

Forest Health Monitoring Program

Monthly Update

May 2011

NEWS ABOUT FHM PARTNERS

Steve Munson (USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region) is pleased to announce that Danielle Reboletti (dreboletti@fs.fed.us) has accepted the Forest Entomologist position at the Ogden Field Office with a start date of June 6. Danielle is currently a NEPA Coordinator on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland in Wyoming. She has extensive experience working with federal land management agencies and the public on various environmental issues including those associated with forest pests. Her background in forestry and experience working with a diverse customer base combined with her experience in environmental education targeting youth, provides a unique set of skills that will significantly assist the Ogden Field Office staff in addressing forest health issues in the Intermountain Region.

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

***June 1-3, 2011.** Lac-Beauport, Quebec, Canada. Northeast Forest Health Workshop. The 2011 edition of the Northeast Forest Health Workshop will take place at Manoir St-Castin, a small hotel on the shores of scenic Lac Beauport, just a 15 minute drive north of Quebec City. The program will be as follows: Wednesday (June 1): Welcoming remarks (7:30 pm) followed by ice breaker; Thursday (June 2): Field trip to plantations, natural stands and experimental research sites; Friday (June 3): Station reports in the morning. Adjourn at noon. Registration includes two nights' lodging, ice breaker, four meals (breakfast on Thursday and Friday, lunch on Thursday and 3-course dinner on Thursday), and field transportation. Registrations for the workshop will be handled by the hotel and must be made using a credit card. To register, call the hotel toll-free line: 1-877-845-5344 and specify you are attending Event Number 12407 (organized by Laval University Center for Forest Research). In order to guarantee the special package price, please register by **May 6**. For information on the hotel and road information: www.hotelsvillegia.com/en/manoir-st-castin. Please let Louis Bernier know (Louis.bernier@sbf.ulaval.ca) if you plan to present a report on current work, so that he can plan the session accordingly.

June 19-13, 2011. Roanoke, VA. The 8th North American Forest Ecology Workshop. The 8th North American Forest Ecology Workshop will be held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, in Roanoke, Virginia. The conference will allow forest ecologists from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to gather and exchange current research and management approaches with the backdrop of the hardwood forests of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The conference theme, "Forest Ecology in a Managed Landscape," reflects some of

the challenges and opportunities faced by forest ecologists working in the southeastern United States – a region dominated by short-rotation pine plantations. Mid-conference field trips will allow attendees to tour local production-oriented pine forests, naturally regenerated hardwood forests, and nature preserves established to conserve some of the high biodiversity of the southern Appalachian Mountains. For complete information, visit the workshop website (<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/nafew/index.html>).

July 13-14, 2011. Calaveras Big Tree State Park, CA. The California Forest Pest Council will have their summer Weed Tour. For more information contact Tom Smith (California Department of Forestry and Fire) at 916-599-6882 or tom.smith@fire.ca.gov, or visit the California Forest Pest Council website at <http://caforestpestcouncil.org>. Information will be posted soon.

July 26, 2011. Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, CA. The California Forest Pest Council will have their summer Insect Disease and Animal Damage Tour. For more information contact Tom Smith (California Department of Forestry and Fire) at 916-599-6882 or tom.smith@fire.ca.gov, or visit the California Forest Pest Council website at <http://caforestpestcouncil.org>. Information will be posted soon.

***October 5-6, 2011.** Boulder, CO. The Seventh Meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases. Save the date! Field trip options tentatively planned for Wednesday morning include: exploring impacts of 1000 cankers disease locally in the urban environment and the implications for the forest ecosystem in the East. The meeting will begin midday Wednesday and adjourn Thursday afternoon – current panel topics being considered include: Applying What we Know to Managing the Firewood Pathway; Climate Change Impacts on Forests and the Spread of Invasives; and Technology Applications for Managing Invasives. A draft agenda is available at www.continentalforestdialogue.org. For more information, please contact the meeting facilitation team at RESOLVE: Debbie Lee (dlee@resolv.org; 202-965-6381) or Beth Weaver (bweaver@resolv.org; 202-965-6211). For more information about the Dialogue, or to join the Dialogue, go to: www.continentalforestdialogue.org.

JOB **OPPORTUNITIES**

The USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection Staff, State & Private Forestry (SP&F), Washington, D.C. is planning to advertise a GS-414-13/14 Forest Entomologist position. The position is located in the Washington Office of the Forest Health Protection staff (FHP) located in Arlington, VA. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to assess the level of interest in the position government-wide and within the Forest Service. The functions of the S&PF FHP staff unit are to provide policy and program formulation; program direction; program review, analysis and evaluation; consultation; and coordination and liaison for FHP programs of the Forest Service. FHP provides technical and financial assistance to National Forest System units, Tribes, other federal agencies, State forestry and agriculture agencies, and other cooperators

on matters related to native and non-native insects, pathogens, and plants affecting the health of urban, rural and wildland forests throughout the Nation. The forest entomology position has leadership, coordination and technical responsibilities for various aspects of forest entomology program activities, as well as a variety of high-level tasks related to the overall FHP program. In addition to working with Forest Service field units, the position will work with counterparts in other federal agencies, including the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Some travel to attend meetings, provide program oversight, and for general program coordination purposes can be expected. If you are interested in this opportunity, anticipate applying for the position, or would like more information, please contact Anne Hoover, Deputy Director, FHP, at ahoover@fs.fed.us, or 703-605-5332. In addition, please fill out the outreach form attached to this Update as Attachment 1 and email to ahoover@fs.fed.us by **May 12, 2011**. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management web site www.usajobs.opm.gov and will include instructions and a list of required application materials. The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position. *USDA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

The USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Pacific Northwest Region, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest will soon advertise for a full-time Entomologist position at the GS-13 level, to fill a critical vacancy in Forest Health Protection's Southwest Oregon Forest Insect & Disease Service Center. This is a permanent position within the Resources Staff of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor's Office. The duty station for this position is at the J. Herbert Stone Nursery in Central Point, OR. This position serves as an expert Forest Entomologist on a five-person Team providing technical advice, assistance, and guidance on forest health issues to federal and tribal land managers in SW Oregon. The position is non-supervisory; work will be closely coordinated with other members of the team. The incumbent provides leadership and an advanced level of forest entomology expertise; and coordinates and implements a complex program using an ecosystem-based approach for forest insect damage detection, evaluation, prevention, management, and control. Primary responsibilities include the following: serves as an expert advisor on forest entomology and forest health protection covering a broad geographical area, across multiple federally administered lands; in conjunction with Team members, coordinates insect detection, technical assistance, funding resources, evaluation, prevention, and suppression programs within Service area; provides expertise in invasive insects and associated issues affecting the Service area; serves as a vital link between research scientists and field personnel on emerging issues and approaches in the forest entomology arena, and incorporates "state-of-the-art" science appropriately into a resource management framework; interacts and coordinates with State, university, and Regional/National staff on significant forest entomology issues and programs transcending Service area boundaries. Please respond to this outreach by returning the Outreach Response Form (attached to this Update as Attachment 2) to Ellen Goheen at egoheen@fs.fed.us by **May 13, 2011**. Please note: This Outreach form does not constitute an application and only applications completed in AVUE <https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu> when the vacancy announcement is posted will be considered. You must actively check

for the vacancy announcement in AVUE and USAJobs <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> because notification of vacancy announcement posting is not automatic. The vacancy announcement is expected to be posted approximately mid to late-May. *USDA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Utah Forest Restoration Working Group – Ecology Committee** [Mary O'Brien, Paul Rogers, Kevin Mueller, Rob MacWhorter, Allen Rowley, Bill Hopkin, Bill Christensen, and Paul Dremann]. 2010. Guidelines for aspen restoration on the national forests in Utah. Logan, UT: Western Aspen Alliance, Utah State University. 48 p. Available online at: <http://www.western-aspen-alliance.org/pdf/AspenRestoration.pdf>

FOR MORE FHM INFORMATION

Visit the FHM homepage: www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/
or access via the USDA Forest Service homepage at www.fs.fed.us

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Interested applicants desiring further information should contact Anne Hoover, Deputy, FHP Deputy Director at (703) 605-5332, or ahoover@fs.fed.us.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

**Forest Health Protection
State & Private Forestry
Washington D.C.
Respond by: May 12, 2011**

Position Title/Series/Grade: Forest Entomologist/GS-414-13/14

Duty Station: Washington D.C. (Arlington, VA)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **E-Mail:** _____

Current title/series/grade/location: _____

Type of appointment you are currently under (e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc) _____

Are you currently a Federal employee: YES _____ **NO** _____

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:



OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

Send your response form by **May 13, 2011** to Ellen Goheen - by email, fax, or mail
email : egoheen@fs.fed.us

fax: 541 858 6110

address :USDA Forest Service
J Herbert Stone Nursery
Attn: Ellen Goheen
2606 Old Stage Road
Central Point, OR 97502

Name: _____

Internet Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, name of Agency _____

Current Duty

Location: _____

Current Position

(title/series/grade): _____

Current type of appointment: Permanent _____ Temporary _____

If no, **Current Position:** _____

Current Location: _____

Name of Current Employer _____

Eligible for Other Hiring Authority (check one), such as:

30% Disabled Vet ____ Reinstatement Eligible ____ Peace Corps ____

Handicap Authority ____ Other (describe) _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!