

# Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update October 2012

## WHAT'S NEW

**The Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) Program** will have a booth in the exhibit area of the upcoming Society of American Foresters (SAF) Annual Convention, which will be held October 24-28, 2012 in Spokane, WA. The revised FHM national poster will be displayed along with a variety of national, regional and State reports. Copies of recent FHM national reports and State Forest Health Highlights will be among the publications that will be available. FHM program-level factsheets, hand-outs about projects featured on the national poster, and introductory information from the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center (EFETAC) and the Western Wildland Environmental Threat Assessment Center (WWETAC) will also be available. If you or your colleagues will be attending the SAF convention this year, please stop by the FHM booth, say hello, and pick up some information to share about FHM and our partners.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**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](mailto: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.** Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD (venue is yet to be determined). 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 Texas A&M Forest Service (formerly Texas Forest Service)** is seeking a professional forest entomologist or equivalent to serve as Coordinator of the Forest Pest Management Cooperative (FPMC), headquartered in Lufkin, Texas. The FPMC, supported by dues-paying members and research grants, conducts applied research and technology transfer on major pests of southern forests and urban landscapes. The Coordinator plans, organizes, conducts, analyzes, and reports results of studies on those pests members deem of importance and provides leadership for a small staff. Target pests include pine bark beetles, seed orchard pests, leafcutting ants, regeneration weevils, and pine tip moths, among others. The coordinator writes research proposals to generate additional funding and is responsible for carrying funded projects to completion and formulating research results and project analyses into papers, reports, scientific and technical publications and presentations. Applicant should be proficient in computer software (MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access) and statistical analysis programs and excel at oral and written communications. Minimum educational requirement is a Bachelor of Science, with advanced degree in forest entomology or related biological science preferred. Knowledge and experience with southern forest pests considered a plus. Travel (10-25%) within and outside of Texas is required. Starting salary is \$60,000 or commensurate with education level and experience. For more information, contact Dr. Ron Billings, Forest Health Manager, at [rbillings@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:rbillings@tfs.tamu.edu). To apply, visit <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=188249>.

## **PUBLICATIONS** **OF INTEREST**

1. **Schulz, B.K.; Gray, A.N.** 2012. The new flora of northeastern USA: quantifying introduced plant species occupancy in forest ecosystems. Environmental Monitoring and Assessment. DOI: 10.1007/s10661-012-2841-4

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