

# 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 Guidance Team
  - Forestry Partners such as UW Extension, and other DNR Divisions



# Forest Health Updates

## Two Advisory Committees at work

1. EAB Silviculture Guidelines – Lee Rahlf (Lincoln County)
2. HRD Treatment Guidelines – Dave Spaude (Jackson County)



# 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 WITHIN 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<br>equivalents |
| Bid value                      | \$6,197,140                 |
| Minimum<br>advertised value    | \$4,348,505                 |
| Average value sold/<br>acre \$ | \$693/acre                  |



***Thank You!***

**Questions?**

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