Forest Management and Conservation

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Forests are a vitally important habitat for much of the world's terrestrial biodiversity. They are sources of goods, such as timber and food, and provide services, such as carbon storage and water filtration. However, forests worldwide are threatened by overexploitation, conversion, climate change, and invasive species. Learn key issues in forest ecology and management through the local environment of Black Rock Forest. Participate in an all-day field trip to Black Rock Forest to study how pathogens and other invasive species affect forest structure and function. Local observations are scaled up to consider how these issues affect forest conservation on a global scale.

Session 1 - Global forests

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Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010
Lecture slides - global forests
State of the World's Forests 2011

Session 2 - Field trip - Black Rock Forest

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Class data from Black Rock Forest
Field trip assignment instructions

Session 3 - Pathogens and disturbance in eastern forests

Required Readings:

US Forest Service page on HWA

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Foster et al. 2006 - min-holocene hemlock decline
HWA impacts
slides from second lecture
Small et al. 2006 - effects of HWA on vegetation