



**Whitebark & Limber Pine
Science and Management
Conference**

WHITEBARK PINE ECOSYSTEM FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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**Collaboration for Recovery: Active Management in a Changing Climate
Conference Agenda for October 14-15, 2026**

Radium Hot Springs Centre Main Hall | Radium Hot Springs, BC

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:00 AM	Doors Open, Networking & Breakfast Check-in, grab some coffee, breakfast and start networking! Explore WPEFC merch, the silent auction and posters. <i>Poster presenters: Please arrive before 8:15 AM, if possible, to allow enough time to set up your poster before the conference program begins.</i>
9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Hailey Moran and Nick Pochailo, Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada
9:15 AM	Ktunaxa Welcome Malakai Sam
9:30 AM	Co-Management of Whitebark Pine in Silviculture Randy Moody, Moody Tree & Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada
9:55 AM	Spatial and Temporal Patterns in Habitat Use by Clark's Nutcracker in Post-Fire Environments Robyn Denn, Simon Fraser University
10:20 AM	Refreshment & Networking Break Check out the posters, browse the silent auction and merch, and networking.
10:50 AM	The Alberta Advantage for Whitebark and Limber Pine Recovery Jodie Krakowski, Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada
11:15 AM	Whitebark and Limber Pine Recovery and Restoration on Three Pipeline Projects in SW Alberta and SE British Columbia Murray Peck and Gina Fryer, Geoterra Integrated Resource Systems Ltd.
11:40 AM	Lightning Talks <i>Recovery in National Parks</i> Natalie Stafl, Parks Canada Agency <i>Integrating Resident Plant Community into White Pine Blister Rust Hazard Assessments</i> Elisabeth Webb, University of Calgary <i>15 Years of Seedling Performance at Whitebark Pine's Northwest Limit</i> Sybille Haeussler, Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) Whitebark Pine Seed Orchard Update Dylan Begin, Elk Valley Resources (EVR)

12:30 PM	Lunch & Networking Break Check out the posters, browse the silent auction and WPEFC merch, and network! <i>Chicken & Veggie Shawarma Buffet provided by Trotters Catering.</i>
1:30 PM	Disturbance as Opportunity for Research and Technical Innovation Michael Murray, BC Ministry of Forests
1:55 PM	Detecting Whitebark Pinecones from Drone Derived Imagery: A Spectral Index & Spatial Clustering Approach Felix Bilodeau, Selkirk College
2:20 PM	Whitebark Pine Adaptation to Site as Informed by Height and Rust Data from Provenance Trials in British Columbia Charlie Cartwright, BC Ministry of Forests
2:45 PM	Restoration and Recovery in Northwest BC Ingrid Farnell, Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC)
3:10 PM	Refreshment & Networking Break Check out the posters, browse the silent auction and merch, and networking.
3:40 PM	Recovery Roundtables: Session 1 Interactive small-group discussions exploring key priorities, challenges and opportunities for whitebark and limber pine recovery. <i>Choose a discussion theme:</i> Theme 1: Restoration & Planting Strategies Theme 2: Monitoring, Research & Adaptation Theme 3: Climate Change Impacts & Management Theme 4: Disturbance Agents – Fire, Disease & Insects
4:10 PM	Recovery Roundtables: Session 2 Switch tables and choose a different discussion theme. Continue the conversation, share your experiences, and explore another aspect of recovery.
4:40 PM	Breakout Group Summaries Each group will share key ideas, priorities, and takeaways from the roundtable discussions.
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM END	Final Questions, Discussion & Closing Remarks Final questions and comments, field trip information, closing remarks, sponsor thanks, and acknowledgements to our speakers, Board, and conference contributors. Silent auction winners will also be announced — please stick around to collect your winning items!
6:30 PM – Late!	Radium Brewing 7537 Main St W, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A 1M0 Join us for an evening of beers & networking at Radium Brewing We'll have the venue reserved, and you're welcome to bring your own food.



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Thursday, October 15 — Field Day

8:00AM– approximately 5:30 PM

Join us for a full-day, hands-on field experience exploring whitebark pine restoration, research, forest health, and adaptive management in action. Led by Randy Moody and Michael Murray, with contributions from Malakai Sam of the Ktunaxa Nation, Nick Pochailo, and other partners.

Meeting & Transportation:

Participants should plan to depart **Radium Hot Springs before 8:00 AM**, with the option to begin carpooling from Radium. Please coordinate Radium carpooling individually; all vehicles can make it to Canal Flats.

Meet in **Canal Flats at 8:45AM** at the [Headwaters Academy Arena parking lot](#) for check-in, to grab your bagged lunch, and to finalize carpooling arrangements. **High-clearance 4WD trucks are required for the next part of our journey due to water bars and rough sections along the forest service road.**

The day will begin with a field introduction, safety briefing, and Ktunaxa Creation Story, followed by visits to two field learning stations exploring restoration and thinning treatments, field grafting, blister rust, natural regeneration, seed production, forest health monitoring, and forestry best management practices.

Bagged field day lunch will be provided in Canal Flats, with additional time allowed to examine trees and treatments, ask questions, and discuss lessons for whitebark pine recovery.

Field Day Wrap-up around 3:45 PM

Approximate Return: Canal Flats **4:15–4:30 PM** | Radium Hot Springs **5:30 PM**

Field access and timing are weather-dependent. In the event of snow or inclement weather limiting access, the field day will instead visit an accessible limber pine site. Additional transportation and safety details will be provided to registered participants.



Join Us the Night Before! | Tuesday, October 13

Kick off the conference early at the Radium Hot Springs Centre!

5:30–6:30 PM | Whitebark 101

Weird, Wonderful Wacky World of Whitebark will be presented by Natalie Stafl and Mindy Skinner from Parks Canada. A free, engaging introduction to whitebark and limber pine ecology, threats, & recovery.

6:30–7:30 PM | WPEFC Annual General Meeting

Hear highlights from the past year, learn what's ahead, and connect with the WPEFC community. Members and non-members welcome. Online participation will also be available.

Optional events, open to public. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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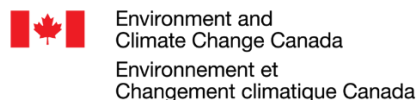
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