

Bark Beetle Technical Working Group Meeting

November 14-15, 2007

Portland Marriott City Center

520 SW Broadway

Portland, Oregon

Make plans now to attend the annual BBTWG meeting to be held at the Portland Marriott City Center—located in the heart of downtown Portland with lots of dining, shopping, and entertainment right outside the door. To learn more about the hotel visit their website at: <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/pdxct-portland-marriott-city-center/>. We have reserved 35 guest rooms for nights of November 13-15 (Tuesday-Thursday) at US government rate of \$98/night for single or double occupancy—a terrific savings over the normal corporate rate of \$169/night for this boutique-style hotel. Reservations can be made online at: <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/pdxct-portland-marriott-city-center/?groupCode=usdusda&app=resvlink> or by calling Marriott central reservations at: 1(800)228-9290. If you use the link to their website, the correct group code will already be entered in the appropriate field. When making your reservation by phone, tell them you are with USDA Forest Service Bark Beetle Technical Working Group. Reservations must be made prior to **October 14, 2007**. However, please try to make your room reservation as early as possible. If demand exceeds the number of rooms in our block, we can only add rooms as long as they are available. The sooner that we know we need more, the better our chances of getting additional rooms at the government rate.

You can take a taxi or the MAX light rail from Portland International Airport to the hotel. The light rail stops 2 blocks from the hotel. For those driving to the meeting, overnight parking at the hotel is \$24/day and daily parking for local attendees is \$12/day. Less expensive parking garages are within a block or two of the hotel.

We will be charging a small registration fee (\$30-35) to cover the cost of the meeting room. Registration amount will depend upon number of attendees. Registration fee will be collected on site and must be paid by cash or check. Receipts for registration fees will be provided.

A draft agenda accompanies this announcement. We are planning the meeting for two full days on Wednesday and Thursday with no field trip. Questions or comments about the agenda should be directed to Ken Gibson, 406-329-3278, kgibson@fs.fed.us. Questions regarding the local arrangements should be directed to Darrell Ross, 541-737-6566, darrell.ross@oregonstate.edu.

We hope to see you in Portland this fall!