

Pests Affecting Forest Health in the Columbia River Gorge

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Forest health is key to conserving water quality in the Columbia River area. Multiple insects and disease have increased activity in the region, such as the California Fivespined Ips, Fir Engraver Beetle and Maple Decline. With reduced rainfall during summer, perennial plants such as trees grow susceptible to pests. Until drought conditions subside, Columbia Gorge trees can expect and increase in pest problems. This presentation will cover the increased pest activity of key forest insects and disease.