



# FOREST HEALTH PROTECTION STAFF

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**Our definition of a healthy forest** -- A condition wherein a forest has the capacity across the landscape for renewal, for recovery from a wide range of disturbances, and for retention of its ecological resiliency while meeting current and future needs of people for desired levels of values, uses, products, and services.

## MISSION:

Forest Health Protection Program protects and improves the health of America's forests.

## VISION:

To work with partners to bring together all stakeholders to protect and improve the health of our Nation's forested lands.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Disturbance agents are parts of a healthy ecosystem and we only control them when their activity exceeds their natural range of variation. We usually confine these activities in areas of special concern (i.e., recreation sites, threatened and endangered species, drinking water supplies, etc.). Exotics are unwanted and we vigorously try to eradicate or slow their spread.

*Our goal is to rapidly respond to forest health threats to avoid unacceptable loss of forest resources through these guiding principles:*

- ❑ We have primary responsibility for minimizing impacts and damages of native and invasive forest insects and pathogens.
- ❑ We provide unique technical expertise (e.g. forest entomology, pathology, and pesticide use and risk management).
- ❑ We predict future forest health trends.
- ❑ We monitor and report all aspects of forest health conditions (insects, pathogens, invasive plants, air pollution, storms, etc.).
- ❑ We bring together all stakeholders to work on all forestlands through our unique authorities in an unbiased manner.
- ❑ We develop and implement cutting-edge forest health technology.
- ❑ We cooperate internationally on global forest health issues.