

Pest Management: Mortality and Health



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Writing Prompt: What Makes a Healthy Forest?

Write for five minutes on the topic of healthy forests - consider traits like

- Stand conditions (tree density)
- Individual tree health
- Growth and yield etc

After two Minutes, switch with a partner, read their definition and ask a clarifying question about what makes a forest healthy.

Trade back and spend two minutes thinking about their answer and your answer, what are common themes in defining forest health?

Pause and view the following photos.... Do these forests constitute forest health?

Traits of a healthy forest

→ Variability in individual tree health

- Not in production forestry

→ Biodiversity and variability in habitats

→ Soil health to support plant growth



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A healthy forest must have

1) Mortality

2) Regeneration