

# Northeastern Area



## News Notes



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### LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR AND LOOKING BACK ON A SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC EVENT 100 YEARS AGO

As 2003 comes to a close, we celebrate the beginning of a New Year in 2004. We, in the Northeastern Area, can look with pride on our accomplishments over the past year. These accomplishments are a tribute to the dedication and hard work from each of you for which I wish to express my gratitude and

appreciation. We share our successes together as our individual contributions are critical to the overall successes we have experienced over this past year.

The start of the new calendar year is a great time to set personal and professional goals. Within days we will be entering a new calendar year and the second quarter of the fiscal year in implementing the Northeastern Area, State & Private Forestry Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004 to 2008. The Plan is all about expectations for the future. As we enter 2004, the new Plan will help State and Private forest managers meet their objectives through sound forest management. It is designed to help us learn as we go about what works well and what doesn't, so we can make adjustments, too.

In looking forward to 2004, we can look back at historic events nearly 100 years ago that have influenced our organization and made a significant contribution to our agency and to our country. Such an event took place in the mid-morning of December 17, 1903, at approximately 10:35 a.m. when Orville Wright climbed upon a powered glider as Wilbur held the right wingtip of the Wright Flyer to stabilize it on the launching track that led to the historic attempt to be the first in powered flight. As the props were "hand-propped," the noisy 12-horsepower engine started, Orville released a lever that had locked the glider, and it rolled down the track and abruptly launched into a spectacular 12-second flight that was captured on film and recorded in history. Only 8 years later, in 1911, the USDA Forest Service began using this new technological breakthrough in flight to begin assisting the management of natural resources on public lands.

Today, we benefit from that initial historic 12-second flight by using aircraft, both fixed-wing and helicopters, for forest health management, natural disaster assessments, initial and extended aerial attack on wildland fires, lead plane and airtanker operations, aerial photography, and other special uses. Historians note that the Wright Brothers were determined to solve a recognized engineering problem. In learning the solution, the era of flight was born! It is an invention that has served each one of us as each of us serves in our mission statement and commitment of "Caring for the Land and Serving People."

It is with hope, and my wish to you, that we look forward together to a New Year of peace and good will among all within this great Nation and for the safety of those who are serving abroad.

**Kathy Maloney**





*Born of Dreams—  
Inspired by Freedom*

**10:35AM DECEMBER 17, 1903,  
THE BIRTH OF POWERED FLIGHT IN THE  
UNITED STATES, AND A SHORT HISTORY OF  
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AVIATION  
MILESTONES**

*-Dan Zimmerman, Northeastern Area Aviation Officer*

On December 17, 1903, at 10:35 a.m. at the sand dunes of Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville Wright moved the right lever, releasing the cable that held the machine in place. Wilbur held the wingtip to steady it as the craft rolled slowly forward into the wind. After a 40-foot run, the machine lifted off its single-rail launching track and began a bumpy and erratic 12-second flight that marked the birth of aviation. This event celebrates the invention of powered flight that has changed our lives. Could anyone have forecast the global significance that this historic milestone would have on the world and future generations when the Wright Brothers experienced, and captured on film, the very first successful human-controlled, powered flight of the Wright Flyer? The 12-horsepower engine that powered the Wright Flyer was fueled with nearly a quart of gasoline and cooled by the same volume of water. It was important to keep weight to a minimum, particularly since the duration of flight was measured in feet rather than miles.

We realize the significance of the Wright Brothers' invention and how this historical event has influenced passenger travel, national security, and management of our national resources, particularly those managed by the USDA Forest Service. This historic milestone has contributed to the USDA Forest Service in many ways, including the following aeronautical firsts:

- Eight years after the Wright Brothers' historic flight, attendees of a Forest Supervisor's meeting held in 1911 in El Paso, Texas, proposed and passed a resolution stating "that the use of aero planes for fire patrol be given consideration, since it appears that they will soon be of value in that work" (U.S. Forest Service Records, National Archives).
- In 1915, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society, L.A. Vilas conducted the first forest patrol flight on June 29th in a Curtis Flying Boat. The Forest Service hired L.A. Vilas, a Wisconsin aviator, to prevent an outbreak of serious fires by surveying 200,000 acres of forest land from the air. Common thought was that flying patrols over the forest could conserve valuable resources through early, timely detection.
- In 1926, the first airdrop delivery was made when mail and food were dropped to a fire camp in the Chelan National Forest. These drops were done "free fall" because para-cargo drops were not utilized as of this date.
- The first use of an airplane to survey insect infestations in forested areas occurred in 1930 when a contract aircraft was used to examine infested timber stands in Yellowstone National Park.
- In 1931, aircraft were first used to make wildlife population estimates. In 1925, Howard Flint experimented with aerial photography of woodland. The Forest Service continued these experiments, and in 1932, aerial photography was put on a production basis in the Northern Region of the Forest Service.
- 1938 was the year the Forest Service purchased its own plane, a Stinson SR-10F (NZc-2166, c/n 7-5845) fitted out for experimental work in fire control and assigned to the Oakland airport in California. This aircraft was instrumental in the early development of the smokejumper program.
- It was not until 1945 that the Forest Service would begin testing the helicopter in mountainous regions in California. In 1947, helicopters were used for the first time to retrieve smokejumpers from remote places.
- 1950 marked the first use of water bombs on an actual fire on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1950, by a De Havilland Beaver CF-Ocj. In this same year, the Forest Service owned 16 airplanes.
- The 1960s brought helijumping, and in 1964, the Forest Service started a pilot rappel program at Redding, California.
- In 1974, Mary Barr became the first woman hired by the Forest Service to fly as a lead plane pilot. This milestone continued in 1981 when Deanne Shulman became the first woman smokejumper located at McCall, Idaho. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1984, the 100,000<sup>th</sup> fire jump occurred on the Clearwater National Forest.
- Through the 1980s and 1990s, the Forest Service maintained a fleet of Beechcraft Barons that were used primarily as lead planes to guide airtankers into a tactical flight line over wildland fires to conduct fire retardant drops. Other aircraft owned by the Forest Service include the Shorts C-23A Sherpa, DC-3, and



Cessna Citation CJ-1. Additionally, the Forest Service has over 900 aircraft categorized as “call-when-needed,” which are used by the Forest Service when the situation dictates the need for more aircraft.

- Today, in the early twilight of the millennium, the Forest Service aviation program is challenged by smaller budgets and the growing need to modernize the fleet and meet the demands of fighting huge wildland fires with limited resources. The Baron fleet requires modernization through the replacement or leasing of aircraft to conduct these strategic aerial firefighting missions. Heavy airtankers are also confronted with these same challenges.

Orville and Wilbur Wright could only imagine the importance of their historic 12-second flight. Let us also remember those who defend our country by air, land, and sea in services that employ aircraft of various types. To the Wright Brothers, you have changed our lives more than two people could ever imagine. Imagine for a moment what the next 100 years will bring!

### *100 Years of Aviation*

# Durham Field Office Notes

## **DURHAM HOSTS RISK WORKSHOP IN VERMONT**



**Dennis Souto leads an examination of decay patterns in a tree dissected during the workshop.**

Several Durham employees chipped in to make a recent tree risk management workshop a great success. Resource professionals from the State of Vermont, the National Park Service, and the Green Mountain National Forest attended the workshop on *Tree Biology, Defects, Risk Assessment and Evaluation, and Policy* at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, Vermont. Durham staff members **Dennis Souto, John Parry, Cindy Ash, and Bob Cooke** teamed up with consultant Mark Duntemann to provide a “very well done session” with “excellent, knowledgeable speakers” and “great field exercises,” according to participant feedback. Cindy Ash, Durham’s new plant pathologist, was recruited on her first day on the job and responded with a great presentation. Welcome aboard Cindy!

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller, unique among national parks with its focus on forest stewardship and management rather than strict conservation, has frequently drawn upon the Durham Field Office’s expertise and resources. Staff members have assisted on projects such as crop tree management demonstrations and conducting a natural resource inventory, as well as developing a forest management plan for the park. The success of this latest training session will undoubtedly strengthen our partnership with the park and ensure our cooperation on future projects.

## **STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER EXPANDS ITS HORIZONS**

After publishing a newsletter for the past several years addressing stewardship issues in the Northeast, the Durham Field Office is leading an NA-wide effort to expand its readership to the 20-State area. Intended for consultant foresters and landowners as well as State forestry personnel, the newsletter features articles on a variety of stewardship and related research topics. The new, improved newsletter, with input from all three field offices as well as the headquarters office, will make its debut in February. To be added to the mailing list, please contact Helen Thompson ([hthompson@fs.fed.us](mailto:hthompson@fs.fed.us) or 603-868-7701) and indicate whether you would like to receive a hard copy or a Web link via e-mail. Back issues of the *Forest Stewardship Information Exchange* can be viewed at [www.fs.fed.us/na/durham/coopforest/stewardship/text/publications.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/na/durham/coopforest/stewardship/text/publications.shtml).



## JOINT VENTURES: PARTNERS IN STEWARDSHIP

**Marcus Phelps** and **Susan Cox**, along with John Schwartz from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, presented a session entitled “Connecting Urban and Rural Audiences to Promote Working Forest Landscapes” at the *Joint Ventures: Partners in Stewardship* conference in Los Angeles last month. The conference, attended by 1,500 representatives from Federal land agencies as well as their partners in State and private organizations, was the first to bring all the agencies together to share information on how partnering efforts contribute to the management of and education about our Federal lands. For more about the conference, visit [www.partnerships2003.org](http://www.partnerships2003.org).



Review team members meet with Rita Renee Toll-Dubois of UMass Cooperative Extension and Georgia Silvera of Boston Parks and Recreation (center) to learn about the 4-H Urban Stewards Program.

## MASSACHUSETTS URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM 5-YEAR REVIEW

Boston’s 4-H Urban Stewards Program, where residents learn leadership skills as well as how to care for trees in their neighborhood, was one site visited during the recent Massachusetts Urban Forestry Program 5-year review. Review team members **Phillip Rodbell** and **John Parry** from NA, Bob Ricard from Connecticut Cooperative Extension, and Danielle Fitzco from the State of Vermont visited project sites, met with local partners, and discussed the core components of the program. State Forester Jim DiMaio joined staff members Eric Seaborn, Paul Jahnige, and Jane Calvin in showcasing their Urban Forestry Program to the review team.

# Grey Towers Notes

## MEET GREY TOWERS’ NEW CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPECIALIST



**Daniel Banks, new Conservation Education Specialist.**

Daniel Banks is the new Conservation Education Specialist at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark. A native of North Carolina and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Daniel has worked as an Interpretive Park Ranger with the National Park Service in four national parks. During his time at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Petrified Forest National Park, Gettysburg National Military Park, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Daniel had many opportunities in resource management and environmental education as well as living history and historic interpretation.

Daniel also spent 27 months in the Philippines working with the Integrated Protected Areas Program at the Banaue Rice Terraces World Heritage Site as a Peace Corps volunteer. In the Philippines, he taught environmental science to high school students and worked to develop sustainable management practices for the municipality’s solid waste program. He also facilitated several recycling workshops for the local residents and created and managed a community-based environmental group, which initiated numerous projects such as construction of septic tanks and



creating safe water systems for local communities.

Daniel's duties at Grey Towers include continuing an already growing conservation education program as well as creating and adding new programs for regional students and communities.



This month, festive and themed decorations are found throughout Grey Towers.

### **CHRISTMAS AT GREY TOWERS IS OFF TO A TRADITIONAL START**

The season's first big snowfall didn't seem to deter too many from helping us kickoff the annual Christmas at Grey Towers celebration, with more than 200 supporters and friends attending the recent tree lighting ceremony and Open House celebration. The Milford Garden Club decorated the mansion with traditional historic flavor, and Grey Towers staff is hosting a daily Open House for admirers to come and view all three floors of the former Pinchot home. Special events include a dramatic reading of A Christmas Carol; the annual Christmas Tea hosted by the Gifford Pinchot chapter of the Audubon Society; and, of course, a visit from Santa. In all, several thousand visitors will pass through the big front door of Grey Towers during this month-long festive celebration.

### **GREY TOWERS PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE**

Grey Towers' Public Affairs Officer Lori McKean joined with Richard Tobin, Director of Conservation Partnerships, Los Padres National Forest, to facilitate a session at the *Joint Ventures: Partners in Stewardship* conference held in Los Angeles, California, last month. The session, entitled "Arts and Nature: Making the Connection," explored how arts and humanities have played a pivotal role in the conservation of natural resources by strengthening the relationship between environments, culture, and communities. Their presentation explored these connections through the work of musicians, painters, writers, photographers, and philosophers, with a special emphasis on the work of the Pinchot family, particularly James Pinchot, patron of the arts and Gifford Pinchot's father. Participants also learned about the current Conservation and Arts program at Grey Towers, and how their programs could benefit from artistic practice and reflection, as well as scientific endeavors.



Pictured from left to right are: Will Price, Pinchot Institute for Conservation; Gary C. Beilman, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, The Dime Bank; Jill George, Vice President, The Dime Bank; Daniel S. Banks, Conservation Education Officer, USDA Forest Service at Grey Towers; and Peter C. Pinchot, Director, Milford Experimental Forest.

### **DIME BANK CONTRIBUTES TO PINCHOT INSTITUTE AT GREY TOWERS**

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation recently received a \$10,000 contribution from The Dime Bank for conservation education programs at Grey Towers. The donation will help fund a new "History of Conservation" program at Grey Towers and the adjoining Milford Experimental Forest, which includes the former Yale School of Forestry and camp. The program will educate youngsters about forest conservation.

The Pinchot Institute recently applied for and was designated as an educational improvement organization by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development because the proposal met the criteria for an innovative educational program. This designation enables businesses and corporations to take advantage of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

### **STATE FORESTERS (AND OTHERS) MEET AT GREY TOWERS**

The 2003 Winter Meeting of the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters (NAASF) was held last month at Grey Towers, with State foresters, their staffs, and others reviewing such items as funding, the national fire plan and NA, forestry grants, and other business. New this year was a 1-day State Forest Land Management Workshop,



attended by State foresters, their staffs, and other land managers, which explored the timber program, forest certification, and ATV's. All agreed this was a very productive session and will become a permanent addition to the annual winter NAASF meeting at Grey Towers.

Other groups that have recently used the Grey Towers Conference Center include:

- Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forest Planning Team
- Minisink Valley Historical Society Board of Directors
- Northeast Forest Resources Extension Council

# Morgantown Field Office Notes

## **BUILDING SECURITY INCREASED AT MORGANTOWN**

In an effort to increase security, a new system for building access has been installed. All doors entering the building complex are secured, and employees are using a proximity card to enter the building. All visitors, including Forest Service employees not stationed in Morgantown, other Federal and State agency personnel, and anyone desiring access to the building must use the main building entrance. All visitors are required to sign in and out of the visitor register personally and must display a visitor's badge at all times while in the building complex. No visitors will be allowed in the building without an employee present. It is the responsibility of the visitor to notify an employee in advance of their expected visit, and it is the employee's responsibility to notify the receptionist in advance of visitors they are expecting. If the receptionist has not been notified, building access may be denied.

## **EVANS RECEIVES REGIONAL GIFFORD PINCHOT EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETATION AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARD**

The Gifford Pinchot Excellence In Interpretation and Conservation Education Award was established to recognize the outstanding contribution of employees towards advancing the professions of interpretation and education, as well as the mission of the USDA Forest Service. Nominees demonstrate leadership in developing interpretation and education programming, instilling respect for our heritage and natural resources, and encouraging public stewardship. They also show how the use of technology, partnerships, and creativity can make for unique and memorable experiences on our national forests and grasslands. This year, **Victoria Evans**, Group Leader, Creative Services, was the regional recipient of the award. Vicky plays a significant role in promoting nationally recognized programs, such as Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, Project Learning Tree, Becoming an Outdoor Woman, and the Canon Envirothon. Through a variety of media and technologies, Vicky's work has reached countless individuals from rural to urban settings and helped them better understand the importance of our Nation's resources. Vicky attended the award ceremony on Thursday, November 13, 2003, to receive her plaque.

## **HOLIDAY TREE STOPS IN MORGANTOWN**

During its 4,700-mile journey from the Boise National Forest, Idaho, the Holiday Tree for the United States Capitol participated in the Morgantown, West Virginia, Holiday Parade on November 29, 2003. The city held the parade 2 weeks earlier to accommodate the tree and its big 18-wheeler. The Morgantown Field Office turned out with Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl to greet and walk with the Holiday Tree. **Dave Feicht**, Northeastern Station, and his grandson Dave accompanied Smokey. Woodsy was accompanied by **Anne Cumming**, Northeastern Area, and her daughter, Margot, along with **Toni Jones**, Northeastern Station, and Eva Humphreys, great niece of **Roxane Palone**, Northeastern Area. **John Hazel**, Field Representative, drove the Forest Service pickup truck, accompanied by his wife, Jonienne.





**Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, and Eva Humphreys, 4, help celebrate the Holiday Tree's visit to Morgantown.**

This year, the Holiday Tree is a 70-foot tall Engelmann spruce that was cut in a ceremony on November 3. It visited 50 towns on its way to Washington, DC. The Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert, lit the tree on December 11. It will remain at the Capitol until after the New Year.

The tradition of placing a holiday tree on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol started in 1964. Since 1970, the Holiday Tree has come from one of the 155 national forests nationwide. This is the first time in 40 years that the Holiday Tree has come from Idaho.

Idaho also provided 65 smaller trees that will adorn selected government offices in Washington, DC, during the holidays. Individual Idaho tree growers donated all of the companion trees. For more information about the Holiday Tree, visit [www.capitolholidaytree2003.org](http://www.capitolholidaytree2003.org).

# St. Paul Field Office Notes

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION... PREPARING MISSOURI FOR FUTURE STORMS

**Lisa Burban**, FRM Group Leader, **Jill Pokorny**, Plant Pathologist, and **Jill Mahon**, Midwest Urban Forestry Center Director, delivered a "Storm Preparedness and Response" workshop in the St. Louis area last month. The full-day workshop, co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, and the Missouri Department of Conservation, offered participants advice and tools for mitigating storm damage, planning for emergencies, and rebuilding the urban forest in the wake of disaster. Sixty-seven people attended, including emergency management specialists, city foresters, fire departments, police departments, council members, consulting foresters, and even a mayor. Attendees received copies of *Storms Over the Urban Forest*, *Urban Tree Risk Management: A Community Guide to Program Design and Implementation*, and the *Storm Damage Assessment Protocol*. All of these products were developed by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry.

## FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

**Dennis Haugen**, Entomologist, along with **Laura Khan**, APHIS, coordinated the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Exotic Forest Pest Workshop For Midwest States**. The meeting was held December 3-4 in Champaign, Illinois. Representatives from APHIS, State Departments of Agriculture, State Departments of Natural Resources, University Extensions, and the USDA Forest Service from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, and Wisconsin attended. The purpose of the workshop was to share information on the applied management of exotic forest pests with neighboring States. The workshop was filled with discussions of emerald ash borer surveys and management plans, the status of Asian longhorned beetle eradication projects, sudden oak death surveys, beech bark disease in Michigan, gypsy moth trapping results, and surveys for exotic woodborers such as the banded elm bark beetle, *Scolytus schelyvrewi*. The next workshop is scheduled for December 1-2, 2004, in St. Louis, Missouri.

## EFFECTIVE MEETING MANAGEMENT IN INDIANA

**Lisa Burban**, Group Leader for Forest Resources Management, along with **Nancy Walters**, Southern Research Station, developed a 3-day training session on *Effective Meeting Management and Facilitation* for Indiana Department of Natural Resource employees. Lisa and Nancy designed this training session at the request of Burnie



Fischer, State Forester, and tailored the session to meet the audience's needs. Attendees received tools and templates that they could use when approaching everyday situations of the natural resources manager.

## MARKETING THE POTENTIAL OF URBAN WOOD

**Steve Bratkovich**, Marketing and Utilization Specialist, presented *Using Urban Trees: Ideas from Across the Country* at the *Products of the Urban Forest – Sustainable Agriculture & Urban Forestry Symposium* in Wilmington, Delaware. The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the Valley Forge Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, the Penn-Del Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, and the Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Council sponsored the symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to facilitate information sharing and introduce new research and technologies for the membership of the sponsoring organizations. In addition to his presentation, Steve distributed his recent publication *Utilizing Municipal Trees*, along with Ed Cesa's *Recycling Municipal Trees* to symposium attendees.

## EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING ADULTS

**Susan Cox**, Conservation Specialist, and **Kevin Duran**, Maine Forest Service, teamed up to deliver a workshop titled "Effective Strategies for Teaching Adults" at the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance (MOEA). The workshop is part of an ongoing environmental education seminar series sponsored by the MOEA. Susan and Kevin covered key theories in adult learning and how to run a quality workshop. Participants took a learning styles inventory and worked in teams to develop a draft workshop agenda incorporating key adult learning strategies. The workshop was offered twice and more than 100 people attended the workshop.

## LANDSCAPE FIRM FINED FOR VIOLATING EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE

Michigan's Oakland County District Court sentenced the landscape firm that violated the Michigan Department of Agriculture's emerald ash borer (EAB) quarantine by shipping trees to Maryland. The judge ordered: 1) \$100 (the maximum) in fines for each violation (of which there were 123, for a monetary total of \$12,300); 2) probation for 2 years; and 3) 200 hours of community service working with local units of government in Oakland County to help them remove dead ash trees.

Additionally, the firm has had to pay \$16,000 (the value of the trees plus the cost of destroying hundreds more exposed) in restitution to the Maryland nursery that purchased the trees and the judge left open the possibility of the firm paying restitution for the costs incurred by the Maryland and Virginia Departments of Agriculture to deal with this pest and the trees, provided they can directly document and verify time and resources expended on this particular incident.

The strict sentence demonstrates how seriously the State and its Federal and local partners are monitoring and enforcing the quarantine because it is a critical component of Michigan's ability to successfully stop the spread of the EAB and prevent the tremendous and devastating economic and environmental damage it causes.

## EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE IN MICHIGAN

- **Restoration:** **Katie Armstrong**, Urban Forester, is an active member of the Restoration Committee for Michigan, a multiagency committee designing a State and regional restoration plan for emerald ash borer. This committee will provide advice for restoration plans, grants, and activities and is comprised of representatives from State, Federal, industry, and universities. Katie is also our liaison for these additional activities:
- **Removal:** The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has begun conducting meetings to prepare outlier communities for tree removal. Currently, meetings have been scheduled for two outlier locations. The MDA, in cooperation with the Communications Committee, has set up a three-stage structure: 1) a meeting for local decision makers; 2) a public meeting to inform residents that surveyors will be marking,



and ultimately removing, trees in their area; and 3) an additional public meeting immediately following tree marking.

- **Federal Disaster Assistance.** There was a FEMA meeting November 19, hosted by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division (EMD) began to explore the EAB as a public health threat about a month ago. FEMA money is being sought to assist communities located in the core of infestation to remove EAB-impacted trees. Funds would be used to remove trees that are hazardous and as a whole are considered a public health threat. Key points raised at the meeting included:
  - Michigan's enabling legislation does cover infestations.
  - The Governor can declare that a *threat* of disaster exists.
  - Funding requires a 25 percent local cost share.
    - Cost share may include in-kind support.
    - Match may also include public expenses previously incurred as a result of EAB.

It is expected that the EMD will give their Assessment (description of need) to the Governor's office in early December. If the Governor supports the effort, Michigan will declare Southeast Michigan a disaster area. From there, it is up to the President to declare a disaster area in order for FEMA funds to become available.

# Editor's Corner

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## DEADLINE!

Deadline for the next issue of NA News Notes will be COB **January 15, 2004**. Please mail articles to Tinathan Lewis at [talewis@fs.fed.us](mailto:talewis@fs.fed.us).

