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Forests and Cold Temperatures: Understanding and Managing Freezing Stress under Climate Change

Message from the Guest Editors

Due to their lasting effects and repeated occurrence, freezing temperatures are detrimental to regeneration, tree growth, and forest sustainability. Understanding changes in cold hardiness in relation to spring warming will help with developing models predicting possible frost damage based on the timing of freezing temperatures. Since resistance to frost varies among species and populations due to different phenology and cold hardiness, assisted migration could help minimize the risk of frost damage while maximizing forest growth and productivity. However, much about frost resistance and changes in frost frequency and severity under climate change remains unclear, which limits the use of tree physiology (cold hardiness) and phenology in assisted migration decisions and the development of silvicultural systems to reduce damage. This Special Issue will be transdisciplinary and is intended to bridge tree physiology, forestry, and climatology studies using field observations, experiments, modelling and remote sensing for understanding and managing freezing stress under climate change across temperate and boreal forest ecosystems.

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