5: Cloman Park, John Janowski, and Williams Property

This site includes a recent (in process?) treatment by Forest Health Co/JR Ford, and two private treatments in recent years. [60 minutes; depart site @ 1430]

1500 STOP #6: Chris Mtn Stewardship Contract

Active thinning and biomass utilization project. [60 minutes+; attendees leave at own discretion]