



# Northeastern Area News Notes



**February 27, 2007**



## From the Director's Desk

### A Healthy View of Work

My daughter starts college next year. It seems like yesterday she was learning to walk. Time flies relentlessly by.

As I address my job's daily challenges and opportunities—and work to keep relevant, build relationships, and demonstrate results—I realize more and more how precious each day is and I try to appreciate life as it races by. In the process, I gain a different, and better, perspective on work.

I'll put it another way. Our work in natural resources is important and rewarding. Our efforts produce results that improve our environment and the lives of our fellow citizens. But as important as our work is, I hope we all take care of ourselves and those close to us, and take time to “smell the roses.” I hope all Northeastern Area employees and our valued partners take the opportunity to step back occasionally from the rush and pressure of work to enjoy the moment. Shame on all of us if we wake up one day and wonder where the time went!

I saw a poster on a door recently that captured this thought. Simply titled “**Be Happy,**” it offered ways to achieve this goal:

- Have a sense of wonder
- Stay inspired
- Help others
- Do things you're good at
- Read books
- Limit television
- Exercise
- Love your work
- Face your fears
- Believe in yourself
- Stay close to friends and family
- Let your heart be your guide

These ideas are certainly not rocket science, but I suggest it's probably no small task for many of us to adopt them on a regular basis.

In keeping with one of these axioms, the Northeastern Area Executive Team recently conducted an exercise that builds upon the strengths each of our members brings to the team. This exercise has been a refreshingly positive way to view our team, and I think it has applications beyond the team itself. In fact, several members have used this same approach in working with their individual staff groups.



We will continue to face challenges and opportunities as we pursue the mission of the Northeastern Area. I am convinced we will be more successful in this work if we take care of ourselves and each other.

— Kathryn P. Maloney  
Area Director

## Newtown Square

### Fire and Aviation Assists DHS in Grant Review

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), under the authority of the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act of 1974, is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The purpose of the AFG is to enhance the safety of firefighters and the general public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG offers grants for activities under Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) in order to reach high-risk target groups and to mitigate deaths and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. This year, the appropriation for F&PS competitive grants is \$27 million. Eligible applicants include fire departments (both paid and volunteer) and national, regional, State, and local community organizations. Examples of eligible projects include general prevention awareness, public education, smoke alarms, code enforcement/awareness, wildland fire prevention, firefighter safety, arson prevention, and risk assessments.

**Alan Zentz** and **Maureen Brooks** were invited to serve as panel chairs during the 2-week grant review period (February 5–16), held at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Approximately 180 panelists reviewed and evaluated more than 2,800 applications submitted by organizations from across the country. Alan and Maureen were able to assist the DHS Office of Grants and Training by providing technical expertise on proposals involving wildland fire prevention and hazard mitigation projects.

## Wood Education and Resource Center

### WERC Deputy Director Contributes to Urban and Community Forestry Textbook

Springer Publishing recently released the second edition of the textbook *Urban and Community Forestry in the Northeast*. New Jersey Forest Service Chief Ed Lempicki and Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) Deputy Director **Ed Cesa** coauthored the chapter entitled “Recycling Urban Tree Removals” in the first edition, and reviewed the chapter in the second edition. The chapter highlights the process of manufacturing and marketing sawlogs from urban tree removals. Copies of the textbook can be purchased on-line at <http://www.springer.com/west/home?SGWID=4-102-22-97838818-0&changeHeader=true>.



## Hardwood Lumber Production Workshop

The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) has joined Virginia Tech, the University of Wisconsin, and the National Hardwood Lumber Association to sponsor a workshop, *Remaining Competitive in Hardwood Lumber Production*, at the WERC in Princeton, WV, March 21–23. The workshop will introduce new technologies and decisionmaking tools to help managers plan operations and adopt new equipment and technology, focusing on currently available tools, technologies, and systems. Visit <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/rchlp/index.html> for additional information.

## Diversity Management Workshop

The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) and the Virginia Tech Sloan Foundation Forest Industries Center will cosponsor a diversity management workshop, *Managing the Hispanic Workforce*, at the WERC in Princeton, WV, March 26–27. The workshop is designed to improve attendees' management skills in working with the growing Hispanic workforce. The 2-day interactive workshop will focus on meeting the cultural, communication, and legal challenges associated with hiring and managing this multicultural workforce. Additional workshop information is available at [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/hispanic\\_wsII.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/hispanic_wsII.pdf).

# Durham Field Office

## Anne Archie Arrives at Durham Field Office



**Anne Archie is the new Field Representative for the Durham Field Office.**

**Anne Archie**, a 30-year Forest Service employee, recently arrived in Durham as the new Field Representative for the field office. Area Director **Kathryn Maloney** introduced Archie to the Durham staff at an informal reception on February 20.

Archie now oversees field operations in New England and New York, leading a staff of 26 foresters, entomologists, pathologists, and support personnel. The Durham Field Office is responsible for providing technical assistance, grant coordination, and advice to State agencies that work on forest health and forest resource management issues. “People place many differing values on forests,” she observed. “It’s a challenge for forest administrators to balance all of those wants and needs. I’m looking forward to working with our State Foresters and many partners.”

Archie, a native of Oklahoma, comes to the Granite State after serving nearly 5 years as Forest Supervisor of the 1.5-million-acre Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in northern Wisconsin. Earlier in her career, she worked



as a district ranger for over 4 years at White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Natural Science from Oklahoma State University. Her husband, Merle Archie, is originally from Portsmouth, NH. The avid birdwatchers plan to reside in the Rockingham County area.

## **New Hampshire Leads Nation in Forest Conservation**

Not only is New Hampshire the second most forested State in the country, it also has some of the best-managed forests, thanks to one award-winning forest conservation partnership.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently awarded the Two Chiefs Partnership Award to the New Hampshire NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Implementation Team. The national joint service award recognizes the interagency group that best demonstrates cooperative excellence in forest stewardship.



**Award recipients gathered to celebrate the Two Chiefs Award in Manchester, NH, on February 3: (left to right) George W. Cleek, IV, State Conservationist, NRCS; John Pike, Dean and Director of UNH Cooperative Extension; Philip A. Bryce, New Hampshire State Forester; Karen Bennett, UNH Cooperative Extension; Roger Monthey, U.S. Forest Service, Northeastern Area; James D. Spielman, NRCS; and Darrel Covell, UNH Cooperative Extension. (Photo by Lynn Howell, NRCS)**

EQIP is a U.S. Department of Agriculture cost-share program administered by NRCS and designed to promote environmental conservation. It provides financial incentives on a cost-share basis to help landowners implement conservation practices. The New Hampshire EQIP Implementation Team is comprised of representatives from the Durham Field Office, the NRCS New Hampshire office, and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, and the New Hampshire State Forester.

In 2005, the New Hampshire EQIP Implementation Team led all States in using EQIP funds to implement forest conservation practices. It devoted 15 percent of its EQIP budget to implementing forestry practices, compared with an average of 1 to 5 percent in most other States. The program's accomplishments included the following:

- 1,246 acres of forest land thinned
- 2 acres of riparian forest established
- 190 acres of native trees and shrubs planted
- 152 acres of forest harvest trails and landings stabilized
- 7,185 acres of forest under forest management plans

The team's efforts promoted statewide, on-the-ground forest stewardship practices that protect water and air quality, increase soil productivity, and sustain healthy forest land.

"The New Hampshire EQIP Team is truly a success story that demonstrates how State and Federal agencies can work together to address resource issues and concerns of working forest



lands. It is a model for other States to emulate,” said **Lew McCreery**, Acting Field Representative. McCreery nominated the team for the national award.

A Northeastern Area representative received the award on behalf of the team at a joint meeting of the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington, DC, on December. 7. The wooden award plaque is made of black cherry from a sustainably managed Pennsylvania forest.

### **Forest for Every Class**



**Students from Plymouth High School conduct soils survey on school property.**



**Institute teachers measure tracks in the snow at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest.**

The New Hampshire Forest for Every Class teachers institute pilot wrapped up in February with a session on winter ecology and teacher presentations on their education units. Thanks to the enthusiasm of presenters over the 11-day program, teachers have incorporated the topics of soils studies, invasive species, forest management, and economics with their middle and high school students. Future plans include having students conduct projects on sugarbush management and forest monitoring as well. The second year of the program

will begin in May, with sessions also scheduled for August, October, and February 2008. This program is a collaborative effort with the White Mountain National Forest, the Northern Research Station, New Hampshire Project Learning Tree, the Hubbard Brook Foundation, and the National Wildlife Federation.

### **New York DEC Hosts Workshops for Communities Impacted by Snowstorms**

New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staff members Mark Gooding, Dave Paradowski, and Mary Kramarchyk conducted two workshops in February for communities in western New York that were impacted by an early season snowstorm. Over 120 people attended the two workshops.

On October 12–13, 2006, western New York was hit with a record-breaking snowstorm. Up to 2 feet of heavy, wet snow fell throughout Buffalo and the surrounding areas. Nearly 400,000 residents and business were without power or transportation, and four counties in western New York declared a state of emergency. Since leaves were still on the trees at the time, damage to trees in areas with higher snowfall amounts was significant, especially in communities in Erie County.

The workshops focused on conducting urban tree inventories as a way to assess damage and to plan for future tree planting and maintenance. Part of the training covered the new i-Tree



software suite, which includes tools for urban and community forestry analysis and benefits assessment, tree inventory, storm damage assessment, and other topics. Jerry Bond from the Davey Resources Group and **John Parry** from the Durham Field Office joined with the DEC staff to conduct the training.

## **New England Forest Practitioners Forum**

**John Parry** and **Roger Monthey** recently helped organize “Marketing Alternative Forest Products and Benefits—A Forum for Urban, Suburban, and Rural People.” The purpose of the forum, held in Portsmouth, NH, February 23–24, was to bring together participants from urban and rural communities, landowners, small businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and universities to identify and address community-based forestry issues such as alternative forest products, local economic development, resource sustainability, business development, and sustainable livelihoods. Community-based forestry is broadly defined as efforts by residents, united by place or interest, to use and conserve their local forest resources to their advantage. The goal of community-based forestry is to enhance the ability of community members to guide the direction of economic, social, and environmental change in their region.

The forum was organized by the National Network of Forest Practitioners (NNFP), a grassroots alliance of rural people who are striving to build a forest economy that is ecologically sound and socially just. Partners included the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program–National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Ford Foundation.

During the first day of the workshop, participants addressed questions on how urban, suburban, and rural people can be brought together to address common issues related to marketing forest products (e.g., value-added wood manufacturing and nontimber forest products) and benefits (e.g., clean water, clean air, open space, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat). On the second day, a panel was convened of forest practitioners and those who work with forest practitioners. The final day included a policy session to obtain comments from participants on national forest policy issues that affect the forest community in the Northeast. Issues such as the Federal budget, the Farm Bill, fragmentation and parcelization, and others were discussed.

## **Morgantown Field Office**

### **Gypsy Moth Information Presented at Annual NEAAA Meeting**

**Amy Onken** gave a presentation at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northeast Agricultural Aviation Association (NEAAA) meeting held January 22–23 in Harrisburg, PA. The NEAAA is a regional branch of the National Agricultural Aviation Association based in Washington, DC. **NEAAA members are licensed commercial applicator-operators who use aircraft to enhance food and fiber production, protect forests, and control health-threatening pests.** For the past 11 years, Onken has presented information about the location of gypsy moth defoliation and new infestations; proposed gypsy moth eradication, suppression, and Slow-the-Spread projects in North America; and contact information for aerial applicators interested in bidding on State and Federal contracts.



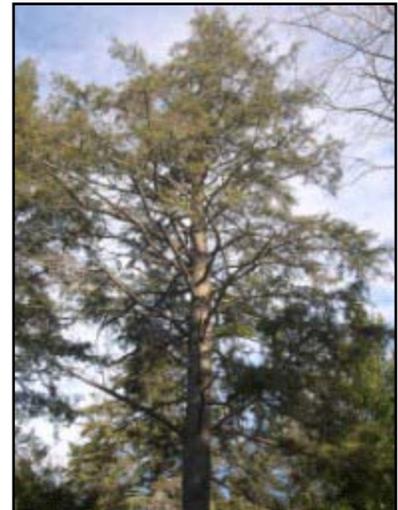
One of the meeting highlights involved the Professional Aerial Applicators Support System (PAASS) program, a voluntary educational program with the goal of reducing the number of aviation accidents and drift incidents associated with the aerial application of fertilizers and crop protection products. The theme of this year's PAASS program is maintenance, which includes three components: (1) Airfield Watch Program and Operational Security, (2) Human Factors in Maintenance, and (3) Spray Drift Reduction–Spray System Maintenance to Avoid Misapplications. All attendees of the NEAAA meeting participated in the PAASS program with the thought that “upon the performance of each rests the fate of all.”

Onken's participation in this meeting provides her with a great opportunity to understand the important issues that aerial applicators face regarding State and Federal regulations, insurance, efficiency, and safety. It also allows her to form working relationships with applicators who have provided the Northeastern Area with assistance on past projects that involved spray calibration and characterization trials, technology and development, and pilot studies for new and improved insecticide formulations.

### **Staff Help the City of Kane Evaluate Trees in Evergreen Park**

On December 12, 2006, Forest Health Protection staff members **Joseph Shupp** and **Adam Cumpston** joined Ernie Wiltsie of the Northern Research Station and Dennis Demarke from the Kane Department of Public Works to examine several trees that died recently at Evergreen Park in Kane, PA. Approximately 5 percent of the trees died as a result of a combination of age and environmental conditions that stressed the trees, which made them more susceptible to insect attack.

According to Demarke, “Nothing out of the ordinary had happened to stress the trees at the park.” Two hemlocks that had died recently were examined, and emergence holes were found throughout the lower bole. Shupp removed bark that was completely girdled by wood-boring beetles and decay fungus. Other hemlocks were declining and had various amounts of dieback and insect emergence holes. Several other factors may have contributed to the hemlock decline, including a recent ice storm and windstorm, surface water around the base of the dead trees, exposed roots, and heavy foot traffic around the trees. In addition to the hemlocks, 5 to 10 large beech trees had died or were heavily cankered, most likely owing to the effects of beech bark disease. The team recommended pruning or removing trees with declining health to reduce hazards, monitoring other trees for changes in health conditions, and making drainage improvements to eliminate surface water buildup.



**This hemlock in Evergreen Park shows evidence of decline.**

### **Delaware Agriculture Week Held at State Fairgrounds**

The second annual Delaware Agriculture Week was held at the State Fairgrounds in Harrington January 22–27. Delaware Agriculture Week is a collaborative effort of the University of Delaware, the Delaware Department of Agriculture, and Delaware State University that offers crop, livestock, and marketing workshops to farmers and landowners. Although the week was geared to farmers, events included an all-day workshop for forest landowners. Attendees learned



about forest health and wood utilization issues, bioenergy, and forest fertilization, and received a quick course on forest taxes from retired Northeastern Area Stewardship Program Manager Lloyd Casey. The forestry session also offered information about other forest management opportunities, such as agroforestry, presented by **Karen Sykes**. Most landowners were interested in the forest farming practices, particularly mushroom cultivation.

## St. Paul Field Office

### Exotic Forest Pest Workshop for the Midwest States

**Dennis Haugen**, Entomologist, coordinated the program content for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Exotic Forest Pest Workshop for the Midwest States. The workshop, hosted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture in Ankeny November 29–30, 2006, targets professionals working specifically with exotic forest insects and pathogens in the Midwest. The meeting fosters the sharing of information and the coordination of efforts across state lines on these issues. This year's program included information on bacterial leaf scorch, firewood transportation restrictions, emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, Sirex woodwasp, sudden oak death, hemlock woolly adelgid, and Asian longhorned beetle. Workshop participants included representatives from the U.S. Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, State departments of natural resources and agriculture, and university extension. The workshop targets the geographic area covered by the seven Midwestern States and the four Great Plains States.

### Making Good Wood Out of a Bad Problem in Illinois

Representatives from 33 different organizations (Federal, State, local government, industry, and nonprofit groups) have been participating in Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Wood Utilization Team meetings in Illinois. At a January 31 meeting at the Morton Arboretum, **Steve Bratkovich** spoke about how EAB wood has already been successfully used in Michigan. The team then held a facilitated discussion to determine EAB wood utilization priorities for the Chicagoland area. They will be seeking funding to proceed with activities to increase the use of the ash wood that will become available as a result of the EAB infestation.

### Steering Progress in the Upper Mississippi River Forest Partnership

**Teri Heyer** participated in the February 12–13 meeting of the Upper Mississippi River Forest Partnership Steering Committee in La Crosse, WI. Significant outcomes from the meeting included the following:

- The Driftless Area migratory bird habitat improvement projects completed in 2006 were nominated for a “Wings Across America” award.
- A bottomland hardwood restoration working group field tour was scheduled for August 1, 2007. The tour will be hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is looking for advice on the management of bottomland forests.
- A brainstorming session identified potential projects for fiscal year 2007, including bottomland restoration in southern Illinois and demonstrating the viability of biomass harvesting to positively impact oak regeneration.



- The GIS analysis maps on bottomland regeneration, bird habitat, riparian buffers, and priority forests have been posted on the Upper Mississippi River Forest Partnership Web site ([http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/upper\\_mississippi\\_partnership/](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/watershed/upper_mississippi_partnership/)). These maps will be used by the Area and our partners in prioritizing work in the region.

### **Maintaining Water Quality Through Harvesting BMPs in Wisconsin**

Wisconsin has been monitoring the effect of timber harvests under best management practices (BMPs) on water quality since 1995. Twelve years of data show trends of significant improvements in BMPs applied in the riparian management zone and wetlands. In 2006 alone, data showed that there were no adverse impacts to water quality on Federal sites 96 percent of the time and on industrial sites 98 percent of the time when BMPs were used. The Wisconsin BMP Advisory Committee, of which **Teri Heyer** is a member, has decided to collect BMP monitoring data using both the Wisconsin and Forest Service protocols. This ensures the continuity of data for Wisconsin since 1995 while providing the Forest Service information that can be compiled regionally.

### **Forest Pests Nudge Out Agricultural Pests at the Central Plant Board**

The discussion of forestry-related pests dominated over other significant agricultural pests at the February 2007 meeting of the Central Plant Board in Columbus, OH, a noteworthy but not necessarily desirable outcome. This annual meeting is attended by State Department of Agriculture personnel at the Division Director level from 12 States, USDA APHIS State Plant Health Directors, and APHIS personnel from the agency's Beltsville, MD, office. Presentations were made on sudden oak death, emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasp, gypsy moth, and giant hogweed, an invasive plant. **Mike Connor** presented a talk about Forest Service plant health issues in the Northeast and Midwest. Also of note, the Central Plant Board passed a firewood resolution in which it requests a coordinated national approach by APHIS and the Forest Service to restrict firewood movement and develop a publicity campaign to provide awareness and acceptance of this effort. This resolution has been forwarded to the National Plant Board, the National Association of State Foresters, and national Forest Service and APHIS leadership for consideration.

### **Keeping Aerial Survey on Course**

**Marc Roberts** attended the National Aerial Survey Working Group (ASWG) meeting January 17–18 in San Francisco as a Forest Service representative from the Northeastern Area and the St. Paul Field Office. The ASWG was formed and chartered in 1996 to provide field-level input to Forest Health Protection staff in the Washington Office and to provide national aerial survey program leadership and direction. Recurring topics at the meeting include an update from the Forest Health Protection Directors, regional and State aerial survey program reports, an aviation safety session including the annual aviation mishap report, digital sketchmapping system update, regional aviation management plans, risk assessments and job hazard analyses, and training updates. This year's additional topics included automated flight following, an update on Google Earth/Web Tracker, contracts and agreements, changes in payment and audit procedures, ground checking procedures, and MODIS (moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer) map products and other technology pertaining to the digital sketchmapping system.



## Season of Meetings in Urban Forestry

In the urban forestry world, winter is the season of meetings. **Jill Johnson** made presentations at a number of conferences in the past month, including the following:

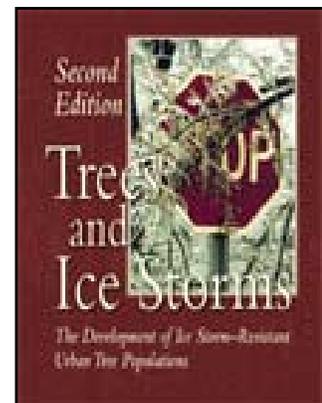
- Indiana Arborist Association Annual Conference, January 10–11, in Indianapolis, IN. Jill presented “Resources for a Green Community,” which highlighted 50 publications, CDs, posters, and other informational resources that have been produced through Forest Service or partner efforts, to over 75 professionals.
- Missouri Community Forestry Council Annual Conference, January 23–25, in Springfield, MO. Jill presented on i-Tree software and examples of how it has been creatively and effectively used by States and communities, to about 110 attendees. In a separate presentation, she discussed the use of PDAs for urban forest inventory and assessment.
- Wisconsin Arborist Association and Wisconsin DNR Annual Urban Forestry Conference, February 4–6, in Green Bay, WI. Jill presented “Community Ash Inventories” to 200 attendees.

## Missouri Tree Boards Get Energized

On January 23, **Lisa Burban** worked with Justine Gartner of the Missouri Department of Conservation to team-lead a workshop entitled “Energizing Your Tree Board” in Springfield, MO. During this interactive session, 25 people active in community forestry across the State were able to dialog and share on topics related to effective tree boards. Topics included what a tree board does and who should be on it; the role of tree boards in urban forestry planning and strategic thinking; understanding and being effective against the challenges faced by tree boards; and understanding urban forestry, urban forest management, and the various players involved. The format and materials from this workshop may be of interest to other Midwestern States that would like to offer a similar session to equip their community foresters.

## New Edition of Popular Ice Storm Publication

The second edition of *Trees and Ice Storms: The Development of Ice Storm-Resistant Urban Tree Populations* was recently updated by Rich Hauer and Les Werner of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point and Jeffrey Dawson of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This is an essential resource for city managers, planners, urban foresters, arborists, and all who influence the placement and care of urban trees. This very popular 1994 publication has been updated with 10 more years of storm damage data. The full-color, 20-page booklet describes the impact of ice storms on trees and the consequent damage to other infrastructure. Most importantly, it provides practical suggestions for developing storm-resistant urban forests and tips for recovery. The new version of this publication, which was funded by a Forest Service grant, is available at <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/urban/inforesources/TreesIceStorms2ed.pdf>.



## Answering Real Tree Questions Through Vegetation Simulation

The third Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) Conference in Fort Collins, CO, on February 13–15, was attended by approximately 90 U.S. and Canadian specialists who use FVS, develop



software for it, or otherwise are involved in vegetation modeling. As the keynote speaker, Corbin Newman of the Washington Office observed that FVS has proved its relevance for 30 years by evolving the models to reflect better information, adding measures (such as carbon sequestration) to answer new questions, and its dedication to serving the users. He indicated that FVS will be important in addressing our shifting sociopolitical climate as a tool to address climate change, bioenergy, carbon sequestration, and the increasing recognition of the need for management of forest lands. Coeli Hoover, a Research Ecologist with the Northern Research Station in Durham, NH, presented a paper on use of the fire and fuels extension (FFE) of FVS to calculate and report carbon accumulation in trees. Because of the increasing importance of carbon registries, FVS may emerge as a useful tool to calculate carbon, as well as to answer questions about the carbon consequences of management actions. **Linda Haugen** of the St. Paul Field Office presented a paper about the use of FVS to assess oak decline on the Mark Twain National Forest, based on FIA data from the 1976, 1986, and 2001 inventories.

### **Wisconsin Forging Ahead Against Invasive Species**

Wisconsin began the process of developing best management practices (BMPs) for invasive species in 2006, with the assistance of cost-share funding. On February 15, **Dennis McDougall** attended a meeting of the State advisory committee for the development of these invasive species BMPs. So far, the advisory committee and the associated technical committee have developed an outline of the 10 chapters to include in the BMP document, completed a draft of the introduction and a chapter on management planning, and begun work on a chapter on elements of invasive species management. Wisconsin is one of the first States to develop BMPs for invasive species, so their efforts in this arena may serve as a model for other States. Watch for more progress in this area!

### **Keeping Tabs on the Health of Our Forests**

The National Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) Working Group annual meeting was held the week of January 29 in San Diego. FHM is a national program designed to determine the status, changes, and trends in indicators of forest condition on all forested lands on an annual basis. **Marc Roberts** served on the meeting planning committee and was in charge of organizing the poster session. **Manfred Mielke** hosted the combined Northeast and North Central regional breakout session. Regional breakout groups discussed forest health issues relevant to their respective regions. In addition, concurrent focus groups met to discuss invasive plants, analysis and reporting, and aerial detection. Each group discussed progress on 2006 resolutions and developed resolutions for work to accomplish in 2007.



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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue.

### **DEADLINE!**

The deadline for the next issue of the Northeastern Area News Notes is COB **Wednesday, March 28, 2007**. For this issue only, e-mail articles to Helen Thompson at [htompson@fs.fed.us](mailto:htompson@fs.fed.us).

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