

SBEADMR Summer Field Trip – August 8 2024, Norwood RD

Lone Craver

- Currently active operations. Units include both aspen and conifer. Variable prescription between aspen dominant and conifer dominant stands.
- Operator is using both Ponnse (cut-to-length) and feller-buncher equipment.
- Made possible through partnership with National Forest Foundation (NFF)
- Post-treatment fuel loading is relatively high (~40 tons/ac) but much of the large wood on the ground is already rotten, so not a big fuels concern.

Forest Health Update

- Spruce beetle 'outbreak' phase is ending, still exists at endemic levels.
- Spruce budworm is now killing trees where historically it would just defoliate or kill the leading stem. Budworm is complicated to manage.

East Beaver

- Pre-treatment, in early stages of planning.
- Record of treatment in 1950s in response to spruce beetle outbreak. There is an existing road prism within the project area that we could use.
- Planned prescription is group selection – groups would be designed around wind.
- Hydrology and soil complexities and concerns in the project area. Gina has observed landslide evidence on the LiDAR data – likely also a contributing factor in the numerous seeps in the project area.