



SEEING RED



*A Symposium on The Plight of the Whitebarks and an Introduction to **TreeFight***

April 22, 2010, 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts Theater in Jackson, Wyoming.

Please join us April 22 -- the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day -- for an informative presentation on the plight of the Whitebark Pine in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

At this event, we will learn from the scientists who have been studying this problem the closest -- retired Forest Service entomologist Jesse Logan, GIS specialist Wally MacFarlane, and ecologist Nancy Bockino -- about the causes of this calamity, its scale, and its possible consequences. Jackson author and filmmaker David Gonzales will present a film on the topic, and also introduce **TreeFight**, an initiative to involve the public both in the documentation of the devastation and in an experimental program to use pheremone treatments to protect certain high-priority stands of Whitebarks.

There will be a question and answer session immediately following the presentations.



A foundation species of the GYE, Whitebarks are being decimated by mountain pine beetles and an exotic fungus called white pine blister rust. The sweeping devastation to this high altitude species, whose seeds provide valuable nutrition to bears, birds and squirrels, and whose outspread canopies provide shelter for wildlife and shade for the snowpack, may be the most serious environmental calamity to befall the GYE in its recorded history.



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Admission is FREE. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Beer and wine will be served before the event. We hope to see you there!

