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Dr. Kavanagh is a forest scientist whose research contributes to our fundamental understanding of how forest ecosystems function and the assimilation of this knowledge into forest management. To date, she has published 51 research articles and delivered 73 national and international presentations. Dr. Kavanagh has 20yrs of experience in teaching courses on silviculture, forest dynamics, and forest ecosystem analysis. In addition to formal coursework, she also frequently designed and taught courses for natural resource professionals and landowners including over 40 short courses with a focus on forest disturbance, fire effects, and forest regeneration. She has chaired 14 graduate student committees and served on 25 others. She has served on multidisciplinary science teams to advise management and policy and continues to be an advocate for science and policy integration.