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Ecosystem-Disturbance Interactions in Forests

Message from the Guest Editors

In the past few years, major disturbances due to wind, snow pressure, avalanches, fire, and insect outbreaks have occurred in forests worldwide. Increasing the complexity of the problem, these disturbances are projected to increase in intensity and frequency. interact, and fuel further destructive impact on ecosystems. Forest ecosystems respond to disturbance events and legacies at different timescales in different ways. With this Special Issue, we call for research that investigates the system properties and their link to disturbance-structure interactions. A quantification of the structural and functional components related to the disturbance impact and the recovery process from stand- to landscape-scale is necessary to understand these natural processes and to design and implement adaptive management and enhance the restoration and resilience of forest systems. Keywords disturbance event ecosystem properties ecosystem recovery forest management forest restoration

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