
Forest Health Monitoring Program
May Monthly Update
May 8, 2008

Recent Happenings

The Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) Management Team met in Arlington, VA during April 15 and 16. Topics discussed during the meeting included national and regional program updates, focus group resolutions from the FHM Workgroup Meeting in February, and plans for the future. On April 17, the Management Team met with the National Risk Map Oversight Team to finalize the team's charter and timeline for the development of the 2010 Insect and Disease Risk Map. Decisions on the focus group resolutions, as well as the 2010 risk map charter and timeline will be posted on the FHM website soon.

Upcoming Events (items beginning with * indicate a new listing or new information added)

May 13, 2008. McClellan, CA (Sacramento area). Pacific Northwest (PNW) Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Client Meeting. This is the second of two client meeting opportunities. This meeting will be from 8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. The draft agenda includes presentations in three major themes: climate change in California – role of FIA; diverse uses of inventory data; and miscellaneous FIA-related topics. There will also be a question-and-answer time and group discussion session in the afternoon. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sally Campbell (USDA Forest Service) at scampbell01@fs.fed.us.

October 21-23, 2008. Park City, UT. The 2008 FIA Symposium. The USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program is pleased to announce the 2008 FIA Symposium. The symposium will emphasize innovative uses of FIA data that shed new light on contemporary issues, such as carbon, climate change, fire, bio-energy/biomass, forest health, and other contemporary issues. Plenary and breakout sessions from a variety of disciplines will be presented. The goals of the symposium are to: present ways that FIA has aided in policy and management decisions; provide a forum for linking issue-focused analyses with techniques development; exchange science and technology between FIA regions; showcase collaborative ventures and foster continued work with FIA partners; display state-of-the-art science and tools; and communicate utility of FIA data and analyses to the broader user community. Papers and breakout sessions on applications or technologies related to the symposium theme – *Climate Change, Fire, and Other Hot Topics* – are invited. The 2nd call for papers and other information about the symposium are available on the symposium web page: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/symposium>. Abstracts for papers and breakout sessions are due May 30, 2008 and should be submitted to Will McWilliams (USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station) at wmcwilliams@fs.fed.us. Visit the symposium web site for updated information.

November 17-20, 2008. Hot Springs, AR. The 15th Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference. The conference will consist of concurrent technical sessions, a poster session, and an optional field trip. Abstracts for offered papers and posters currently are being accepted. For more information about the conference and specifics about submitting abstracts, please visit the conference website at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/bssrc2008/index.htm>.

Publications of Interest

Forest pest conditions in Nevada 2007. R4-OFO-TR-05-00. Ogden, UT: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Intermountain Region, and Carson City, NV: Nevada Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. 49 p. available online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1-r4/spf/fhp/conditions/entry1.html>

Frankel, S.J.; Kliejunas, J.T.; Palmieri, K.M., tech. coords. 2008. Proceedings of the sudden oak death third

science symposium. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-214. Albany, CA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station. 491 p. available online at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_gtr214/

Hayes, C.J.; DeGomez, T.E.; McMillin, J.D.; Anhold, J.A.; Hofstetter, R. 2008. Factors influencing pine engraver (*Ips pini* Say) colonization of ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* Dougl. ex. Laws.) slash in northern Arizona. *Forest Ecology and Management*. 255: 3541-3548.

Koch, F.H.; Smith, W.D. 2008. Spatio-temporal analysis of *Xyleborus glabratus* (Coleoptera: Ci[u]rculionidae: Scolytinae) invasion in Eastern U.S. forests. *Community and Ecosystem Ecology*. 37(2): 442-452.

Murdoch, P.S.; Jenkins, J.C.; Birdsey, R.A. 2008. The Delaware River Basin collaborative environmental monitoring and research initiative: foundation document. Gen. Tech. Rep. NRS-25, Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. 93 p. available online at: <http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/4199>

The winter edition of the *Forest ThreatNet*, the newsletter of the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center (EFETAC), is available on EFETAC's web site: www.forestthreats.org.

Job Announcements

The USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region (R3) plans soon to advertise for a Biological Scientist (Forest Health Specialist/Coordinator) GS-0401-09. The position will be on the Forest Health Staff located at the Regional Office in Albuquerque, NM. Duties include: planning, coordinating, and conducting evaluative surveys on Federal, State, and Tribal lands to determine the status of forest insects and disease; serving as the primary aerial surveyor for the New Mexico Zone; using digital mapping equipment; entering resource data into GIS or related databases; reviewing digitizing/data entry work to ensure accuracy; collecting field data or assisting with projects in forest environments. Overnight travel is required and can be extensive during the summer months. Normal color vision and stereovision are required. Ability to map forest damage as an observer in a small fixed-wing aircraft without incapacitating airsickness is required. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be available at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. For more information, please contact Debra Allen-Reid, Supervisory Entomologist/New Mexico Zone Leader for Forest Health, USDA Forest Service, at dallenreid@fs.fed.us. USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

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