

State Forester Update

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Topics

- FY 17 -19 State Budget
- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine
- Implementation of Wisconsin Forest Practice Study (WFPS) Recommendations
- Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

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

Mill Tax Replaced with GPR Funds

- Beginning in fiscal year 2017-18, and annually each year thereafter, an amount equal to 0.1697 mills for each dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in the state be transferred from the general fund (GPR) to the conservation fund (Forestry Account) for the purpose of acquiring, preserving and developing the forests of the state and for other specified forestry purposes.
- Approximately \$88.8M FY 18

Forestry Account Audit

- Review trends in overall revenues, expenditures, and staffing levels;
- Analyze detailed program expenditures, including staffing costs, to determine the extent to which the Forestry Account's funds are used for purposes that are entirely forestry related, as well as for purposes that benefit programs in addition to forestry, or which do not benefit the forestry program; and
- Determine DNR's compliance with applicable requirements governing the allocation and use of forestry related funding.
- Complete 6/30/2018

Move of Division Headquarters



Oct. 25th, 2017 Governor Walker announces the Forestry Headquarters is moving to the Rhinelander Service Center.

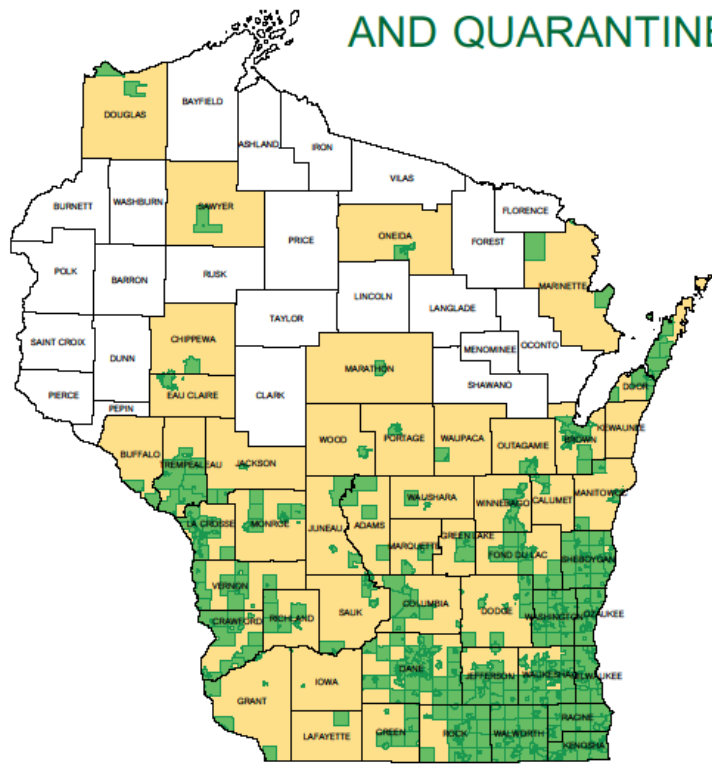
“This move will put the Division of Forestry and its leadership in a better position to work with primary forest industries in the state”.

January, 2018

- Chief State Forester
- Forestry Field Operations Deputy Administrator, Heather Berklund
- Forestry Field Operations Bureau Director, Trent Marty
- Applied Forestry Bureau Director, Carmen Hardin
- 20+ Positions; 80% of Forestry Leadership in field locations

Wisconsin Statewide EAB Quarantine

EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTIONS AND QUARANTINE IN WISCONSIN



Most of Wisconsin is EAB-free, including most of the northern half and the yellow areas in all quarantined counties. EAB has been confirmed only in those cities, villages and townships colored dark green. By following quarantine rules and limiting the transport of ash wood and all firewood, we can slow down EAB's spread to the northern forests and un-infested communities in the south. Visit www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov for information on what you can do.

- Non-Quarantined County, No EAB Detections
- Quarantined County
- EAB Confirmed Area in a Quarantined County

Map last updated 2/23/2018



Wisconsin Statewide EAB Quarantine

- Effective March 30, 2018
- What does this mean?
 - Within Wisconsin, ash trees, limbs, branches, roots, logs, slabs, untreated lumber w/bark, ash chips, ash bark fragments > 1", cut firewood of all non-coniferous species **may move freely**; they are no longer regulated.
 - To **quarantine areas outside of Wisconsin**, they move freely.
 - To **non-quarantined area outside of Wisconsin**, please contact Nick Zebro, 715-241-5245, nick.l.zebro@aphis.usda.gov

Wisconsin Statewide EAB Quarantine

- What stays the same?
 - WI DNR will continue to try lessen the damage for EAB in partnership with DATCP by:
 - Providing silvicultural recommendations for ash management.
 - Continuing the release of biological control; and
 - Maintain outreach and education about hazards of moving firewood.
 - Campgrounds in state parks and forest CNNF will continue to restrict firewood brought into the sites (purchased within 10 miles for state and 25 miles for CNNF).

WI Forest Practice Study Update

Key Themes of the Recommendations:

- Increase flexibility in harvesting prescriptions i.e. focus on outcomes.
- Consider all landowner objectives in harvesting prescriptions i.e. economic objectives.
- Silvicultural guidance more informative than prescriptive – i.e. options versus must do.
- Focus remains on Sustainable Forestry.



WI Forest Practice Study Recommendations

- DNR Silviculture Guidance Team
 - Northern Hardwood Management
 - Rotation Ages of Red Pine and Aspen
 - Prescription Writing
- Council on Forestry (COF)
 - Weight Restrictions
 - Work through recommendations requiring legislative actions.
- Forestry Partners - UW Extension, COF, other DNR Divisions
 - Landowner Outreach
 - Forester Training – economics/ hardwood marking/oak wilt guidelines

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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