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Time: 4:10 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Place, loss, and a “scenically challenged” landscape: pine barrens restoration in Wisconsin

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Abstract: In this talk, Kristin Floress will discuss a research-management project aimed at understanding public support for pine barrens restoration on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Wisconsin. Researchers at the Forest Service’s Northern Research Station, the University of Minnesota, and University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point worked with managers on the Lakewood-Laona district of the National Forest to identify social science research needs regarding planned restoration treatments on the Forest. A survey of nearby landowners was conducted to determine their visual preferences for different landscape attributes, and the research team found respondents preferred a stereotypical Northwoods aesthetic. However, the following summer a severe windstorm, known as a derecho, swept across the landscape and damaged more than 250,000 acres of land. The research team pivoted and interviewed landowners to understand how they were responding to the storm as well as how they were thinking about managing their property moving forward. The full cycle of the research project, from conception and planning with managers through survey results, responses to the derecho, and final products for managers, will be discussed.

Location: Kottman 103

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