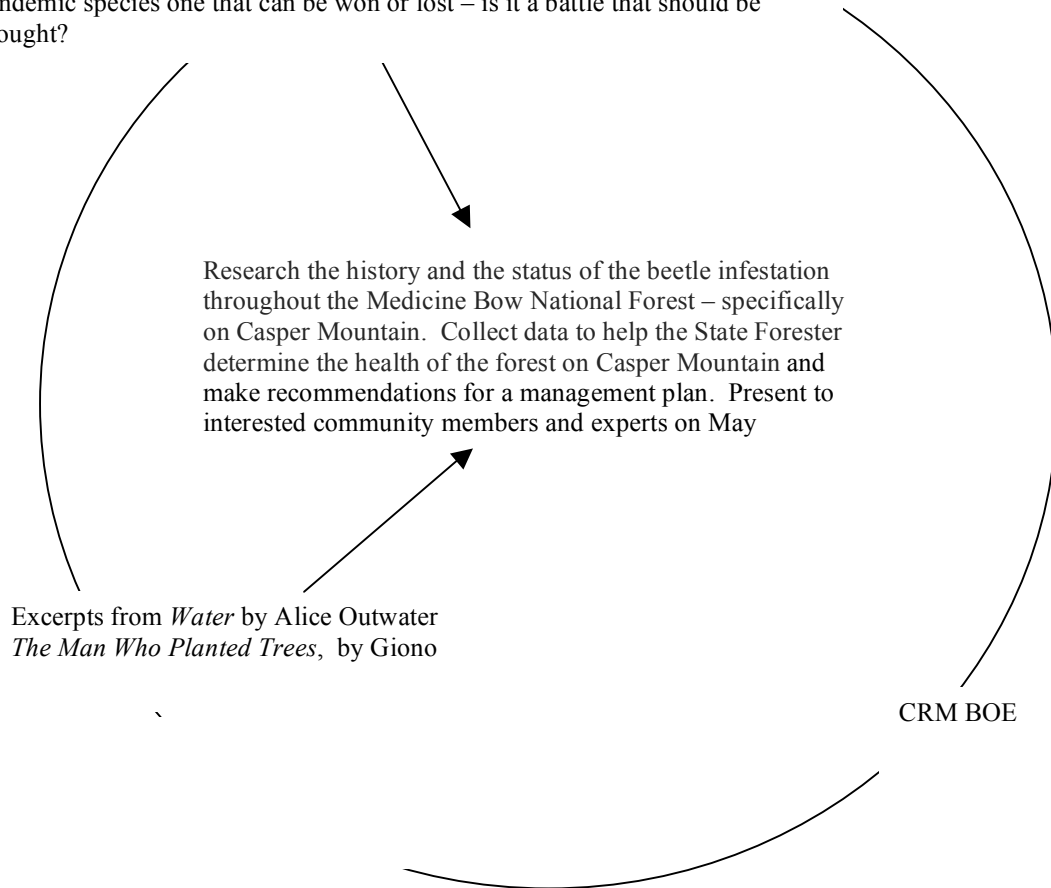


To Beetle or not to Beetle

Pine beetles are a natural part of the forest ecosystem. However, in the past 15 years the beetle infestation has become an epidemic in western states. Wyoming has lost 3.1 million acres of trees to beetle infestation. Cynthia Lummis told a congressional committee on natural resources that, "For most of our forested land in the West we have lost the battle". Is a battle against an endemic species one that can be won or lost – is it a battle that should be fought?



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