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Forest Health Monitoring Program  
November Monthly Update  
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**Recent Happenings**

*Phytophthora alni* subsp. *alni* causes a disease of alder in Europe. Risk assessment products for the continental United States were produced by the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (FHTET), with cooperation from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), and are available on the FHTET website. You can view and download the GIS products as well as the metadata, which describes the methods at the following URL:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/invasives\\_phytophthoraalni\\_riskmaps.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/invasives_phytophthoraalni_riskmaps.shtml). Please note that *Phytophthora alni* subsp. *alni* is not known to occur in the United States at this time. Contact Marla Downing ([m Downing@fs.fed.us](mailto:m Downing@fs.fed.us)), with any questions, to attain the GIS files, and / or to inform her as to how you are using these products.

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

November 13-14, 2007. Woodland, CA. The California Forest Pest Council (CFPC) 2007 Annual Meeting will be held at the Heidrick Ag Center in Woodland, CA. The 56th annual meeting will review 2007 CA forest health issues featuring a half-day panel on California Climate and Forest Health. Tuesday highlights include the first CFPC poster session and a social. COST: Before November 2, 2007 - \$75; Late Registration and at the Door - \$85; Students and Retirees - \$40. Make checks payable to CFPC. Mail completed registration and payment to: Stephen Jones, CFPC treasurer, 612 Martha Way, Roseville, CA 95678. Please also include your name, address, organization and email address. (Registration includes refreshments, lunches and the social.) Check for updates and registration materials at: <http://www.caforestpestcouncil.org/>. If you have questions about the conference, please contact Susan Frankel, USDA-Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, at 510-559-6472 or [sfrankel@fs.fed.us](mailto:sfrankel@fs.fed.us).

February 11 – February 14, 2008. San Antonio, TX. **Mark your calendars** for the 14th Annual Forest Health Monitoring Work Group Meeting to be held at the St. Anthony Hotel, in downtown San Antonio. The Chair of this year's Meeting Planning Committee is Michael Bohne (USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, R5) ([mbohne@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbohne@fs.fed.us)). More details regarding this meeting will be included in future Updates.

**Publications of Interest**

Kamal J.K Gandhi, Daneal W. Gilmore, Steven A. Katovich, William J. Mattson, John R. Spence, and Steven J Seybold. 2007. Physical effects of weather events on the abundance and diversity of insects in North American forests. *Environmental Review* 15: 113-152.

**Job Announcements**

**Illinois Forest Health Specialist Position** - The main responsibilities of the position are to: administer and coordinate the implementation of statewide forest health survey, monitoring, and evaluation activities; provide statewide leadership for invasive forest insects and pathogens; provide technical expertise for the DNR on interagency task forces and committees related to forest health and invasive species issues. Job Duties: provide forest health and technical assistance on forest health problems to DNR foresters, other public land managers, and private landowners; conduct detection and evaluation surveys, and evaluate impacts due to infestations; recommend ecologically sound integrated pest management options; evaluate susceptibility of forest stands to injury by insects, pathogens, and abiotic stresses for the purposes of prevention, suppression, or other treatments; conduct pest management training programs; disseminate forest pest management information; coordinate with field personnel to evaluate and manage forest insect and

pathogens; serve as contact and lead for exotic invasive insects, pathogens, and other pests (i.e., emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, SOD, garlic mustard). Must have or be able to obtain: knowledge of the major forest pests including their biology and management; knowledge of forest management including ground and aerial survey procedures; knowledge of equipment and techniques for determining pest distribution and loss assessment; effective interpersonal relationship skills; self-motivated but works effectively on teams; skill in effective oral and written communication; Illinois drivers license; Illinois pesticide applicator license. This position gets program direction and supervision from Illinois DNR forestry; however, the position is directly employed by the Southwestern Illinois RC&D Inc. Starting salary is approximately \$41,000 (plus benefits), commensurate with experience. Frequent travel is expected. For additional information related to this position, contact Tom Wilson at 618-498-1627 or [tom.wilson@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.wilson@illinois.gov) . To apply, send resume, references, and supporting materials to Dave Eustis, Southwestern Illinois RC&D Inc., 406 East Main Street, Mascoutah, IL, 62258 or [dave.eustis@rcdnet.net](mailto:dave.eustis@rcdnet.net). Applications are due by November 16, 2007.

**The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection** is looking for a Forest Pest Management Specialist to be based in San Luis Obispo, CA. Details about the position and application information can be found at the Society of American Foresters website: [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org) (look under the career center SAF classifieds heading colleges and universities for the position title Regional Forest Pest Manager [Administrator I]) or by contacting Tom Smith - Forest Pathologist at 916-599-6882 or email at [tom.smith@fire.ca.gov](mailto:tom.smith@fire.ca.gov) .

**Assistant Professor of Applied Forest Ecology** - The Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources of the University of Georgia invites applications for an assistant professor of applied forest ecology. The appointment is tenure-track, 12-month, 50% teaching, 50% research. Applications are sought from individuals with expertise and research interests in one or more of these subject areas: hardwood silviculture, entomology, pathology, fire ecology or invasive species. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree, and at least one degree in forestry (preferred) or a related natural resources field. Evidence of research productivity and ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses is required. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing a significant research program in their area of expertise. They will also be expected to teach an average of three classes per year, to include an undergraduate course in the Ecology of Natural Resources and a graduate course in their area of expertise. Candidates must have a willingness to collaborate with diverse groups within and outside of the university including students, faculty, state and federal natural resource agencies, forest industry and other private sector entities. To ensure full consideration, each applicant should submit their curriculum vitae, statement of teaching and research interests, official transcripts of all college-level work, names and contact information of three references, and reprints of selected publications by December 31, 2007. Send applications and inquires to: Dr. Robert O. Teskey, Chair, Applied Ecologist Search Committee, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; [rteskey@uga.edu](mailto:rteskey@uga.edu); (706) 542-5055. **The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.**