

Forest Health Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2012



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White River Junction, Vermont

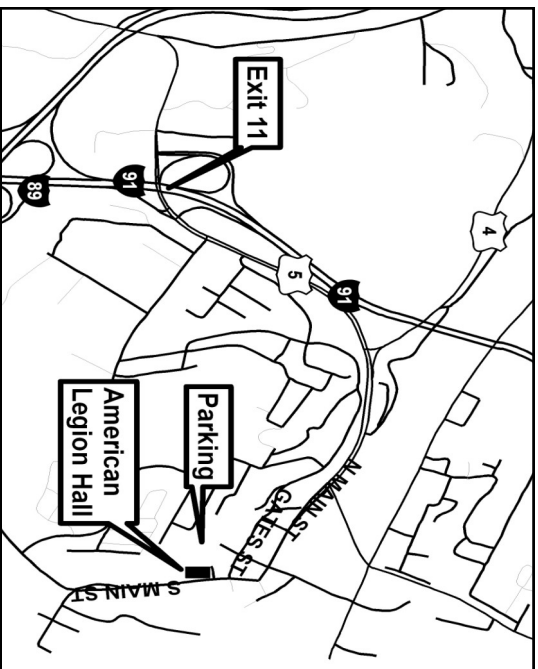
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our postage costs down.*

8:30 Sign Up, Coffee

9:00 Announcements

Welcome from State Forester Steve Sinclair

9:15 Asian Longhorned Beetle Update, Including Observations from Forested Areas

Worcester County has been ALB's first taste of North American woodlands. Observations on which hosts it prefers, its impact on growth, and how it moves through the forest. Plus, an update on the eradication effort.

Kevin Dodds, US Forest Service Forest Health Protection

ALB's been called "lazy", but the truth is much worse.

Once in the woods it will quickly disperse.



9:45 Back to Basics: How Streams Work

A post-flood review of fluvial geomorphology: How landform and the physics of water, sediment, and debris shape the stability and function of river channels.

Gretchen Alexander, Vermont Dept. Of Environmental Conservation

*A stream impaired without compunction
Will not Function at the (river) Junction.*

10:15 Break

10:35 Announcements, etc.

10:45 Headwater Stream Management and Restoration

How the US Forest Service implements brook trout habitat management using large woody debris, and how stream channels are responding.

Dan McKinley, Green Mountain National Forest

While depositing slash is a rule violation

Well-placed debris jump-starts pool restoration.



11:30 Invasive Earthworms in Vermont

All earthworms in Vermont are exotic. In spite of their reputation as "good guys", we're starting to understand their effects on forest soil structure, biodiversity, and productivity.

Josef Gorres, University of Vermont

*When worms spoil the duff on the forest floor
And then mix soil up, it's not mor anymore.*

12:00 Lunch — Bring Your Own

12:45 Announcements, etc.

1:00 In Other News: Forest Health Updates and Activities

Some news from around the region: New Hampshire's firewood quarantine; the cause of needlecasts on white pine; the status of hemlock woolly adelgid; how to monitor for EAB using girdling trap trees; and Vermont's Forest Pest First Detectors program.

Sam Schneski, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Kyle Lombard, New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands

Isabel Munck, US Forest Service Forest Health Protection

Jim Esden, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Caitlin Cusack, University of Vermont Extension

Jordan Fletcher, Fletcher Tree Service

*Proving EAB's absence is time well invested
Because it won't kill trees that it hasn't infested.*

2:15 You Asked for It: Invasive Plant Management in the Real World

Implementing invasive plant management, including information about case study sites, NRCS funding, and development of the invasive plant pesticide applicators manual.

Courtney Haynes, Redstart Consulting

*Sites to visit on line or to go take a walk,
Where invasive plant management isn't just talk.*

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. If the meeting is canceled due to weather, a message will be posted at the phone number above.