

BARK BEETLE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (BBTWG)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of the Bark Beetle Technical Working Group (BBTWG) is to provide a means to address issues associated with bark beetle ecology and management. The BBTWG meets annually or more frequently as needed. The group is composed of professional forest pest management specialists, scientists and resource management specialists representing federal, provincial, state and local governments, universities and private interests.

Specifically, the BBTWG provides a forum to:

- 1) Discuss current bark beetle conditions in North America.
- 2) Identify and discuss issues and concerns related to bark beetle ecology and management.
- 3) Address short- and long-term research, technology development, and management needs for bark beetles.
- 4) Communicate issues, concerns, recommendations, priorities and needs to appropriate entities.