
Forest Health Monitoring Program
September Monthly Update
September 15, 2009

Recent Happenings

Evaluation Monitoring (EM) – The Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) program is accepting proposals for EM projects for Fiscal Year 2010. EM is a component of FHM designed to determine the extent, severity, and causes of undesirable changes in forest health. Project proposals for new and continuing projects should be submitted by **September 30, 2009** to the FHM Regional Managers: Jim Steinman for Northeast FHM Region (jsteinman@fs.fed.us), Manfred Mielke for Northcentral FHM Region (mmielke@fs.fed.us), Dale Starkey for Southern FHM Region (dstarkey@fs.fed.us), Jeri Lyn Harris for Interior West FHM Region (jharris@fs.fed.us), or Alison Nelson for West Coast FHM Region (asnelson@fs.fed.us). Find complete details regarding the EM component of FHM and proposal instructions at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/em/index.shtml>. Contact: Borys Tkacz, National Program Manager for more details regarding EM, (703) 605-5343, btkacz@fs.fed.us.

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

***November 3-4, 2009.** St. Louis, MO. Thousand Cankers of Black Walnut National Conference. This national conference is being planned by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Researchers, forest health professionals, regulatory officials and various other stakeholders are being invited to raise the awareness and understanding of thousand cankers disease of black walnut. Presentations will be given by professionals in walnut industries, forest pathology, forest entomology, and state and federal regulatory agencies. A panel discussion will be held on the afternoon of November 4 to discuss future actions needed to protect our black walnut resource. For more information or to register for the conference, please visit the following website: <http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pests/thousandcankers.php>. Registration before **October 23, 2009** is \$75, and registration after October 23 is \$100. The hotel reservation deadline is **October 13, 2009**.

Publications of Interest

Ambrose, M.J.; Conkling, B.L. 2009. Forest health monitoring 2006 national technical report. Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-117. Asheville, NC: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station. 118 p. (available online soon at www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/)

DeGomez, T.; Young, D. revised 2009. Pine bark beetles. University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Bulletin AZ1300. Tucson, AZ: The University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Arizona Cooperative Extension. Available online at: <http://cals.arizona.edu/pubs/natresources/az1300.pdf>

Koch, F.H.; Yemshanov, D.; McKenney, D.W.; Smith, W.D. 2009. Evaluating critical uncertainty thresholds in a spatial model of forest pest invasion risk. Risk Analysis. 29: 1227-1241.

Job Announcements

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station is currently advertising a supervisory biological scientist (GS-0401-14) located in Portland, OR. The incumbent serves as the Deputy Program Manager, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station. As Deputy, the incumbent shares the overall responsibility for and participates fully in administering all activities within the PNW - FIA Program. Some duties of the position are accomplishing work related to the conceptualization, design, documentation, and management of forest inventory development programs or projects; planning, developing, and implementing program/project development activities that affect broad mission areas associated with the PNW - FIA Program; serving as consultant to the Program Manager on complex resource analysis problems involved in

achieving the Forest Service's program objectives; representing the Program Manager in any activity affecting the FIA Program with the same degree of authority to make commitments and provide policy as the Program Manager; performing the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised; planning, scheduling, and assigning work to subordinates; establishing guidelines and performance expectations for staff members; providing feedback and periodically evaluating employee performance; providing advice, counsel, and/or instruction to staff members; recommending or approving appointments, selections, or reassignments to positions appropriate to the selection authority delegated; effecting disciplinary measures as appropriate to the authority delegated; and carrying out Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies and program activities. For complete information about the position, visit the website: www.usajobs.gov. The vacancy number is ADS09-PNW-I/A-00520G. This announcement is for status candidates; see the announcement for eligibility. The closing date is **October 2, 2009**. The public announcement will be available on September 18, 2009. You may contact Susan Willits (USDA Forest Service) at swillits@fs.fed.us for more information about the duties of this position. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

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