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**Subject:** State of Arizona Farm Bill Designation of Treatment Areas

**To:** Leslie Weldon

At the request of Jeff Whitney, Arizona State Forester, we are submitting a request for changes to the designation of insect and disease treatment areas afforded by Section 602 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill). With a change in the Arizona Governor's office, as well as in the Office of the State Forester, the State of Arizona has reviewed the earlier designation areas and at this time is requesting the designation of 6,274,000 acres of forest and woodlands within Arizona's six National Forests. The new designations were developed using the same approach New Mexico used in their original designation and are based upon 6<sup>th</sup> Level Hydrologic Unit Codes using the criteria as described in Section 602(c) of the Farm Bill. These more extensive landscape areas are being proposed because of the continued high risk to bark beetle outbreaks and disease proliferation. The letter from the State Forester to Chief Tidwell sent on December 7, 2016, requesting the changes is enclosed.

The enclosed map shows the requested changes in designation areas. A shapefile containing data for the requested changes is also enclosed. If you have questions please contact Don Vandendriesche, Deputy Director of Forestry, Forest Health, and Cooperative & International Forestry at [dvandendriesche@fs.fed.us](mailto:dvandendriesche@fs.fed.us) or 505-842-3429.

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