



Calaveras Big Trees Association Seminar Series

Fall Seminars to Broaden Your Horizons Calaveras Big Trees State Park



Please mark your calendars for the fall. All of them are on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The first two will occur in Jack Knight Hall, our usual location, but note that the October seminar will be in the Ralston classroom in the Education Building.



September 3. What happens when our Sierra ecosystems are disturbed by agents such as fire and invasive species? Dr. Tom Hofstra, professor of forestry and natural resources at Columbia College, will discuss the role of disturbance and succession in Sierra Nevada ecosystems. Appropriately, this seminar is rescheduled from last September, when it was cancelled by the Butte Fire. Let's hope for less ecosystem disturbance this year!

September 24. Karin Vardaman, Director of California Wolf Recovery, will describe the current status of wolves and their role as an ecological keystone predator.

Wolves are starting to enter northern California from Oregon. To prepare for the return of wolves to California, the California Wolf Center is focusing on solutions to conflicts that often pervade wolf recovery elsewhere.



October 15. William (Bill) Tweed, retired park ranger and chief naturalist for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, has authored *King Sequoia: The Tree That Inspired a Nation, Created Our National Park System and Changed the Way We Think About Nature*. His book will be available in October at: <https://heydaybooks.com/book/king-sequoia/> This seminar will be held in the classroom of the education building, which is next to the Visitor Center.