

Since the PFDP was established to advance the research and management of mixed-montane forests of the southern Rocky Mountains, we strive to make the data from the PFDP accessible to as diverse an audience as possible. Since the project is still early in its establishment, most efforts are focused on fostering collaborations that can lead to co-authorship in peer reviewed publications. In order to advance efforts at the site, collaboration that contributes to the collection of base site parameters will receive priority. Contact one of the Co-PIs to discuss site and data access.

Data Policies

Data requests

All requests for PFDP data or access to the plot must be in writing. Requests should include the list of people requesting data, the topic, scope, methods, and schedule of the research, and the target publications. Prospective investigators should resubmit applications for each substantially different project. Students who desire access to the data should submit their request through their adviser.

Non-transferability

Access to the PFDP data is granted narrowly to the specific people requesting data and only for the purpose and time period originally requested. Redistributing or sharing data with anyone not included on the application is not allowed. Potential collaborators should assume that it will not be possible to publish in a venue that requires public posting of the raw data. This means that journals (notably Ecological Monographs) requiring that all source data be archived in a publicly available repository should be discussed with the project Co-PIs. Typically, we will only allow archiving of data at a journal website if we have already publicly released the data (generally after the completion of the following census).

Authorship

Maintaining the PFDP requires enormous field effort and an ongoing financial commitment. We therefore require that appropriate Co-PIs be included as co-authors on publications produced from research conducted in the PFDP or using PFDP data.

Review

Prior to submission, manuscripts and reports should be sent to the Co-PIs for review. Once published, copies of all publications and reports should be sent to the Co-PIs to be included in the PFDP archive and added to the PFDP website (if applicable copyrights allow; <https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/pfdp>).

Research Policies

We welcome proposals to collect new and different types of data within the PFDP in the hope of building a rich dataset to advance our knowledge and management of mixed-montane forests. All new data collection efforts must happen in coordination with the Co-PIs and Pike's Peak Ranger District personnel. Any data collection or installation of equipment within the PFDP imposes an overhead on the project and the Co-PIs, and we regret that we don't have the resources to do specialized field work for affiliated researchers unless projects can pay their own way.

As a general rule, destructive sampling and manipulative research will not be allowed within the PFDP, but manipulative experiments can be implemented along the studies boundaries. Under special arrangement and in coordination with Forest Service personnel and requirements, plans for destructive samples will be reviewed on a case by case basis.