

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update July 2012

WHAT'S NEW

The U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health Protection Staff is pleased to welcome Melissa Jenkins, Presidential Management Fellow, to the National Office. Melissa recently graduated with a Master of Environmental Management degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She also holds a B.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University where her concentration was in International Environmental Resources and the Latin America Region. Melissa worked at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics with the Environmental Protection Agency through the Student Career Experience Program.

The U.S Forest Service, Forest Health Protection program is pleased to announce the posting of three recent Insect and Disease Management Frameworks. These documents set the foundation for coordination of the U.S. Forest Service, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), National Association of State Foresters (NASF), National Plant Board (NPB), and their missions, expertise and available resources to respond effectively to invasive forest threats. The web link currently allows users to see and download management frameworks for sudden oak death, emerald ash borer, and thousand cankers disease. The website also provides links to related topics such as invasive pests and plants, exotic forest pests, managing native and invasive species, and early detection and rapid response activities. Visit the website to explore the information available:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/management/fhm-national-frameworks.shtml>.

Mike Bohne, from Northern Area's forest health staff in the Durham, NH, field office, has been selected by NASA to attend and tweet from the Goddard Space Flight Center's 40th anniversary celebration of the Landsat program on July 23. Bohne was chosen as one of 23 social media users to attend based on his current forest health Twitter feed and the strong connection between forest health management and the use of remote sensing technology. Bohne's particular tweet will focus on the use of satellite data to address forest health issues around the world. Bohne's Twitter account is [@foresthealth](#). (from The Chief's Desk, People, Places and Things, July 6, 2012)

Lisa Fischer, Forest Health Monitoring Program (FHM) manager for Region 5 was recently selected for a promotion with the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She will be the Associate Director for the Research and Extension Center System. Lisa has contributed to FHM for many years, including building a model FHM program in Region 5, developing the California Insect & Disease Atlas (CAIDA), a model for the current Pest Event Reporter (PER), initiating Hawaii and Pacific Island monitoring and projects, working on National Insect & Disease Risk Maps, hosting the FHM Work Group meeting in San Diego, and many other projects and leadership contributions. She also hired and launched

many new FHP staff members who continue to work in Aerial Detection Survey, Forest Service Research and FHP throughout the country. Our heartfelt thanks to Lisa, and congratulations on your new position – we will miss you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 24-27, 2012. Charlottesville, VA. The Southern Forest Insect Work Conference and the Southwide Forest Disease Workshop joint meeting. Concurrent session topics include: Don't move firewood; American chestnut restoration; Pathology & Entomology in practice; Pine decline; Hemlock woolly adelgid; Pathology & entomology in practice; and two sessions with no defined topic. The deadline for submitting presentation titles was Friday, June 29. There will also be a graduate student session. Titles, authors, and affiliations should have been submitted by June 29. A poster session will be held and the posters will be displayed throughout the meeting. The deadline for submitting poster titles was Monday, July 9. Pre-registration for the meeting was accepted until July 13, 2012. After this date, only on-site registration will be available. For complete information about the meeting including registration, lodging, activities, and all deadlines, visit <http://www.sfiwc.org> or <https://fp.auburn.edu/sfws/enebak/swfdw/swfdw.html>.

September 24-27, 2012. Amherst, MA. IUFRO Small-Scale Forestry Conference: Science for Solutions. The first call for papers has been issued for this conference. Both oral and poster presentations are being sought. Abstracts to be considered were due by January 31, 2012. For more information, visit the conference website: <http://iufrossf2012.org/>.

December 4-6, 2012. Baltimore, MD (venue is yet to be determined). **Note the date change.** The 2012 Forest Inventory and Analysis Science Symposium. The US Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program is pleased to announce the 2012 FIA Science Symposium. The theme of the 2012 FIA Science Symposium is "Moving from Status to Trends." The Symposium will bring together international forest scientists, managers, and stakeholders to share insights on contemporary issues, science policy, mensuration, geospatial products, inventory and monitoring methods, and other topics. Contributed sessions and papers (limit of two per author) on science, applications, policy, management, or technologies related to the Symposium's broad theme are invited. Abstracts were due March 23, 2012. For more information about the Symposium including details about submitting an abstract, visit the Symposium website: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/symposium/>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region Forest Health staff is currently advertising a Plant Pathologist position (GS-0434-12). This position is located in Bend, OR. Duties of this position include: participates in the preparation of organization budget proposals and planning; responsible for assistance in all areas of

plant pathology to all federal and tribal forest land managers within the Service Center Area, including three National Forests, two Bureau of Land Management Districts, one National Park, one National Wildlife Preserve, and one Tribal Nation; collaborates with plant pathologists for the States of Oregon and Washington on forest health issues; interprets and analyzes data that is produced as the result of a biological evaluation, study, or investigation; prepares written reports, answers questions, and makes suggestions and recommendations for inclusion in comprehensive reports on study findings; prepares a wide variety of charts, graphs, manuscripts, or spreadsheets to report on study results of plant pathology studies or investigations; acquires and organizes materials and information to carry out studies, surveys, or investigations to identify the cause, nature, prevalence, and severity of parasitic, nonparasitic, and virus diseases attacking trees; conducts studies on the relation of such diseases to practices involved in the propagation, planting, cultivation, transportation, and/ or storage of tree and forest products; seeks guidance from and consults with other professional scientists and plant pathologists to resolve problems encountered in carrying out activities such as studies, investigations, evaluations, and/or pest control and management assignments; consults with and provides guidance to others working in a field of plant pathology or related scientific areas. For additional information about the position, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcement on www.usajobs.gov. The job announcement number for U.S. citizens is 12-060100007682-DP(cks) and for federal career, career-condition, and status eligible applicants is 12-06010000-7682G(cks). The open period is **Thursday, July 5, 2012 to Wednesday, August 1, 2012**. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

The USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region Forest Health staff is currently advertising a Plant Pathologist position (GS-0434-09/11/12). This position is located in Albuquerque, NM. Duties of this position include: provides scientific and/or technical advice and guidance to international, national, state, and/or local government agencies, universities, health-related organizations, or private and public foundations with regard to silviculture, forestry, forest resource management, and forest plant pathology programs involved in developing new methods for study and pest management and control; participates in project planning or training activities related to forestry, silviculture, forest resource management and forest plant pathology; acquires and organizes materials and information to carry out studies, surveys, or investigations to identify the cause, nature, prevalence, and severity of parasitic, nonparasitic, and virus diseases attacking forest plants; conducts studies on the relation of such diseases to forestry and nursery practices involved in the propagation, planting, cultivation, transportation, and/ or storage of plants and plant products; seeks guidance from and consults with other professional scientists and plant pathologists to resolve problems encountered in carrying out activities such as studies, investigations, evaluations, and/or pest control and forest management assignments; consults with and provides guidance to others working in a field of forest plant pathology or related scientific areas; interprets and analyzes data that is produced as the result of a biological evaluation, study, or investigation; prepares written reports, answers questions, and makes suggestions and recommendations for inclusion in comprehensive reports on study findings; prepares a wide variety of charts, graphs, manuscripts, or spreadsheets to report on study results of forest plant pathology studies or investigations. For additional information about the position, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcement on www.usajobs.gov.

This position is open **only** to status candidates (merit promotion eligibles), and the job announcement number is 12-0352-R3Ro-4206G VH. The open period is **Friday, July 13, 2012 to Monday, July 23, 2012**. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

PUBLICATIONS
OF INTEREST

1. **Cubbage, Frederick; McGinley, Kathleen; Moffat, Steverson; Lin, Liwei; Robertson, Guy.** 2012. Implementation of the U.S. Legal, Institutional, and Economic Criterion and Indicators for the 2010 Montreal Process for Sustainable Forest Management. In: Sustainable Forest Management. Chapter 6, p. 287-304. InTech Press. ISBN 978-953-307-668-

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