

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update September 2011

WHAT'S NEW

The Forest Health Protection 2012 request for proposals for Forest Health Monitoring Program evaluation monitoring (EM) projects is now available. Projects will be selected through two separate competitions reflecting funding source: Base EM and Fire Plan EM. Proposals for these programs should be submitted to your respective Regional program managers by **September 30, 2011** to allow time for Regional review: 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). Complete instructions and links to further information about EM are available on the FHM website www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/. Look for the **2012 Request for Evaluation Monitoring Proposals** in the **Evaluation Monitoring** section of the homepage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October 3-6, 2011. Hartland, MI. The North Central Forest Pest Workshop (NCFPW). The NCFPW is an annual meeting of persons interested in forest health in the North Central portion of North America. Save the date for the 2011 meeting in Hartland, MI, which is in the southeast part of MI. More information will be available soon at <http://www.forestpathology.org/hosted/ncfpw/>.

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 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; Technology Applications for Managing Invasives; and Collaborative Efforts on Various Non-native Forest Insects and Disease – Successes, Failures, and Opportunities. 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.

October 10-14, 2011. Leavenworth, WA. The 59th Western International Forest Disease Work Conference (WIFDWC) will be held at the Enzian Inn in Leavenworth, WA. Forest pathologists from western North America (and beyond) gather and present papers, take part in field tours, discuss programs and network. Panel topics include: forest health monitoring, stump removal trials in the northern hemisphere, *Phytophthora ramorum* eradication in Oregon, interactions of endophytic fungi and forest diseases, and contributed papers. There will also be discussion and updates on hazard trees, twig and foliage diseases, rusts, root diseases, dwarf mistletoes, nursery diseases, and climate change. Two field trips to sites of pathological interest are planned. Details including agenda, registration, lodging and travel are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/wif/>. If you have questions, contact Greg Filip at gmfilip@fs.fed.us or by phone at 503-808-2997.

October 18-19, 2011. Utah State University, Logan, UT. Restoring the West Conference 2011: Sustaining Forests, Woodlands, and Communities Through Biomass use. The conference will examine how woody biomass harvest can facilitate land restoration projects while supplying much-needed fuel for renewable energy. Talks will focus on how biomass harvest can occur in ways that improve the ecological and financial feasibility of restoration projects. The conference will have a dual focus on the ecological effects of woody biomass harvest, and the technology of woody biomass harvest and use. Discussions will appeal to land managers and owners, researchers, and business people. For more information, visit: <http://www.restoringthewest.org/>

***January 29-February 3, 2012.** Society of Range Management. There will be an Aspen Ecology Special Session at the Society of Range Management (SRM) annual meeting in Spokane, WA, Jan 29–Feb 3 2012. This will be a half day session on **Thursday, February 2nd**. Presentations are expected relating to aspen ecology and management including but not limited to: successional development, disturbance interactions (fire, pathogens, herbivory etc.), regional scale change detection, conservation strategies, genetics, ecophysiology, climate change and wildlife habitat studies. For more information see the announcement posted here: http://www.western-aspen-alliance.org/pdf/SRM_aspen.pdf

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Guo, Q.F. 2011. Counting “exotics”. *NeoBiota*. 9: 71-73.

2. USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Grassland, Shrubland, and Desert Ecosystems Science Program. September, 2011. What are invasive species? ...And do we really need to worry about them? GSD Update, September 2011. 9 p. Available online at: www.fs.fed.us/rm/grassland-shrubland-desert . See the link for the GSD Updates.

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