

CROWN FIRES IN CONIFER FORESTS OF THE WORLD: Do you have something to contribute or would like to know about something?

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In October 2009, a 3-year project supported by the Joint Fire Science Program was initiated that aims to synthesize the currently available information on crown fire behavior in conifer forests.

While the focus is on the coniferous forests of the United States and adjacent areas of Canada, the synthesis is intended to be global in nature and is intended for multiple audiences ranging from the general public to college students to fire and land managers to university professors and other researchers.

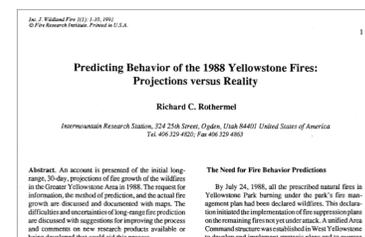
Information from all regions of the world would be appreciated, including Mexico, South Africa, Australasia, Europe, Central and South America, Europe and Asia.



Active crown fire in Pinus radiata New South Wales



Active crown fire in Pinus pinaster, Portugal



In addition to summarizing the existing scientific and technical literature on crown fires, project members are also seeking assistance from individuals in the form of field observations of crown fires and related experiences as well as still pictures and video footage in both natural forest stands and industrial plantations

Finally, we are interested in hearing from you -- the "end user" -- as to your opinions on the subject of crown fires and any specific questions and/or research needs/knowledge gaps that you would like to see addressed in this crown fire synthesis project.



To keep up to date on the crown fire synthesis project periodically visit our website:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wwetac/projects/alexander.html>

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