



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

April 3, 2014

U.S. Forest Service
Attn: Tony Tooke, Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System, 5NW
201 14th Street SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Deputy Chief Tooke:

Under the provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014, better known as the 2014 Farm Bill, I am writing to request insect and disease area designations for portions of the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire from the Secretary of Agriculture as defined in Section 8204 of the Act.

The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) is one of the Granite State's beautiful natural treasures that are critical to our high quality of life. It is an important economic engine for New Hampshire, attracting visitors from around the world and providing outdoor recreational opportunities for our citizens and tourists alike.

According to the most recent National Insect and Disease Risk Map published by the Forest Service, portions of the forest are at high risk for significant tree mortality in the next 15 years, posing a major threat to our economy, our environment and our quality of life. The insect and disease area designation is critical to our efforts to preserve these portions of the White Mountain National Forest, and a list of sixth-level hydrologic units included in this request are attached both in map and table form.

I recognize that portions of some of these hydrologic units include lands that Congress has placed in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and that these lands are excluded from designation under this section of the Act. In order to ensure that any treatments under this Act are consistent with the current Land and Resource Management Plan, my staff will continue to work closely with the Forest Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest.

The White Mountain National Forest is an integral component of New Hampshire's natural heritage and economic viability, and our state is committed to working with you to protect this awe-inspiring landscape as insect pests and diseases identified in the National Risk Map emerge. To strengthen our efforts to preserve the

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White Mountain National Forest, I respectfully urge you to designate these at-risk portions as "Treatment Areas."

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Brad Simpkins, Interim Director of the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, at 603-271-2214.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maggie / L" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

Enclosure: White Mountain National Forest Disease Risk Map
 White Mountain National Forest HUC List

White Mountain National Forest Insect and Disease Risk Map 2014

All Pests

Vermont

Maine

New Hampshire

Legend

- 1 - 5 % BA loss from all pests
- 6 - 15%
- 16 - 25%
- 26 - 35%
- > 35% projected BA loss
- Watershed Boundary
- Wilderness Area



HUC Code	River Basin	Watershed
10400010604	Androscoggin River	Stearns Brook
10400010605	Androscoggin River	Milan Tributaries
10400010606	Androscoggin River	Berlin Tributaries
10400020101	Androscoggin River	Moose River-Moose Brook
10400020102	Androscoggin River	Upper Peabody River
10400020103	Androscoggin River	Shelburne Tributaries
10400020201	Androscoggin River	Wild River
10600020101	Saco River	Headwaters-Saco River
10600020102	Saco River	Sawyer River
10600020103	Saco River	Rocky Branch
10600020104	Saco River	Wildcat Brook
10600020105	Saco River	Ellis River
10600020106	Saco River	Bartlett Tributaries
10600020201	Saco River	Upper Swift River
10600020202	Saco River	Middle Swift River
10600020203	Saco River	Lower Swift River
10600020301	Saco River	East Branch
10600020302	Saco River	Lower Bartlett-North Conway Tributaries
10600020303	Saco River	Lower Pequawket Brook
10600020305	Saco River	Swans Falls
10600020401	Saco River	Charles River
10600020601	Saco River	Upper Bearcamp River
10600020602	Saco River	Cold River
10600020603	Saco River	Swift River
10600020604	Saco River	Chocorua River
10700010101	Merrimack River	North Fork
10700010104	Merrimack River	Hancock Brook
10700010201	Merrimack River	Upper Pemigewasset Headwaters
10700010202	Merrimack River	Moosilauke Brook
10700010204	Merrimack River	Eastman Brook
10700010205	Merrimack River	Hubbard Brook to Mill Brook
10700010206	Merrimack River	West Branch Brook
10700010301	Merrimack River	Baker River Headwaters
10700010302	Merrimack River	Wentworth-Warren Tributaries
10700010303	Merrimack River	Pond Brook/ Tural Brook
10700010304	Merrimack River	South Branch
10700010305	Merrimack River	Middle Baker River
10700010306	Merrimack River	Stinson Brook
10700010307	Merrimack River	Lower Baker River

HUC Code	River Basin	Watershed
10700010401	Merrimack River	Mad River
10700010402	Merrimack River	Beebe River
10700010403	Merrimack River	Campton Tributaries
10700010501	Merrimack River	Squam Lake Drainage
10801010701	Upper Connecticut River	Headwater Branches
10801010702	Upper Connecticut River	Middle Tributaries
10801010705	Upper Connecticut River	Mill Brook
10801010707	Upper Connecticut River	Lower Tributaries
10801010801	Upper Connecticut River	The Mystic-South Branch
10801010802	Upper Connecticut River	Mill Brook
10801010803	Upper Connecticut River	Israel River at Jefferson
10801010804	Upper Connecticut River	Garland Brook
10801010805	Upper Connecticut River	Otter Brook
10801010806	Upper Connecticut River	Lower Israel River
10801030102	Upper Connecticut River	Johns River
10801030301	Upper Connecticut River	North Branch Gale River
10801030302	Upper Connecticut River	Meadow Brook-Middle Tributaries
10801030303	Upper Connecticut River	Ham Branch
10801030401	Upper Connecticut River	Upper Ammonoosuc River
10801030402	Upper Connecticut River	Middle Ammonoosuc River
10801030403	Upper Connecticut River	Lower Ammonoosuc River
10801030503	Upper Connecticut River	Pearl Lake Brook-Mill Brook
10801030504	Upper Connecticut River	Upper Wild Ammonoosuc River
10801030505	Upper Connecticut River	Lower Wild Ammonoosuc River
10801030701	Upper Connecticut River	Oliverian Brook
10801030703	Upper Connecticut River	Haverhill Tributaries
10801040201	Upper Connecticut River	Eastman Brook
10801040202	Upper Connecticut River	Jacobs Brook
10801040203	Upper Connecticut River	Clay Brook
10801040204	Upper Connecticut River	Grant Brook
10801040401	Upper Connecticut River	Mink Brook
10801040402	Upper Connecticut River	Connecticut mainstem-Ompompanoosuc River to White River
10801060101	Upper Connecticut River	Canaan Street Lake
10801060103	Upper Connecticut River	Goose Pond Brook
10801060105	Upper Connecticut River	Mascoma Lake