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I would like to cordially invite you to a workshop for land managers and scientists in Flagstaff, Arizona on October 15-16, 2008 at the Northern Arizona University Dubois Conference Center. The workshop is being hosted by the Ecological Restoration Institute in collaboration with the Colorado Restoration Institute and the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute.

The goal of the workshop is to identify variables for monitoring the effectiveness of ecological restoration/land treatments on ecosystems in the Southwest. This workshop offers a unique opportunity to close the gap between scientific research and agency realities by developing a set of recommendations for monitoring that are robust, cost effective, and easily implemented by land managers. Workshop participants will also discuss more in-depth variables for furthering scientific research.

During the first morning, there will be a limited number of presentations and group discussion to brief participants about current research and address issues of concern. Participants will then break into one of the following working groups according to their area of expertise: trees & forest structure, fuels treatment, botany; soils, and wildlife. Each group will review and recommend monitoring indicators, target values, and field design protocols that can be used adaptively to inform management.

I hope you will be able to participate in this pivotal workshop. Please contact me at [joe.seidenberg@eri.nau](mailto:joe.seidenberg@eri.nau) or at 928-523-7295 to RSVP (no later than July 31, 2008) or with any questions or concerns.

A block of rooms are being held at a discounted rate of \$87 a night at the newly completed Drury Inn for the dates of October 14-16, 2008. Please book your rooms before Tuesday, September 30, 2008 to receive the group rate. Reservation can be made at [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com), by clicking "Book it Fast," and then entering group number 2035318 or by calling 1-800-325-0720 and specifying the Flagstaff hotel location and conference name: Ecological Restoration Monitoring Workshop. A workshop agenda will be sent out by mid-August.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Seidenberg'.

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