

# ANNUAL FOREST INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS SYMPOSIUM

## Guidelines for Poster Presentations

1. **FORMAT:**
  - a. In the upper left, clearly state the objective of the study; avoid a lengthy abstract.
  - b. At the end, include a clear statement of conclusions.
  - c. Everything between the objective and the conclusions should be succinctly and concisely focused on evidence in support of the conclusions
  - d. Use figures and graphics as supporting evidence
    - (1) Include short, clearly stated titles
    - (2) Label axes, points, symbols, and lines clearly
    - (3) Make figures and graphics large enough to be read easily six feet away from the poster.
  - e. Use bullet points of only 5-8 words
  - f. Use a font that is easily readable six feet away from the poster.
  - g. Avoid background pictures, colors, logos, and abstract designs that distract from the primary message.
  
2. **CONTENT**
  - a. Keep in mind:
    - (1) You will not have the attention of readers for more than 2-3 minutes
    - (2) Even with a perfect poster, the readers will not remember more 1-2 points the next day
  - b. Focus the entire poster on the 2-3 points you would like the reader to remember
  - c. Too much information is as bad as too little information.