The US Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program is pleased to announce the 2015 FIA Science Symposium. The theme of the 12th biennial Science Symposium is *Pushing Boundaries – New Directions in Inventory Techniques & Applications*, emphasizing the development of innovative approaches to incorporating non-traditional techniques and uses of inventory information. The Symposium brings together international forest scientists, managers, and stakeholders to share insights on a wide variety of topics, including contemporary issues, science policy, mensuration, geospatial products, and inventory methods.

**Symposium Goals include:**
- Provide a forum for linking issue-focused analyses with techniques development
- Highlight cutting-edge mensuration, modeling, and related science
- Present the role of forest inventory in aiding policy and management decisions
- Exchange of forest monitoring science and technology across international borders
- Display state-of-the-art science and tools
- Foster networking and scientific exchange between inventory professionals

**Call for Sessions, Papers, and Posters**

Contributed sessions and papers on science, applications, policy, management, or technologies related to the Symposium’s broad theme are invited. Examples of appropriate topics are:

- Monitoring trends over time and space (e.g., forest health, invasive species, wilderness, rangeland, fire, productivity, structure, biomass, etc.)
- Inventory techniques in tree-covered non-forest lands
- Incorporating state-of-the-art visualization of science storyboards and tools
- Inventory and research in non-traditional forest products
- New statistical/quantitative approaches for inventory and monitoring
- Integrating inventory data with remote sensing and geospatial applications
- Estimating and tracking carbon stocks
- Forest futuring (including responses to changing climate, ownership, policy, etc.)

All abstracts and proposals are due March 11, 2015. Please send submissions to pnw_iram@fs.fed.us. Authors will be notified of final selection of sessions, papers, and posters by April 10, 2015. Authors are limited to two submissions as first author; submissions as co-author are unlimited.
**Papers / presentations:** Submit abstracts less than 300 words in length, and include author’s name(s), title, affiliation, location, phone number, and e-mail address. Presentations will be 15 minutes in length.

**Contributed sessions:** Organized sessions will include a total of 5 or 6 presentations, 15 minutes in length; organizers are expected to submit at least 4 abstracts for their topic. Please include each author’s name, title, affiliation, location, phone number, and email address, as well as that of the session organizer.

**Posters:** Please submit abstracts no longer than 300 words. Be sure to identify author’s name(s), title, affiliation, location, phone number, and e-mail address. Authors are expected to attend a dedicated poster session scheduled for the late afternoon of December 8th for questions and discussion.

**Publication of Proceedings:** Presenters of contributed papers and posters are encouraged to submit an extended abstract for inclusion in a General Technical Report proceedings publication, which will be produced in digital media format by December 2015. Extended abstracts are due in complete and fully edited form in **July 2015**. Please limit submissions to a maximum of 1500 words, plus 1 figure, 1 table, and references. Format specifications will be posted to the Symposium web page.

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