

SYMPOSIUM: Understanding the impacts of disturbance and salvaging on forest regeneration and sustainability.

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Powdermill Nature Reserve, Pennsylvania (<http://www.carnegiemnh.org/powdermill/>)

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31, 2015

Sponsored by Mascaro Center for Sustainable Initiatives at the University of Pittsburgh, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station

Join us for an international symposium on the impacts of disturbance and salvage logging in forest ecosystems at the Powdermill Nature Reserve, Pennsylvania on Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31, 2015. The meeting will bring together leading international disturbance and salvage logging research teams and forest managers to share their experiences on the ecological and economic costs and benefits from a diverse set of forest biomes and disturbances in North America, Europe, and Asia.

On Saturday afternoon, a **Poster Session Social** will be held and we welcome all registrants share their current research with the group. We encourage any submissions in the broader theme of forest ecology so as to enrich and diversify the meeting.

Immediately following the formal meeting on Sunday, we will offer an optional afternoon field trip to visit ongoing forestry research in the region, including a new landscape-scale field experiment designed to evaluate the sustainability of salvaging in the context of white-tailed deer overbrowsing and competition by dense recalcitrant understory herbaceous layers.

Registration: Registration is now available at: <http://www.carnegiemnh.org/powdermill/symposium/>.

Space is limited and we will close registration once we reach capacity.

Cost: \$35 for Students, \$55 for others and covers food and beverages beginning from Saturday lunch through Sunday Breakfast. If attending the field trip, please add \$10 for a boxed lunch

Lodging: A block of rooms is being held at the Ligonier Ramada Inn under the “Powdermill Nature Reserve” name. Their discount rate is \$109 + tax. (724-238-9545; <http://www.ramadalignonier.com/>) Please call the hotel directly for reservations.

Alternatively, we have also have limited cabins at the nearby Linn Run State Park (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/linnrun/>; 20 beds total). The maximum cost is \$40 (total for Friday – Sunday), but may be less depending on occupancy. These are rustic accommodations and each person is responsible for providing their own linens, towels, personal items, etc.

Symposium's speakers include:

Walter Carson	University of Pittsburgh
Jorge Castro	Universidad de Granada, Spain
Michael Chips	University of Pittsburgh
Anthony D'Amato	University of Vermont
Daniel Donato	Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources
Magda Edwards	CzechGlobe - Global Change Research Center, Czech Republic
Rob Fallon	Allegheny National Forest
Joe Gomola	Allegheny National Forest
David Greene	Humboldt University
Christian Hebert	Canadian Forest Service, Laurentian Forestry Centre
Dan Herms	Ohio State University
Ned Karger	Collins Pine Company
Barbara Kishchuk	Canadian Forest Service, Science Branch
Alexander Leverkus	Universidad de Granada, Spain
Erynn Maynard	Penn State University
Jonathan McGrath	Landvest Co.
Junko Morimoto	Hokkaido University, Japan
Rose-Marie Muzika	University of Missouri
Martin Ritchie	US Forest Service, Pacific SW Research Station
Josep Rost	Universitat de Vic, Spain
Alejandro Royo	US Forest Service, Northern Research Station
Victoria Saab	US Forest Service, Rocky Mtn. Research Station
Floortje Voode	Estonian Univ. of Life Sciences
Kaysandra Waldron	Canadian Forest Service, Laurentian Forestry Centre
Kimberly Wallin	University of Vermont

If you have any questions on the symposium, please contact Walter Carson (walt@pitt.edu) or Alejandro Royo (aroyo@fs.fed.us).