

Forest Health Monitoring Program

Monthly Update

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WHAT'S NEW

The 2012 Forest Health Monitoring Work Group Meeting has been scheduled. See the announcement below under Upcoming Events.

The release of version 2 of www.foresthealth.info, the Forest health Protection (FHP) mapping and reporting portal has been announced by Robert Mangold, director FHP, State and Private Forestry. The portal provides access in a consistent way to data residing in a wide range of complex tabular and spatial databases. The portal is designed to be a companion to the annual Major Forest Insect and Disease Conditions report. Users will have access to a simple mapping interface through which the distribution of damaging forest insect and disease populations and their biological range can be viewed for the last five years; an overview of biology, current conditions, trends, and survey methods, along with photos and web links for each forest insect and disease, and; the ability to generate .pdf reports, maps, and download tabular information. FHP staff and cooperators will have enhanced access, using a log in and password, to several forest pest reporting pages, including thousand cankers disease, oak wilt, and a Pest Event Reporter (PER) used to collect synoptic narratives about pest activity. Access to the satellite remote sensing based Forest Disturbance Mapper (FDM) will also be available through log in with a password. Questions about the portal, access to data entry pages, FDM, or the data should be sent to Frank J. Sapio (Director, U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team) at fsapio@fs.fed.us.

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

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

***April, 2012.** Tucson, AZ. **Mark your calendars** for the 2012 Forest Health

Monitoring Work Group meeting. The meeting is scheduled for the week of April 16, 2012. More details about this meeting will be included in future Monthly Updates and on the FHM website: www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/.

PUBLICATIONS **OF INTEREST**

1. **Marchetti, S.B.; Worrall, J.J.; Eager, T.** 2011. Secondary insects and diseases contribute to sudden aspen decline in southwestern Colorado, USA. Canadian Journal of Forest Research. 41: 2315-2325.

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