FIR, SPRUCE, OR PINE?

Here's a quick guide for determining which conifer (conebearing plant) you're examining...Look at the individual needles on each stem...

FIR = FLAT, needles are attached individually to their stems.

SPRUCE = SQUARE, easily rolled between the fingers, sharply pointed, needles are attached individually to their stems.

PINE = PALS, multiple needles attached to the same spot on the stem (2 (red pine group), 3 (yellow pine group), or 5 (white pine group) needles per group).