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Welcome to the Newsletter!

Welcome to the first issue of the Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) Newsletter! The FVS staff is excited to present the first edition of our Newsletter to the FVS community. The purpose of the Newsletter is to replace the FVS Update Bulletin by providing our users a more readable and convenient format.

Our goal remains to keep FVS users up-to-date on recent changes and new additions to the program. In addition, we will post upcoming events and anything else FVS related. We will do this by continuing to release the Newsletter in

the same manner as the Bulletin. Links to our Newsletter will be emailed to subscribers and posted on the FVS webpage approximately once per quarter.

For those users who are loyal to the old FVS Bulletin, there is no need to worry. Our Newsletter will continue to provide descriptions and impacts/results regarding any new updates to the entire FVS suite of programs and files. On top of that, we will try to provide more insight into what is happening both on the home front and in the field regarding FVS and its many users and uses.

Past issues of our Bulletins will still be available on our [website](#).

As always, please feel free to let us know how we are doing. You can pass along any advice, ideas, or whatever you think will help to our [email](#).

2017 FVS e-Conference

February 28 to March 02, 2017

The 2017 Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) e-Conference is the fifth in a series of FVS conferences dating back to 1997. It is dedicated to bringing together developers and users of the Forest Vegetation Simulator and has an overall goal of providing the medium to share our experiences, our lessons learned, our triumphs and our failures.

The 2017 FVS e-Conference extends over three days and includes forty presentations. The first day will include presentations on FVS modernization attempts, new variant development and linkages to other models. Presentations on the second day will cover computational methods in FVS, regeneration modeling, and model evaluation efforts. The third day will showcase how FVS is being used within inventory systems and project analyses. [View the current program](#) (PDF).

The 2017 FVS e-Conference will be an online “green” event that is entirely virtual. Participation will be through the USDA Forest Service Adobe Connect web

conferencing platform. If you are interested in attending, you must register online from the [FVS e-Conference webpage](#). Please be advised that you must register for each day in which you plan to participate.

Following the e-Conference, recorded presentations will be made available via the FVS e-Conference webpage and manuscripts from presentations will be included in a conference proceedings produced by the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station Technical Publications Staff.

Please feel free to reach out to us at the [FVS Helpdesk](#) if you have any questions.

Recent Training

Sacramento, CA

The FVS staff recently completed its first instructor-led training for FY2017 in Sacramento, CA from Dec 05-09, 2016. In attendance were students from various federal and state agencies and even some from the private sector. Topics ranged from the basics of using of FVS to regional issues specific to both Regions 5 and 6.

Thank you to Romiro Rojas for attending and providing his valuable insight into Region 5 topics. Also, we would like to thank the students for sharing their stories and for providing outstanding presentations. These presentations

outlined how FVS could be used as a tool in the decision making process. It was a great class all around!

Upcoming Trainings

Asheville, NC - Flagstaff, AZ

The objective of the training is to introduce the concepts of vegetation growth and yield modeling, specifically, the use of FVS and its extensions. Training will emphasize the capabilities of FVS in simulating forest management and impacts on forest structure, growth, fire effects, and carbon accounting.

These training sessions are designed for silviculturists, foresters, fire and fuels managers, ecologists, wildlife biologists, entomologists, pathologists, forest analysts, geographic information system specialists, forest planners, and any others interested in forest structure, composition, and management.

Below is the list of scheduled courses for FY2017:

- Asheville, NC: Jan 30 to Feb 03, 2017
- Flagstaff, AZ: Mar 13-17, 2017

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please see our [FVS training webpage](#) for more information.

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