

# The Field Trip

*Some Like It Hot!*

## **Insects, Fire, & Climate Change in Western Forests**

11:30 - 12:00 -- pick up box lunches (*Hall of the Doges*), use the bathrooms, get your coat, and board the buses (on the east side of the hotel on Post Street either side of the valet parking entrance).

**12:00 – Leave the Davenport!** In route to Stop 1: Video of the Valley View Fire; July 10, 2008

### **Stop 1 (Dishman Hills): FIRE!**

Historical Context:

- Related to the fires of 1910: the “Big Blow-up”, “stew-bums”, and the “Palousers”
- Fire Scar study: 1797-1999; fire frequency and season of fire
- Steve Harris and Guy Gifford: wind driven fires (1985, 1991, 2008)

Landowner Assistance: The Hall’s residence: (firesafe, fuel reduction, cost share)

### **Stop 2 (Kaiser Aluminum Plant at Mead): INSECTS!**

Historical Context:

- The war effort
- The Hillyard Trough/Missoulan Floods
- Dr. Donald Alstad: black pineleaf scale et al.

### **Stop 3 (Riverside State Park): CLIMATE CHANGE?????**

Historical Context:

- Pre-European settlement
- David Thompson: fur trader, explorer, astronomer/surveyor, mapmaker
- Jaco Finley and Spokane House

Riverside State Park:

- Gary Vierra, Assistant Park Manager: Challenges to managing the park related to the **Changing** political and social **Climate**:
  - Fire
  - Resistance to thinning: (tree vigor/pests)

**Return to The Davenport!** estimated arrival time 5:00pm