

# Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update March 2011

## WHAT'S NEW

**Following is an updated list of members** of the National Forest Health Monitoring Management Team, which discusses and plans program activities on a regular basis:

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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; SPF (WO) = U.S. Forest Service State & Private Forestry (Washington Office); PA DCNR = Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources]

Please contact any of these members for more information about FHM Program activities described on the FHM website at [www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/](http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/).

## UPCOMING (Items beginning with \* indicate a new listing or new information added) EVENTS

**\*April 19-21, 2011.** Loveland, CO National Insect and Disease Risk Mapping Workshop. The Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) program is currently in the midst of revising the 2006 National Inset and Disease Risk Map (NIDRM). Regional modeling sessions have been conducted through virtual meetings and video/teleconferences. To meet the goal of completing the revision by 2012, it is

critical that the federal and State forest health experts working on the NIDRM have an opportunity to evaluate a preliminary national map, discuss problems and issues, and develop final revision plans. To do this we have organized a workshop to provide an opportunity for federal and State forest health experts to collaborate on the completion of the 2012 NIDRM. Primary objectives of the workshop are to:

- Provide updates on host data and pest risk model enhancements
- Present the first compilation of the draft 2012 NIDRM
- Use Regional breakout groups to review and develop recommendations for improving the final 2012 NIDRM

Please contact your respective Regional Coordinator (listed in the *What's New* section of this Update) if you are interested in participating in this workshop.

**May 3-5, 2011.** Lexington, KY. Joint Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Invasive Species Conference and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Conference. This meeting will encompass topics related to the research, management, outreach, education, and policy of invasive species in the eastern and central regions of the United States. Contributions in the following major areas are welcomed: (1) Ecology of invasive species and their impact on ecosystem functions and processes, (2) Invasive species management, and (3) Invasive species education and policy. Deadline for oral and poster presentation abstracts was February 7, 2011. Please submit your abstract electronically via <http://invasives2011.org>, including the following information (1) type of submission – Oral Presentation or Poster, (2) title of the submission, (3) the author(s) and their affiliations, (4) corresponding author's mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address, and (5) abstract (250 words or less). The conference will publish electronic proceedings. All presenters are encouraged to submit a full-length paper. All presentations will be published online unless a waiver form is signed. Questions may be directed to Songlin Fei at [songlin.fei@uky.edu](mailto:songlin.fei@uky.edu). Complete conference information is available at <http://invasives2011.org>.

## **JOB** **OPPORTUNITIES**

**The USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Intermountain Region** is currently advertising an Entomologist GS-0414-07/12 position. This a full-time permanent position located in Ogden, UT. The duties include performing a variety of field and laboratory tasks in support of pest management and forest health protection program objectives; and providing forest land managers with professional advice and technical assistance to mitigate damage caused by forest insects. This position is open to the public (vacancy number 11-0400-2373DP-

CV) and to status candidates (vacancy number 11-0400-2373G-CV). The open period for this position is Wednesday, February 23, 2011 to **Wednesday, March 16, 2011**. See the full announcement including instructions for applying at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). *USDA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

**The USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, Office of the Durham Field Representative** is currently advertising a GS-0414-11/12 Entomologist position. This is a permanent position stationed at the Durham Field Office in Durham, NH. Duties: coordinates all aspects of a complex major insect detection, evaluation, prevention, and suppression program for tree damaging insects; exercises scientific judgment of a high order to conceive and conduct special evaluations, often collaborating with research, to gain additional specific knowledge concerning insect biology, ecological relationships, parasitic effects, survey methodology, or new control techniques; prepares plans designed to meet technical objectives, organizes assigned staff members, collects field data, supervises seasonal field crews, processes and analyzes data, consults with other professionals, evaluates the results, and makes recommendations; prepares technical reports and manuscripts of which incumbent is responsible for technical adequacy and soundness of conclusions and recommendations provides site-specific, technical assistance concerning forest insects to land managers; assistance usually is documented by incumbent in written guidelines which are incorporated into various resource project plans; develops guidelines by identifying and determining the present amount of damage caused, and exercises scientific judgment of a high order in evaluating the actual or potential seriousness of the infestation; where reduction of pest effects is desirable, incumbent develops current, effective, environmentally safe, and economically sound pest management alternatives which are consistent with specific land management objectives; works closely with forest resource managers in the development and review of land management plans to ensure that forest health strategies are fully considered so that natural resources are protected, maintained, and perpetuated; writes and reviews environmental analysis documents; ensures forest health subject matter is accurate and the documents are prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; organizes, plans, and conducts forest insect related training programs, presentations, or seminars, for various Federal, State, and private individuals; presentations are tailored to the specific needs and objectives of the requesting unit and involve summarization and presentation of complex scientific forest insect subject matter for new research developments in a concise, understandable manner. This position is open to the public (vacancy number 11-42500002-0068DP-DLG) and to status candidates (vacancy number 11-42500002-0068G-DLG). The open period for this position is Wednesday, March 2, 2011 to **Friday, March 11, 2011**. See the full announcement including instructions for applying at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). *USDA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

**PUBLICATIONS**  
**OF INTEREST**

1. **Sturrock, R.N.; Frankel, S.J.; Brown, A.V.; Hennon, P.E.; Kliejunas, J.T.; Lewis, K.J.; Worrall, J.J.; Woods, A.J.** 2011. Climate change and forest diseases. *Plant Pathology*. 60: 133-149.

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**FHM**  
**INFORMATION**

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