

“Living in Community in Our Forested Environment”

– A 2025 Burning Beetle Learning Event –



Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:30 pm
Pine Room, Custer County Courthouse Annex

“A forum for recent and long-term residents of the Custer and Black Hills to better understand our natural environment.”

6:15	Gathering/Refreshments	Host: Custer County Conservation District
6:30	Welcome and Introduction	Hank Fridell, Chair-Burning Beetle Committee
6:35	<i>The 2024 Fire Season – fire history and what we learned</i>	Jason Virtue, Fire Staff Officer, USFS – Black Hills Nat’l. Forest
6:50	<i>Living with Fire – preparing your home & property</i>	Lane Ostenson, SDDPS-Wildland Fire
7:05	<i>Changing climate, drought cycles, reservoirs, hardiness zones and weather highlights</i>	Keith Sherburn, NOAA - National Weather Service
7:20	<i>Forest Insects and Diseases – status and the need for a resilient forest.</i>	Kurt Allen and Kendra Shotzko, USFS – Forest Health Specialists, Rapid City
7:35	A community conversation – Q&A’s/discussion	Panel/Audience. Facilitator: Dave Thom, Custer County Conservation District
8:00	Adjourn	

