

Elements of Old Growth Forest in Timber Sales

October 30, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00pm | Three Lakes, Wis.

8:30-8:35am

Welcome and Logistics

8:35-9:00am

Old Growth Characteristics: Stand-scale habitat

Presented by: Mike Demchik

- Old growth characteristics: species and structural diversity
- Impacts and importance to wildlife

9:00-9:30am

Old Growth Characteristics: Tree-scale microhabitat

Presented by: Christel Kern

- What tree-related microhabitats are and why are they important
- Identifying and maintaining microhabitat in timber management

9:30-9:45am

Developing Management for Old Growth: Example U.S. Forest Service, “NOGA: National Old Growth Amendment”

Presented by: Sitka Pence

- NOGA background and expected outcomes/impacts for all lands

9:45-10:00am

Break

10:00-10:30am

Developing Management for Old Growth: Example Wisconsin DNR, “MOSS: Managed Old-Growth Silvicultural Study”

Presented by: Amanda McGraw

- Moss project background and design

10:30-11:00am

Early Lunch at Library

11:00-11:30am

Travel to MOSS Site

11:30am-1:45pm

MOSS Project Site Tour – Argonne Experimental Forest

Led by: Amanda McGraw, Mike Demchik, Christel Kern, Sitka Pence

- Creating old-growth characteristics: species diversity, structural diversity, microhabitats
- Forest Regeneration: Deer and site consideration
- Incorporating natural disturbance regimes
- Communicating old-growth characteristics to landowners and loggers
- MOSS Tour Sites:

Waypoint	Latitude	Longitude	Description
Stop 1	45.76432	-88.98094	80ft gap and deer enclosure
Stop 1	45.76413	-88.98069	60ft gap and deer enclosure
Stop 2	45.74136	-88.97408	Shelterwood or wind treatment on the west side of the road and on the east side, an example of a created snag
Stop 3	45.73336	-88.98809	35ft gap stand and on the east side of the road a created standing snag.

1:45-2:30pm

Break and Travel to Cutting Methods Site Tour

2:30-4:00pm

Cutting Methods Study Site Tour

(Parking Area: 45.742729161807596, -88.98713249229445)

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- Study background
- Breakout groups: what should be done next to accelerate or increase old-growth characteristics?