

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

2019 WESTERN CHAPTER ISA
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Utility TRA BMP

Date/Time/Session: **WEDNESDAY, 5.01.2019, 2:05:00 PM, in the UTILITY FORESTRY session**

Presentation Length: **45 minutes**

Presented by: **Kevin K. Eckert**

Co-Presenter (if scheduled): **NA**



Overview of Presentation:

Utilities manage large numbers of trees along corridors that frequently transect difficult terrain or other ground access challenges. In most instances, utilities do not possess management or even property access rights to potentially hazardous trees. The current tree risk assessment Best Management Practices (BMP) does not provide risk assessors, utility managers, regulators or the public with adequate guidance on the overall application, challenges and categorization of tree risk for trees capable of conflicting with utility infrastructure. This new BMP, which should be released in 2019, seeks to provide that guidance. This presentation will provide an overview of the rationale and process behind development of this BMP as well as a step-by-step review of its components.

Presenter Bio:

Kevin K. Eckert is President and Chief Consulting Arborist of Arbor Global USA and Hong Kong, an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and holds a BS in Forestry and BS in Wildlands Park Management from West Virginia University. AG provides arboriculture and urban forestry consulting, training, tree management and expert witness services to government, utility, municipal, corporate and private clients throughout the United States, Asia, Central and South America, and around the Pacific Rim. Kevin continues to climb and conduct tree management work.