



Rocky Mountain Research Station

A Scenario-Based Assessment to Inform Sustainable Ponderosa Pine Timber Harvest on the Black Hills National Forest (RMRS-GTR-422)

BACKGROUND

A *Scenario-Based Assessment to Inform Sustainable Ponderosa Pine Timber Harvest on the Black Hills National Forest* was published by the USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station on March 23, 2021. The report provides the context, rationale, and evaluation of harvest level scenarios across a range of mortality and growth rates in the Black Hills. This report provides scientific information that can inform discussions concerning future harvest levels on the Black Hills National Forest.

SCIENCE DELIVERY WEBINAR

GTR authors Drs. Mike Battaglia and Terrie Jain will deliver a science-focused webinar on April 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. MDT to walk through the report's findings. Webinar attendance is open to any interested parties, with a maximum of 500 participants and will be recorded. The webinar will not address potential management implications. **Registration is required.**

Webinar information and registration webpage

NEWS RELEASE

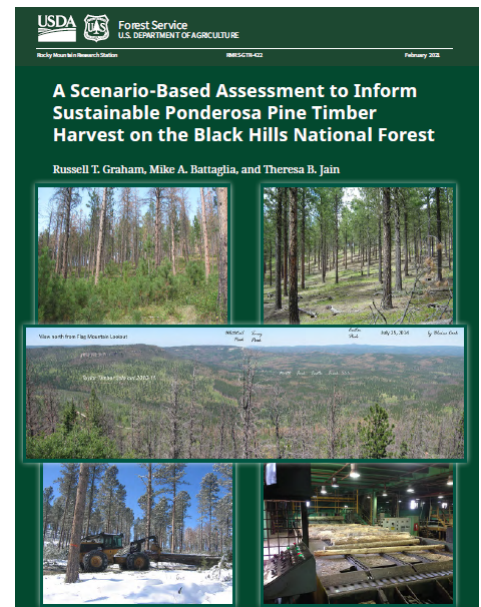
FORT COLLINS, Colo., March 23, 2021 – USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station scientists today published the general technical report, *A Scenario-Based Assessment to Inform Sustainable Ponderosa Pine Timber Harvest on the Black Hills National Forest*. The report, based on forest census data, provides context, rationale, and evaluation of harvest level scenarios across a range of mortality and growth rates in the Black Hills. This report offers scientific information that can inform discussions concerning future harvest levels on the Black Hills National Forest. ... (link to full news release)

COMMENT RECONCILIATION SUMMARY

To ensure the highest quality data and scientific standards, a comprehensive review process was used. Scientists (technical and blind peer reviews) and an open public comment period produced approximately 350 comments. In response to reviewer comments, the final report contains ten times the original number of possible future scenarios covering a wide range of mortality, growth, and harvest rates. This document provides a summary of the types of comments received.

REPORT & DATA LINKS

- Final GTR-422
- Forest Inventory and Analysis Data
- Comment Summary



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Draft General Technical Report
- Rocky Mountain Research Station
- USDA Data Quality Act
 - Peer Review Plan
- Forest Inventory and Analysis
- Black Hills National Forest Timber