

IUFRO 2014 Pre-Congress Tour: Sustaining Healthy Diverse Ecosystems of the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau through Community Partnership

Start Location: Tour departs at 9:00am from the Fiesta Resort in Henderson, NV.

Delegates should arrive **before** Monday, September 29 into the Las Vegas area. Delegates may choose lodging of their choice for any days/nights they are in the US prior to September 29. The Henderson Fiesta Resort is good location to stay. It is a convenient 20 minute taxi ride from the Las Vegas McCarran International Airport. It is also a short ride to the many other Las Vegas attractions. If one does choose to lodge at another location on/before September 28, please arrange to arrive at the Fiesta Resort no later than 8:30am on September 29 for tour check-in. Please be advised: tour leaders recommend that you DO NOT stay in the Las Vegas downtown area, if you choose to lodge elsewhere in Las Vegas, there are many hotels on the strip that are nice and safer.

Monday, September 29

On day 1, leave the Henderson Fiesta Resort at 9:00am of the tour visit Mt. Charleston with presentations in Kyle Canyon and Lee Canyon to learn about the geology, ecology, and management of the Spring Mountains. Dinner will be on our own, followed by an evening presentation on the biogeography of the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau. *Lunch provided*

Tuesday, September 30

Depart the Henderson Fiesta Resort at 8:00am and travel to the Boulder Dam to discuss regional water issues (in light of climate change). After lunch (provided) travel to Flagstaff, AZ to learn about environmental and genetic interactions in ecosystems of the Southwest. Enjoy dinner with local hosts on your own at a local eatery of your choice.

Wednesday, October 1

Depart the Flagstaff Double Tree Inn at 8:00am and travel to the Fort Valley Experimental Forest to learn about forest health, restoration, research and management. Enjoy lunch (provided) in the forest, and then travel to Northern Arizona University to learn about joint research efforts related to forest health and restoration. Then visit the Cameron Trading Post, which is home to a large array of Native American arts and crafts, as well as a lodge, where you will stay this evening. During a group dinner (provided) learn about Navajo forestry and culture.

Thursday, October 2

Depart the Cameron Trading Post at 8:00am and stop on your way to the stunning North Rim of the Grand Canyon at the unique Marble Canyon and the Vermillion Cliffs. Discuss forest restoration and health at the North Rim overlook and then travel that evening to the Kaibab Lodge and enjoy a group dinner (provided).

Friday, October 3

Depart the Kaibab Lodge at 8:00am for a magnificent drive through northern Arizona and southern Utah with stops that highlight forest health, fire, bark beetles, and ecosystem management and protection. Arrive that evening in Bryce Canyon National Park for an enjoyable evening and group dinner.

Saturday, October 4

Depart Ruby's Inn for an impressive tour of Bryce Canyon National Park and Cedar Breaks National Park. Discuss relevant land management issues of the region. End the day at the Brian Head Grand Lodge for a group dinner (provided) and presentation on land cover changes and ecosystem functions.

Sunday, October 5

Depart the Brian Head Grand Lodge at 8:00am and travel north to Beaver, UT for presentations on pinyon-juniper restoration efforts. Continue north for an estimated arrival at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City at 3:00pm.

Lodging Details – *reservations have been made at all of the following hotels*

29-Sep	Fiesta Resort	Henderson, NV	(702) 558-7000	777 West Lake Mead Dr, Henderson, NV 89015
30-Sep	DoubleTree Inn	Flagstaff, AZ	(928) 773-8888	1175 W Rte 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
1-Oct	Cameron Trading Post	Cameron, AZ	(928) 679-2231	466 HWY 89, Cameron, AZ 86020
2-Oct	Kaibab Lodge	Jacobs Lake, AZ	(928) 638-2389	Grand Canyon Highway, AZ 86022
3-Oct	Ruby's Inn	Bryce Canyon, UT	(435) 834-5341	26 South Main Street, Bryce Canyon, UT 84764
4-Oct	Grand Lodge	Brian Head, UT	(435) 677-9000	314 Hunter Ridge Dr, Brian Head, UT 84719

What to Bring

The tour will range from warm, lower elevation deserts; to cool, high elevation mountains in a time of transition from summer to autumn. Expect daily temperature variations some mornings from near freezing, to pleasant afternoons, and cool evenings; temperatures can change very rapidly. The days and nights are usually dry, with beautiful clouds, but be prepared for early storms which bring rain or even snow. We will walk moderate distances (no more than a kilometer) to many sites, and evenings will provide an opportunity for additional optional short hikes. Bring good walking shoes or light boots, layer your clothing with enough warmth and head covering for chilly temperatures, and include light raingear. The scenery is so spectacular; it is worthwhile to bring a small, high-quality camera for photos which are more than snapshots. There are a few meals that you will be on your own for, and some locations where Native American crafts can be purchased, so a small amount of spending money is also a good idea.

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