



2026 Forest Insect and Disease Identification and Management Training



A cooperative training presented by the U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Dept. of Lands, and Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation

Description: These courses teach skills in identification, biology, and life cycles of forest insects and pathogens while focusing on the role of forest insects and diseases common to the area and strategies used to manage changes they cause in forested ecosystems. Upon completion students will: 1) understand the basic biology and life cycles of common forest insects and pathogens, 2) be able to identify common forest insects and diseases and the damage they cause, 3) be familiar with use of the regional forest insect and disease field guide, 4) understand the effects of insects and diseases and the importance of the damage they cause to multiple resources in forest ecosystems and 5) be familiar with silvicultural, chemical, and biological control measures currently available to reduce insect and disease-caused forest damage.

Eligibility: This course is intended for natural resource professionals. Individuals from government agencies, tribes, universities, and private industries are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

Dates and location:

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| <p>June 2-4, 2026 US Forest Service 3232 W Nursery Rd, Coeur d'Alene, ID <i>Maximum participants: 40</i> <i>Registration Deadline: May 1</i></p> | <p>June 16-18, 2026 Lone Pine State Park and Flathead NF Kalispell, MT <i>Maximum participants: 30</i> <i>Registration Deadline: April 24</i></p> |
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Idaho Training: Idaho State Department of Agriculture pesticide credits may be available.

Montana Training: Montana Dept of Agriculture pesticide credits and SAF credits may be available.

Registration Information: (Early registration is appreciated. Interest is often high):

- **IDAHO:** Send an email to Christy Cleaver, Christy.cleaver@usda.gov (208) 215-6014 (USFS & Tribes) or Erika Eidson, eeidson@idl.idaho.gov, (208) 666-8625 (State & Private) with your job title, and name of your organization.
- **MONTANA:** Electronically register [here](#) by April 24. Contact Jill Hautaniemi, jill.hautaniemi@usda.gov or (406) 499-9732 with additional questions
 - Please note: Completing the form does not guarantee attendance for this training. You will be contacted shortly after registration closes for confirmation or placement on a waiting list.
- **Cancellation:** Please contact us immediately if you need to cancel. There is always a waiting list for these courses, so please give others a chance to attend if you cannot. Those who join late or leave early will not be provided a certificate of completion.
- **Accessibility/Special Needs:**
 - Idaho: Please contact Erika Eidson.
 - Montana: Please contact Jill Hautaniemi (jill.hautaniemi@usda.gov) or 406-499-9732
- **Field Portion:**
 - Be prepared for light hiking and any weather conditions.
 - We will be assisting with organizing carpooling to site visits.
 - Bring lunch and water each field day. There will **not** be time to go out for lunch or availability to purchase lunch while driving to field sites.