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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

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By this letter we are requesting fiscal year 2013 proposals for the following three special project programs administered by Forest Health Protection (FHP):

1. Forest Health Monitoring Program, Evaluation Monitoring (EM) - A component of the Forest Health Monitoring program designed to determine the extent, severity, and causes of undesirable changes in forest health.
2. Special Technology Development Program (STDP) - A program to help move research results into practice by developing cutting edge technologies and field operation methods to improve the ability of field specialists to restore and protect America's forests.
3. Forest Service-Pesticide Impact Assessment Program (FSPIAP) - A program to provide funding for evaluations of benefits and impacts of pesticide use in forest environments.

Project proposals are due to the National Headquarters by November 1, 2012. Please submit proposals for these programs to your respective Regional or Area program managers by September 30, 2012, to allow time for review. Please follow detailed directions listed at the following websites:

- EM - <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/em/index.shtml> . Contact: Borys Tkacz, National Program manager for Forest Health Monitoring EM, (703) 605-5343, btkacz@fs.fed.us .
- STDP - <http://svinetfc8.fs.fed.us/stdp/Index.aspx> . Contact: Marla Downing, Program Manager for STDP, (970) 295-5843, mdowning@fs.fed.us . Projects which are proposed to specifically develop technologies for the biological control of invasive plants, will receive separate consideration from the other STDP projects. The following link provides more information for submitting biological control of invasive plant proposals: http://svinetfc8.fs.fed.us/stdp/CallLetter/Biocontrol_Proposal_Guideline_2013.doc . Any further questions may be directed to Richard Reardon (Biological Control National Program Manager), (304) 285-1566, rreardon@fs.fed.us.
- FSPIAP - <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/pesticide/fspiap/index.shtml> . Contact: Bruce Moltzan, Acting Program Manager for FSPIAP, (703) 605-5336, bmoltzan@fs.fed.us.

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Thank you for your interest and cooperation in these important FHP programs.

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