

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION SPRING ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

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FY 17-19 State Budget Recap

- 1. Mill tax replaced with GPR funds
- 2. Forestry Account audit by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau

3. Forestry HQ's movement to Rhinelander



Meeting County Forest Time Standards

- 1. 78% time standards met to date on track to complete
- 2. Fire season staffing plan in place
- 3. Vacancies and hiring filling vacancies and training new staff



WI Forest Practice Study Update

- Implementation of Study recommendations:
 - Silviculture GuidanceTeam
 - Forestry Partners such as UW Extension, and other DNR Divisions





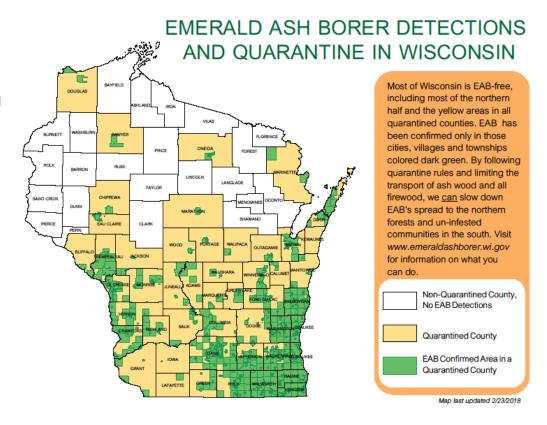
Forest Health Updates Two Advisory Committees at work

- EAB Silviculture Guidelines Lee Rahlf (Lincoln County)
- HRD Treatment Guidelines Dave Spaude (Jackson County)



Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin

- Discovered in 2008
- Has now been found in 48 counties and many border counties in Minnesota and Michigan
- 48 counties quarantined in Wisconsin





Possible Statewide EAB Quarantine

- USDA APHIS PPQ is engaged in ongoing discussions with the tribes about a federal, statewide quarantine
- DATCP has submitted a request to the Governor's office for a statewide quarantine, with the hope of implementation by April 1
- Statewide quarantine would remove EAB regulations <u>WITHIN</u> the state
- For movement of ash out of Wisconsin, counties will continue to operate as they do right now until a federal quarantine is put in place



Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

GNA timber sales to date (March 2018):

Number of sales	56 sales
Total acreage sold	8,937 acres
Volume sold	122,324 cord equivalents
Bid value	\$6,197,140
Minimum advertised value	\$4,348,505
Average value sold/ acre \$	\$693/acre





Thank You!

Questions?

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