

# Forest Health Information Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2011



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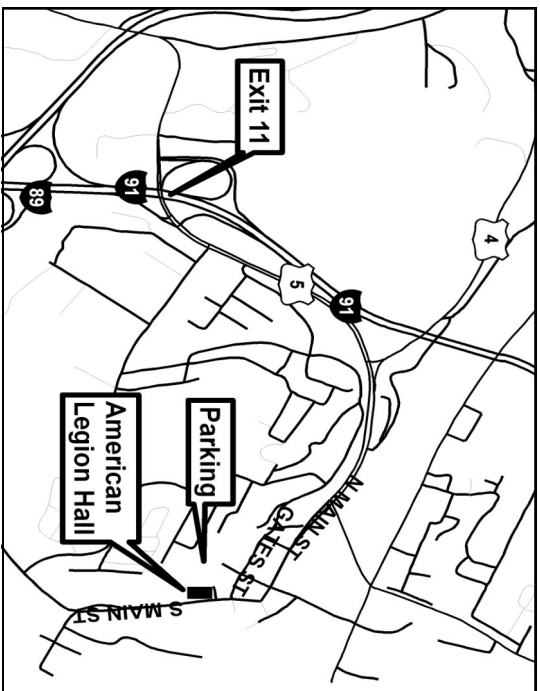
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**8:30 Sign Up, Coffee**

**9:00 Welcome & Announcements**

**9:10 Comments from the Commissioner**

Known from his background as Chittenden County Forester/UVM Instructor/Northern Woodlands contributor, the new Commissioner of Forests, Parks & Recreation will be here for a conversation on forest health from an agency perspective, and front-burner issues such as deer legislation, climate activities, and wood energy.

**Michael Snyder**, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

*When regen keeps getting whacked it turns into crud.  
The Deer Doing Damage act nips nips in the bud.*

**9:40 Invasion Ecology and its Link to Pest Management Solutions**

How non-natives become successful, and how they interact with their native hosts, can suggest approaches to invasive insect problems. Some examples of how host resistance, insect genetics, predator-prey interactions and landscape level factors influence population dynamics.

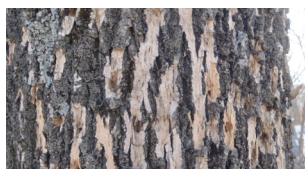
*While its cousins back home just let live when they eat,  
An insect abroad can make host trees dead meat.*

**Kimberly Wallin**, University of Vermont and US Forest Service

**10:10 Break**

**10:30 What You Need to Know About Emerald Ash Borer**

Emerald ash borer basics, identifying infested trees, where it is and how it spreads, impact, and



host resistance. What's being done to manage the insect in New York. Plus a run through of insect management tools, including the Slow Ash Mortality experiment.

**Nate Siegert**, US Forest Service Forest Health Protection

*Woodpecker scraping of bark on the trunk  
Is a good indicator...though not a SLAM dunk.*

**11:30 Lessons from our Neighbor: New York's Firewood Quarantine and Ash Management Issues as Emerald Ash Borer spreads in the State**

What is New York State recommending to foresters and landowners, and how they are responding to the emerald ash borer threat? How ash logs are allowed to move and how markets have been affected. Also, how New York's firewood quarantine got off the ground, what it is, and how it's working.

**Bruce Williamson**, New York State Division of Lands and Forests

*EAB's round the corner, so do markets crash  
When EAB corners the market on ash?*

**12:15 Lunch — Bring Your Own**

**1:00 Announcements**

**1:15 EAB Traps: We'll ALL be Fielding Questions This Summer**

Most of Vermont now falls within the intensive emerald ash borer survey zone. Your clients, co-workers, and cousins will be noticing the traps. As their go-to person on forestry, here's some information you should have.



**Emilie Inoue**, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets

*You'll never see a purple cow, perhaps;  
But you'll surely see some purple traps.*

**1:30 Emerald Ash Borer Wrap-Up**

**1:50 In Other News: Forest Health Updates and Activities**

Some of the things we saw in the region last year: frost damage, needlecasts on white pine, oak defoliation, and a couple of new insects; New Hampshire's firewood quarantine; Vermont's invasive plant activities; plus other problems and programs.

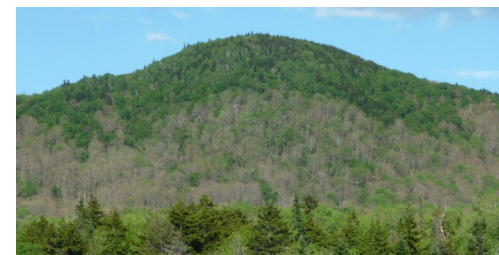
**Trish Hanson**, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

**Kyle Lombard**, New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands

**Kathy Decker**, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

**Barbara Burns**, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

*Live free (of firewood that's not from nearby)?  
Or (take the risk more trees will) die?*



**3:00 Discussion, Evaluation**

**3:15 Adjourn**

Pesticide credits (categories 2 and 3a), New Hampshire Forester Continuing Education Units, LEAP, and SAF credits have been applied for.

The facility has room for informational displays if you would like to bring one.

There is no cost and no pre-registration for this meeting. For more information, contact Barbara Burns at 802-885-8821 or [barbara.burns@state.vt.us](mailto:barbara.burns@state.vt.us). If the meeting is canceled due to weather, a message will be posted at the phone number above.