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## CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS PLAN KALISPELL SEMINAR FRIDAY

KALISPELL, Mont.---

Montana Christmas tree growers will meet Friday (May 23) in Kalispell to discuss growth, insect and disease problems common to their industry.

The tree seminar will begin with registration at 10 a.m. in Hennessy's Steak House, reports seminar coordinator, Dr. George Blake, associate professor of silviculture, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Missoula.

The president of the Christmas Tree Growers Association, Matt Stokan of Eureka will call the members into session at 11 a.m. Interested persons are welcome to attend the seminar.

Wyman C. Schmidt, research silviculturist at the Forestry Sciences Lab, U.S. Forest Service, Missoula, will present a paper on "Christmas Tree Culture in Natural Stands of Douglas-Fir in Montana."

Following lunch Dr. Harvey V. Toko, chief of the forest insect and disease branch, U.S. Forest Service Northern Region, Missoula, will talk about "Diseases that Affect Christmas Tree Production."

At 2:15 p.m. Dr. David G. Fellin, research entomologist, Forestry Sciences Lab, will discuss "Some Insect Problems of Douglas-Fir Christmas Trees in Western Montana."

Dr. Blake will conclude the seminar by leading a discussion on"Where Do We Go From Here?"

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