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FORESTRY/WOODLAND TECHNICAL NOTE NO. NM-35

SUBJECT: ECS – SILVICULTURE OF SPRUCE-FIR FORESTS IN THE CENTRAL
ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Purpose: To distribute silvicultural publications that may be used in conjunction with the Forest Stand Improvement Specifications and Job Sheet to produce sound prescriptions for spruce-fir forest management.

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Background: The technical note is a USDA Forest Service publication from the Rocky Mountain Research Station on silvicultural guidelines for spruce-fir. While the text is rather old, it is not dated. The material is still very valid for today's forest managers. Thanks go to the Rocky Mountain Research Station Library in Fort Collins for their assistance in locating original copies and scanning them into electronic files. The original booklets were published with instructional slide-tape presentations to accompany them so they read like a play or dialog and numbers correspond to specific pictures.

This publication includes information on the basic silviculture of spruce and fir species, management recommendations based on whether the site has advanced regeneration present, and damaging agents to consider pre and post-harvest. Wind risk is discussed in depth since it is a common issue in these forests.

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