

A scenic background image of a forest with a bright sunburst effect breaking through the trees. The sun is positioned in the lower center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the surrounding foliage. The trees are dense and green, with some ferns visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

SNCC 2024 Annual Meeting
WELCOME!!

SNCC Director Updates

Post-doc position

Forest Health Specialist Search

USDA – NIFA Grant Awarded

SNCC Updates: welcome Cristian Daniel González Sánchez!

- M.Sc. in Microbiology, Ph.D. in Forestry Sciences
- Research interests: forest fungal pathogens and sustainable forestry protection

Research experience:

- Diversity & distribution of *Corinectria constricta*, nectria flute canker of radiata pine in Chili
- In vitro assays on tree seedlings to evaluate pathogen virulence and infection mechanisms
- Occurrence of bee viruses and pathogens associated with emerging infectious diseases



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SNCC research projects:

1. Establishing a SNC inoculation assay / screening for SNC tolerance in Douglas-fir seedlings
2. Pre-commercial thinning of mixed Douglas-fir / western hemlock plantations in the SNC zone



Forest Health Specialist Search

Interviewed four candidates

two entomologists and two pathologists

Anticipate offer made in December or early January

USDA – NIFA Grant Funding

Evaluating the risk of *Phytophthora pluvialis* western
hemlock plantations in the western USA

Three years – \$750,000

Host, Pathogen, Environment?



