
Forest Health Monitoring Program
December Monthly Update
December 11, 2007

Recent Happenings

The Pacific Southwest Region Forest Health Protection - Forest Health Monitoring Programs staff is moving to Davis! They are co-locating with several research staffs including the Western Center for Urban Forest Research, Sierra Nevada Research Center, Chemical Ecology and Entomology groups and the Forest Genetics Lab. Their official move date was November 15, 2007 and their new address is:

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The Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) Management Team includes representatives of key FHM program partners. A long-term member of the Management Team will leave the team in January, 2008. Jim Brown (USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection Region 8) will retire in early January and is being replaced by Dale Starkey (USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection Region 8). We thank Jim for his long-term service on the FHM Management Team and welcome Dale as a new member. We also welcome Keith Cline, Program Manager for Urban & Community Forestry for the Forest Service in Washington, DC to the Management Team.

Following is a list of members of the 2008 National Forest Health Monitoring Management Team, which discusses and plans program activities on a regular basis. Please contact any of these members for more information about FHM programs and activities:

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[FHP =U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Protection; FHTET = U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team; FIA = U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis; NFS = U.S. Forest Service National Forest System; DACS (FL) = Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; DCNR (NV) = Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources]

Upcoming Events (items beginning with * indicate a new listing or new information added)

*February 11 – February 14, 2008. San Antonio, TX. The 14th Annual Forest Health Monitoring Work Group Meeting will be held at the St. Anthony Hotel, in downtown San Antonio. The workshop theme is “Forest Health in Oak Woodlands.” The agenda will include theme-relevant presentations as well as concurrent focus groups designed to address emerging issues related to aerial surveys and disturbance tracking, climate change, and ground surveys. Similar to previous workshops, a poster session will include status and results of FHM-funded Evaluation Monitoring (EM) projects and other topics of interest. All recipients of EM funding are expected to present a poster at this workshop. Poster abstracts and registration forms are due by **Jan. 12, 2008**. Meeting registration is due **Jan. 25, 2008**. A block of rooms is being held at the St. Anthony Hotel (tel. no. 210-227-4392) at the workshop rate of \$112 per night until **Jan. 15, 2008**. Complete information about the workshop, including the agenda, hotel information, and registration forms, will be posted on the FHM website soon (www.fhm.fs.fed.us). The Chair of this year's Meeting Planning Committee is Michael Bohne (USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, R5) (mbohne@fs.fed.us).

*April 15-17, 2008. Salt Lake City, UT. The Twelfth Biennial Remote Sensing Applications Conference. The theme for the conference is “Supporting Resource Management with Technology.” The conference will emphasize applications of remote sensing technologies that benefit the resource management community. Papers and posters for all phases of remote sensing and related geospatial technologies used in resource management activities will be presented. As in the past, the conference is national in scope, and all projects are welcome as abstract submittals. For more information about the conference and specifics about submitting abstracts, please visit the conference website at www.fs.fed.us/eng/rsac/RS2008.

*November 17-20, 2008. Hot Springs, AR. The 15th Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference. The conference will consist of concurrent technical sessions, a poster session, and an optional field trip. Abstracts for offered papers and posters currently are being accepted. For more information about the conference and specifics about submitting abstracts, please visit the conference website at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/bssrc2008/index.htm>.

Publications of Interest

Stanosz, G.R.; Smith, D.R.; Albers, J.S. 2005. Surveys for asymptomatic persistence of *Sphaeropsis sapinea* on or in stems of red pine seedlings from seven Great Lakes region nurseries. *Forest Pathology* 35: 233-244.

Stanosz, G.R.; Smith, D.R.; Leisso, R. 2007. Diplodia shoot blight and asymptomatic persistence of *Diplodia pinea* on or in stems of jack pine nursery seedlings. *Forest Pathology* 37: 145-154.

Job Announcements

The U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region will advertise in the near future a position on the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) staff titled Biological Science Technician. This is a non-supervisory GS-0404-5/6/7/8/9, permanent, full time position with a duty station of Anchorage, Alaska. The GS-5/6/7/8 level is the trainee level for the full-performance level of the GS-9 duties. This position reports directly to the Entomologist (Anchorage office) of the Region's Forest Health Protection Staff. The incumbent serves as technical assistant to the staff of an Entomologist and Pathologist in planning and conducting complex and specialized Forest Health Management activities. These activities include aerial detection of forest insects and diseases, on-site evaluations, laboratory analyses, logistical planning and support for field studies and data processing and analysis. Condition of Employment: Applicant selected must be able to obtain Alaska State certification in pesticide application and maintain current knowledge of the role of pesticides in Integrated Pest Management. Training will be provided. Applicant must have or be able to obtain state driver's license.

When advertised, the position information will be available at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

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The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is currently advertising a permanent position, Forest Entomologist (Natural Resource Specialist 2). The recruitment number is 2007-11-ENT-RP. The Forest Entomologist serves as an expert on issues relating to forest tree insects in support of the Forest Health Program. He/she contributes to the mission and goals of the DNR by guiding landowners and managers in effective forest stewardship, developing and distributing technically high quality annual information about insect conditions in the state, aiding the implementation of the Forest Health Strategic plan, and treating fellow employees with courtesy and respect. This position supervises one permanent employee and one seasonal employee. The closing date is December 18, 2007. The full position advertisement is available at www.dnr.wa.gov/jobs. If you have questions, contact Karen Ripley at 360-902-1691 or email DNRrecruiting@wadnr.gov. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is an equal opportunity employer.

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