

# Breeding and Raising White Pine Blister Rust-Resistant Tree Seedlings

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**Presentation:** The presentation will primarily be about how the Nursery supports the US Forest Service Region 1 Genetic Resource Program in providing rust resistant Western White Pine and Whitebark Pine seedlings for reforestation and restoration programs. There will be a brief discussion of the history of the program and how blister rust was introduced. The bulk of the talk will be about testing candidate trees for White Pine and Whitebark Pine and how we produce seedlings for outplanting on lands managed by the Forest Service, Park Service and Bureau of Land Management. Additionally, we will discuss the production of native species for restoration purposes.

**Presenter:** Aram Eramian has an extensive Forest Service career concentrating mostly in silviculture and fire ecology. He came to the Coeur d'Alene Nursery in 1992 and served as the Tree Improvement program manager for 11 years, Bareroot Production manager for 13 years before assuming the Nursery Superintendent role in 2016. Someone once told me "your career finds you". Aram thinks he understands that now.

**7:00 pm PDT, Thursday March 21, 2024**

**Join us in the Lecompte Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the  
1912 Center in Moscow, Idaho**

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