

FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE PROTECTION
Contacts for Technical & Funding Assistance
SPECIFIC TO THE NPS MIDWEST REGION

– USDI-NATIONAL PARK SERVICE –

It is essential to keep the NPS regional organization apprised of the park's emergency forest insect and disease protection needs. The combined expertise of integrated pest management and forest insect and disease protection at regional offices is an excellent aid in approaching insect and disease issues. The regional and WASO staffs also have experience in pulling together collaborative teams to address new alien invasive problems.

NPS – Biological Resources Management Division (WASO)

National IPM Coordinator (Carol DiSalvo)

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NPS – Midwest Region

Regional IPM Coordinator (John Sowl)

402-661-1872 (o)

– USDA-FOREST SERVICE –

The USDA–Forest Service is authorized by Congress to provide technical and funding assistance in Forest Health Protection to federal, state, and private land owners/managers. When considering general forest insect and disease issues (and after contacting NPS regional contacts), the USDA-FS Forest Health Protection program is the first best contact. This is true for technical assistance and essential for funding assistance.

The USDA-FS *Forest Health Protection National Staff Directory* (included as a web citation below) is replete with the contact information of their entire staff and expertise. Unfortunately, it is outdated. For most managers at various locations, the information is more than needed. The list that follows is a way to get started.

USDA-FS Forest Health Protection website

<http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/>

USDA-FS *Forest Health Protection National Staff Directory* (entire 50⁺ pages)

http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhp_personnel.shtml

USDA-FS Regional & Local Contacts

Northeastern Area (MN, WI, IA, MO, IL, MI, IN, OH, as well as PA, WV, MD, DC, DE, NJ, NY, CT, RI, MA, NH, VT, ME)

St. Paul Field Office

- Forest Health Program Leader (Barbara Tormoehlen), St. Paul, MN
- Forest Pathology Lead (Manfred Mielke), St. Paul, MN

651-649-5276

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- Forest Entomology Lead (Michael Connor), St. Paul, MN 651-649-5180

 - Newtown Square 610-557-4139
 - Forest Health Program Leader (Noel Schneeberger), Newtown Square, PA 610-557-4121
 - Forest Health Monitoring Coord. (James R. Steinman), Newtown Square, PA 610-557-4158
 - Forest Inven. & Analysis (William H. McWilliams), Newtown Square, PA 610-557-4050
 - Invasive Pest Specialist (Don Dagnan), Newtown Square, PA 610-557-4213

 - Morgantown Field Office 304-285-1541
 - Entomologist (Bill Oldland), Morgantown, WV 304-285-1585
 - Entomologist (Brad Onken), Morgantown, WV 304-285-1546
 - Plant Pathologist (Alan Iskra), Morgantown, WV 304-285-1553
 - Invasive Plant Control/Fire Effects (Rod Whiteman), Morgantown, WV 304-285-1555
 - Forest Health Protection Group Leader (Dan Twardus), Morgantown, WV 304-285-1545
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– USDA-APHIS –

The USDA–Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is directed by Congress to eradicate new exotic intruders. Typically, their work focuses at ports of entry but if funded by Congress they also operate in the heartland when new invasions get past those areas. When considering a newly introduced species, APHIS will be an important contact. APHIS can help with species identifications, reconnaissance, and eradication strategies.

USDA-APHIS website

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

General Plant Protection and Quarantine Contacts

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/contact_us/ppq.shtml

Emergency and Domestic Programs

- Emergencies (301) 734-8247
- Pest Detection (301) 734-8717

National Identification Services (301) 734-5312

– STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACTS –

Contact John Sowl, MWRO IPM Coordinator, for specific contact information.

– UNIVERSITY SOURCES AND OTHERS –

Contact John Sowl, MWRO IPM Coordinator, for specific contact information.
