

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

Appendix B. Cooperating Entomologists/Taxonomists

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Appendix C. IFP Collaborators

Appendix C.1 Title Definitions of Federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) IFP Collaborators by State

1. **State Plant Regulatory Official:** Serves on the National Plant Board, oversees state level pest detection and regulatory activities and coordinates survey activities between government agencies, public and private sector organizations. Also coordinates the state's initial emergency response if an exotic pest is detected.
2. **State Survey Coordinator (SSC):** Coordinates annual survey planning, execution and reporting as well as community outreach activities.
3. **State Plant Health Director:** Directs federal APHIS-Plant Protection and Quarantine pest detection and regulatory activities in cooperation with state officials, and coordinates the initial PPQ emergency response if an exotic pest is detected in the state.
4. **Pest Survey Specialist:** Provides technical support to the SSC in planning, executing and reporting annual surveys and coordinates pest detection activities with neighboring states.

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