



California Forest Pest Council INSECT AND DISEASE TOUR San Diego County

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

The tour will feature both new and established forest pest problems of southern California as affected by the area's climate and land use practices. A primary focus of the tour will be the insects and diseases that are currently contributing to decline in the oak resource in SoCal.

- The goldspotted oak borer (GSOB) will be the biggest feature of the day. This insect was only recently recognized as a cause of extensive, high incidence oak mortality in San Diego county in coast live oak, and to a lesser extent, California black oak and canyon live oak.
- Other diseases and insects will include California flatheaded borer, true and dwarf mistletoes, an area of severe annosus root disease, insects and pathogens that may contribute to oak decline, and the effect that the Cedar Fire has had on oak ecosystems.

Morning: Meet at Ayers Inn, in Alpine, San Diego County

- Conference Room will be open at 8:30 AM for coffee, refreshments, and greetings.
- A brief presentation at 9:00 AM by local oak experts will set the stage for the tour.
- At 10:00, we will consolidate vehicles and depart to travel to a trailhead on the Cleveland National Forest where GSOB effects will be viewed, and current work on distributions, potential for spread by air and in wood, and potential involvement of fungi and other factors will be discussed. Bring appropriate field gear and water.

Lunch: Bring your own! Allow time to purchase sandwiches prior to the meeting.

Afternoon:

- Travel to a site on Laguna Mountain, which is a favorite recreation area for some of the San Diego's 3 million residents. We will view impressive pockets of annosus root disease. Also, California flatheaded borer, true and dwarf mistletoes.
- Return to Ayers Inn around 5:00 PM.

Featured Speakers

Tom Coleman, SoCal Forest Health Protection Entomologist, USDA Forest Service.

Paul Zambino, SoCal Forest Health Protection Pathologist, USDA Forest Service.

Tom Scott, Natural Resource Specialist, Integrated Hardwood Range Mgmt Pgm, UCR

Kim Camilli, Forest Health Protection Expert, CalFire, Ventura

Megan Jennings, Ecologist, Cleveland National Forest, Descanso District

Lodging: Ayers Inn Alpine

→ Use registration Code **CFT09**

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Directions:

Take Interstate 8 east toward Alpine from San Diego, (~ 23 miles east from Interstate 15).

Exit at Tavern Rd in Alpine. Turn right at the off-ramp

Turn left into the parking lot before the light at Alpine Blvd

Ayers Inn is in the back left of the parking lot

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