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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, and State Foresters

The University of Arizona, School of Renewable Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Monitoring Program are co-sponsoring the 2004 Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) Work Group Meeting to be held in Sedona, Arizona from February 10 to 12, 2004.

Primary objectives of the workshop are to:

- Report on forest health conditions and trends;
- Present recent advances in forest health monitoring, evaluations, and research; and
- Use participant focus groups to develop recommendations for improving the FHM program.

Enclosed please find the preliminary agenda, meeting logistics, preliminary registration, and poster registration. Please forward this announcement to your staffs responsible for FHM, and to other interested partners. We urge all FHM participants to be represented, since accepted recommendations will apply to all FHM participants and will shape future program activities.

As in previous years, the workshop will include time and opportunities to share information about State, regional, and national program status, needs, and accomplishments. The workshop theme is "Drought, Bark Beetles, and Fire". The 2004 agenda will include theme-relevant presentations as well as concurrent workshops designed to address emerging issues related to analysis and reporting, off-plot monitoring, invasive species, risk mapping, survey, riparian monitoring, urban monitoring, and intensive site monitoring. A poster session will present status and results of FHM funded Evaluation Monitoring (EM) projects and other topics of interest. All recipients of EM funding are expected to present posters at this workshop. Please see enclosed poster instructions for details.

We look forward to discussing forest health issues with all of our partners and working on enhancing the FHM program for the future. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact the Chair of the Program Committee, Keith Sprengel, at 503-668-1476 or email: ksprengel@fs.fed.us.

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Forest Health Monitoring Working Group Meeting

February 9–12, 2004 Hilton Hotel, Sedona, AZ

Registration

Please FAX or e-mail this form by January 9, 2004 to Valerie Cooper at FAX: 919-549-4047 or e-mail: vcooper@fs.fed.us. Print clearly or type.

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____ I WILL BE PRESENTING A POSTER (**Please complete the following form**).