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Date: Thursday 14 May 2020

Time: 18:30 - 20:30

Location: School of Earth and Environment University of Leeds Leeds LS2 9JT

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SPEAKER | Dr Louise Hill, Defra

ABSTRACT | Tree planting is widely recognised as an essential weapon in the fight against climate change, as increasing ambition of government commitments for tree planting have shown. However, invasive tree pests and diseases, often introduced inadvertently by human activity, threaten to undermine these efforts. Diseases such as ash dieback and sweet chestnut blight are driving increased tree mortality rates, releasing carbon and turning carbon

sinks into sources. Simultaneously, tree pests and diseases complicate and threaten the supply chains that provide nursery stock required for meeting planting targets. What can we do to meet these interlinked challenges?

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