

Free Learning Program from Siskiyou Field Institute

Whitebark Pine Health Update



Saturday, February 24, at SFI in Selma

Presented by Sean Smith, Botanist

Klamath Inventory and Monitoring Network

Sean Smith will provide an update on the status of whitebark pine population monitoring at Crater Lake and Lassen Volcanic National Park. White pine blister rust and mountain beetle damage have taken a toll on these iconic trees of the subalpine zone that act as foundation (supporting other plants and animals), nurse, and pioneer (post-fire) species in our western National Parks. Declines have been so severe that in 2011 the US Fish and Wildlife Service declared the whitebark pine a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Loss of these trees undermines the health of park ecosystems and National Park Service goals of maintaining natural conditions for future generations and providing a high quality natural history experience for visitors.

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