



Café Sci2 Tuesday 28 August 2012

at Brooklyn's

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901 Auraria Parkway, Denver, across Auraria Parkway from the Auraria campus

Beetlemania and beyond!

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The mountain pine beetle is a native bark beetle that historically has gone into outbreak mode during periods of warmer temperatures and drought, providing a natural disturbance factor for forests and resetting ecological succession. This current outbreak is considered “unprecedented” in scale and scope. What has caused this? Why unprecedented? Do beetle-killed trees pose any long-term danger? Will the forest come back? What about “beyond the beetles”—what is on the horizon for our mountain forests? A widespread and important forest tree is “on the way out” as a result of anthropogenic problems. **How did things get so bad, so fast, and what is the outlook for these ecosystems?**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The discussion starts at 6:30 in upstairs lounge area. Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. Brooklyn's is generously providing the facility; we buy our own food & drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion. Parking cheap or free in Pepsi Center lot SW of Brooklyn's.

We welcome your input, including ideas for speakers and topics. Bring them with you to the next Café, or e-mail them and any questions to ericM@iqwired.net

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