

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update August 2012

WHAT'S NEW

Evaluation Monitoring (EM) Request for Proposals – The FHM program is requesting proposals for FY 2013 EM projects designed to determine the extent, severity, and causes of undesirable changes in forest health. Project proposals for new and continuing projects should be submitted by **September 30, 2012** to the FHM Regional Managers: Jim Steinman for Northeast FHM Region (jsteinman@fs.fed.us), Manfred Mielke for Northcentral FHM Region (mmielke@fs.fed.us), Dale Starkey for Southern FHM Region (dstarkey@fs.fed.us), Jeri Lyn Harris for Interior West FHM Region (jharris@fs.fed.us), or Alison Nelson for West Coast FHM Region (asnelson@fs.fed.us). The FHM Regional Managers will, in turn, forward their top selected proposals to the Washington Office by November 1, 2012. Detailed instructions and a template for project proposals are available on the FHM website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/em/instructions/em_instructions13.pdf.

At the ESRI 2012 International User Conference held in July 23-26, 2012, several USDA Forest Service map and poster products won awards for excellence. The maps and posters that received ESRI awards can be seen at the following website: <http://www.esri.com/events/user-conference/participate/map-gallery-results.html>. Four Forest Service maps that were displayed at the ESRI 2011 User Conference have also been included in the ESRI Map Book Volume 27. The map books can be viewed by visiting the ESRI website at www.esri.com and selecting the map book gallery link. Congratulations to all the authors who were honored.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Items beginning with * indicate a new listing or new information added)

September 24-27, 2012. Amherst, MA. IUFRO Small-Scale Forestry Conference: Science for Solutions. The first call for papers has been issued for this conference. Both oral and poster presentations are being sought. Abstracts to be considered were due by January 31, 2012. For more information, visit the conference website: <http://iufrossf2012.org/>.

***October 8-12, 2012.** Tahoe City, CA. The 60th Western International Forest Disease Work Conference (WIFDWC) will hold its annual program at the Granlibakken Lodge and Conference City in Tahoe City, California. Contemporary forest disease issues will be featured in over 20 formal presentations in the Granlibakken conference center and via a series of field trips to local forest pathology situations in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. To learn more about this conference, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/wif/>. If you would like to get on the mailing list for this conference, and receive all of the most recent information on the

full program, please send a brief note to John Browning at (john.browning@weyerhaeuser.com).

***October 30-31, 2012.** Utah State University, Logan, UT. Restoring the West Conference 2012: Balancing Energy Development and Biodiversity. The 2012 Restoring the West Conference will examine how the boom in energy development occurring in many parts of the West is affecting or may affect the well-being of plant and animal species found in the region. From sage grouse to the hookless cactus to shrubby reed-mustard, many creatures that are rare or uncommon are under increased pressure, or will be, as energy resources are developed. We invite biologists, land managers and owners, energy development firms, and students to come together to talk about which plants and animals are at risk, how energy development affects these creatures, and how we might mitigate these effects to maintain biodiversity and promote responsible energy development. There will be plenary sessions on both days and a poster session Tuesday afternoon. Poster submissions are requested. For more information including registration deadlines, visit the conference website at <http://restoringthewest.org/>.

December 4-6, 2012. Baltimore, MD (venue is yet to be determined). **Note the date change.** The 2012 Forest Inventory and Analysis Science Symposium. The US Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program is pleased to announce the 2012 FIA Science Symposium. The theme of the 2012 FIA Science Symposium is "Moving from Status to Trends." The Symposium will bring together international forest scientists, managers, and stakeholders to share insights on contemporary issues, science policy, mensuration, geospatial products, inventory and monitoring methods, and other topics. Contributed sessions and papers (limit of two per author) on science, applications, policy, management, or technologies related to the Symposium's broad theme are invited. Abstracts were due March 23, 2012. For more information about the Symposium including details about submitting an abstract, visit the Symposium website: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/symposium/>.

JOB **OPPORTUNITIES**

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service is currently advertising 2 GS-0401-11 Natural Resource Specialist positions, working in Aerial Detection Survey, one position in Sandy, Oregon and one in Central Point (near Medford), Oregon. Primary duties are associated with regional aerial insect and disease survey, serving as lead aerial surveyors for operations in a state. The vacancies are Merit Promotion only, open to internal Forest Service employees, and close on **August 15th**. The full position announcement including instruction for applying is available on <http://www.usajobs.gov>. The job announcement number is 12-06060000-9369FS-DJG. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

PUBLICATIONS
OF INTEREST

1. **Bechtold, W.A.; Bohne, M.J.; Conkling, B.L.; Friedman, D.L.; Tkacz, B.M., eds.** 2012. A synthesis of evaluation monitoring projects sponsored by the forest health monitoring program (1998-2007). Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-159. Asheville, NC: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station. 140 p. available online: www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/40934

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