What can the Forest Service do for you?

Address: UAF University Park Building, 1000 University Ave., Room 108
Fairbanks (Parking is 75 cents/hour; free after 5 p.m.)

March 19: 2-4 p.m.: Focused talk for agency professionals, resource managers and the public

March 20: 6-8 p.m.: Focused talk for the public

- **Tricia Wurtz, Ph.D., Ecologist**, will describe some of the invasive plants that are currently spreading in interior Alaska, and what agencies and private landowners can do to prevent them from infesting their lands. Discussion will cover the current status of Elodea, bird vetch, creeping thistle and spotted knapweed. Methods for controlling bird vetch will be briefly discussed.

- **Loretta Winton Ph.D., Forest Pathologist**, will discuss the more recognizable and damaging tree diseases of Alaska’s boreal forest. She will describe pathogen identification, the type of damage caused by each, and where we have found them. Key examples are an aggressive canker disease of aspen and the conks and mushrooms of stem decay fungi.

- **Stephen J. Burr Ph.D., Forest Entomologist**, will provide information on key insect pests currently impacting Alaska, with a focus on Interior forests. He will discuss the spruce beetle outbreak, impacts of leaf mining insects on urban and forest trees, distribution of defoliating insects, and methods for monitoring and assessing forest health in Alaska.

CEUs available! ADEC has approved 2 CEU credits for those seeking recertification for their Alaska pesticide applicator license.