



Northeastern Area News Notes



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

ASC in Transition

The NA Executive Team just returned from our fall meeting, which featured a unique twist. Traditionally held in the Newtown Square Office, we decided to hold the meeting at the new Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center (ASC). Why? Because ASC's success is essential to NA's success! It seemed like a long distance to travel for an Executive Team meeting, but it turned out to be well worth the trip. We spent a day with the ASC leadership, getting to know each other and learning of the challenges being met by ASC staff. We learned a great deal from each other and gained a greater appreciation of our shared stake in learning how to work differently—with one national service center—for our mutual benefit.

The visit also provided an opportunity for the top management at ASC to better understand who we are, and to recognize that the Northeastern Area is committed to working with the ASC and helping to find solutions to the challenges of this transition to one service center. In addition to members of the Executive Team, Grants and Agreements Specialists Joanne Fuss, Zaneta Hammond, and Terri Lopez; IMA Natural Resource Analyst Terry Gross; and National State and Private Forestry Budget Coordinator Larry Yarger participated in the visit. Each of these individuals has the day-to-day challenges of working with processes at the ASC *and* the leadership of NA or the Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry.

Associate Deputy Chief and Chief Financial Officer Jesse King and ASC Director Tammy Hanan welcomed us and provided an update on the Budget and Finance transition. Their Assistant Directors for Budget and Finance led discussions for their areas of responsibility, which included claims and payments, travel and accounting operations, and financial reporting and reconciliation. Ruth Cottrell-Bain, Information Services Organization (ISO) Server Branch Chief, provided an update on Information Technology. Roy Roosevelt, a member of the Human Resources Business Process Reengineering (HR BPR) Team, provided an update on Human Resources.

The transition from multiple service sites to one centralized service location at the ASC is not yet complete. To date, 328 of 396 Budget and Finance positions have been filled at the ASC. Approximately 80 of these are contractors supporting Budget and Finance, who are scheduled to transition off early in FY 2006. In addition to the Budget and Finance functions, 225 Human Resources positions will be established at the ASC. All ASC employees participate in orientation training followed by training specific to their functional responsibilities before they begin their work assignments. Although not a component of ASC, there are 45 ISO positions located at the ASC facilities, with the majority of the ISO positions located across the country as "virtual" positions.



The ASC offices are located in a beautiful 14-acre corporate plaza in which the Forest Service occupies two office buildings. A groundbreaking ceremony was held September 14 for the third building, which will house the Human Resources services. Planned occupancy date for this facility is April 6, 2006.

Tammy Hanan shared that the Forest Service understood the need to acquire two consecutive clean audits if it were to get GAO to consider removing the agency from the high-risk list. This was achieved last year. But it was the agency's decision to consolidate Budget and Finance services in one center that convinced GAO that the Forest Service was serious about improving accountability and committed to making a change. The process is still evolving. Discussions led by the ASC leadership all echoed that decisions on operating procedures are being made daily, with the help from field units providing suggestions and input. Jesse King specifically mentioned that NA's input was critical to the success of the ASC and the agency.

It was a huge decision by the Forest Service to do business differently—to consolidate Budget and Finance, Information Technology, and Human Resources management at one location. It is working, but, understandably, there are growing pains accompanying such a huge transition. The ASC leadership is determined that this decision will in time prove to be a sound one. The Northeastern Area is and must continue to be ASC's partner in this endeavor. And it is important to share that the ASC leadership recognizes the Northeastern Area not only for the services we require of them, but, more importantly, our professionalism and willingness to do what we can to ensure the success of the ASC. All NA employees can play a role to achieve this end. An important request of the ASC leaders: if you have any questions or need ASC help, please call the ASC contact center at 1-877-372-7248.

— Kathryn Maloney

NEWTOWN SQUARE OFFICE NOTES

Newtown Square Celebrates Persons with Disabilities Awareness Month

On October 6, **Judy Terrell** hosted a program dispelling myths about people who are blind. The program was in recognition of Persons with Disabilities Awareness Month, and it was sponsored by the Station and Area Civil Rights Staff. October's national theme is "Workers With Disabilities, Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs, Today."

The program was presented by Jim Antonacci, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania. He shared how his organization teaches blind people to function in activities, including choosing their attire for the day, cooking, crossing the street, riding public transportation, and other activities such as wood working.

Jim also shared his personal experiences about being blind and emphasized the capabilities of the blind in today's workforce. He captivated his audience, which included Kathy Maloney, Roy Patton and Sheree Johnson. He also generated a lot of thought-provoking discussion.

Fire and Aviation Visits the PA DCNR

During the week of September 26, the Fire and Aviation Staff, along with Kathy Duran of the Grants and Agreements Staff, visited the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry to conduct a fire



program review. Conducted every 5 years, the program review provides an opportunity to identify the strengths and the future needs of a State. This year's review included field trips to inspect Federal Excess Personal Property on loan to the Commonwealth, Firewise Communities, and aviation resources. The PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry fire staff in Harrisburg recently welcomed a new State fire supervisor, John Miller, and a fire prevention specialist, Joe Kellert. The NA Fire and Aviation Staff anticipates that the bureau will continue to deliver a comprehensive wildland fire management program for the Commonwealth and is eager to assist John Miller and his staff.

Mid-Atlantic Compact Holds Firewise Conference

The Middle Atlantic Forest Fire Protection Compact held a Firewise Conference in Gettysburg, PA, September 20–22, supported by a grant from the Forest Service. The conference was designed to bring together the field personnel who are working with communities to mitigate the threats from wildland fire in the wildland urban interface in order to share and build on successes from the States' programs. The conference was attended by 68 representatives from the member States (Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), as well as personnel from New York, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Participants had an opportunity to review the latest GIS models for identifying communities at risk, homeowner assessment tools, social science research related to communities, and Firewise Communities program plans and information; and to visit with numerous vendors who support fire prevention and hazard mitigation work in the wildland urban interface.

DURHAM FIELD OFFICE NOTES

FS Accessibility Expert Visits for Disability Employment Awareness Month

The Durham Civil Rights Committee welcomed **Janet Zeller**, the Forest Service's National Accessibility Program Manager, for a program to recognize Disability Employment Awareness Month. Janet's talk, entitled "What You Need to Know About People With Disabilities and Accessibility," presented an informative introduction to who are people with disabilities, what are the legal requirements for accessibility, and how to communicate with people with disabilities. After Janet's eye-opening presentation and ensuing discussion, she showed a video entitled, *The 10 Commandments of Communicating With People With Disabilities*, which combines common sense with humor to deliver its valuable message (<http://www.disabilitytraining.com/tcd.html>).

Janet also shared a Forest Service internal publication entitled *Meeting Facility Accessibility Evaluation*. This simple checklist, covering everything from doorway width to drinking fountain handles, should be used whenever arranging for an off-site function. In fact, Janet's visit left the Durham folks with a bit of egg on our faces. We found out—the hard way—that our building's handicap parking spaces are inadequate. Janet had difficulty getting out of her van because our two handicap spaces do not have an access aisle between them. Needless to say, our parking lot will be re-lined as soon as possible!





Stealthy Invasive Willow Is Putting Local Rare Plants at Risk

Tom Rawinski, Botanist, recently discovered that a little noticed, opportunistic willow seen across Massachusetts and Rhode Island is a growing problem. The large gray willow, an import from Europe, looks very similar to some of our native willows. In fact, botanists assumed for years that it was one of the native species. The large gray willow (*Salix cinerea*) is a serious threat to rare native plants and should be regarded as highly invasive.

Tim Simmons, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (left) and **Tom**

The large gray willow was planted as an ornamental nearly 100 years ago and has since escaped cultivation by way of its windborne seeds. It colonized coastal plain pond shores, dune swales, and other wetland habitats. It grows to the size of a small tree and its shade degrades the habitat for many rare plants such as Plymouth gentian, rose coreopsis, hyssop hedge-nettle, and slender marsh pink. In the dune swales of Sandy Neck in Barnstable, MA, the willow is crowding out wild cranberries.

The large gray willow is also causing problems as far away as New Zealand and Australia, where it is regarded as a major weed. “The introduction of nonnative species across the world is a serious negative consequence of globalization,” said Rawinski. “The distribution of the willow in New England and New York is not yet fully known, so additional searching is needed. However, the most serious infestations in Massachusetts are already being targeted for control.”

Rawinski noted that most of the willow specimens represent the subspecies *oleifolia*. Certain willow experts consider this subspecies to be a distinct species unto itself and refer to it as rusty willow (*Salix atrocinerea*).

Forest Service Centennial the Focus at the “Big E”

Northeastern Area staffmembers joined with their counterparts from other USDA agencies to staff the USDA booth at the Eastern States Exposition, New England’s regional fair affectionately known as the “Big E,” in Springfield, MA in September. The Forest Service Centennial was the focus of the booth and stage events for one weekend of the 2-week fair. **Roberta Burzynski** (Writer-editor, Newtown Square) took to the stage for readings of her Woodsy’s ABCs book. After each reading, children were invited to complete activities to become Junior Forest Rangers. **Susan Cox**, Conservation Ed Coordinator, who planned the display and stage events, joined Roberta for the weekend’s events. **Bob Fitzhenry** and **Helen Thompson** volunteered time as well.

Best Management Practices (BMP) Training

At their request of the State Forester, training in the use of the Best Management Practices (BMP) Protocol was provided to Jim Olson and Henry Poole of the Delaware Forest Service during the week of October 18. Jim Dobson also of the Delaware Forest Service arranged for the training sites. **Al Todd**, **Teri Heyer**, **Karen Sykes**, **Cindy Barnett**, and **Dave Welsch** provided the training.

Dave Welsch provided a presentation on the BMP Protocol to two workshops in Vermont during the week of October 25. The workshops for loggers and foresters were organized by Gary



Sabourin of the Vermont Forest Service and included presentations on timber bridges, riparian management, riparian habitats and stream crossing structures, and forest stewardship in the New York City Watershed. Presenters included Gary Sabourin, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation; Christa Alexander and Rich Kirm, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife; Shayne Jaquith, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation; and Tom Pavlesich, New York City Watershed WAC.

MORGANTOWN FIELD OFFICE NOTES

International Society of Arboriculture Holds Annual Chapter Meeting in Morgantown

The Morgantown Field Office was a partner and sponsor of the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture Annual Meeting. More than 230 arborists and tree care professionals attended the 3-day conference held in



Dan Twardus gives a presentation on emerald ash borer at the recent Arboriculture meeting.

Morgantown, which included a full field day at the West Virginia University campus and 2 days of educational sessions. During the awards ceremony on September 27, several Morgantown Field Office staff were recognized: **Frank Cromer** (technical assistance/audio visual), **Vicky Evans** (design/layout/publications), and **Anne Cumming** (Annual Meeting Chair). Cumming was the recipient of the Award of Merit for her “outstanding and meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture.” **Dan Twardus** and **Brad Onken** from the Morgantown Field Office, and **Steve Milauskas** from the Wood Education and Resource Center gave presentations at the meeting.

Twardus gave a seminar on the emerald ash borer and its potential threat to the ash resource. He also distributed the ever-popular emerald ash borer temporary tattoo to session participants.

Onken gave a 1-hour presentation covering management of the hemlock woolly adelgid. He provided arborists with the latest information on technology development and research efforts in addition to the current recommendations for insecticide treatments. Based on the number of questions received, chemical and biological control appeared to be of great interest to the participants.

Milauskas presented a discussion entitled, “Wastewood Utilization—Utilizing Municipal Trees: Ideas From Across the Country.” The presentation provided examples of how people are now utilizing urban wood resources that in the past were disposed of in landfills. These urban trees are now being utilized for higher value-added products, making contributions to local communities and the economy in general. Many municipalities are now finding that their urban (city) trees that are removed can become a revenue source or help avoid some landfill costs.

There is great potential in utilizing urban wood for making products such as lumber, furniture, mulch, firewood, and specialty products such as musical instruments, toys, tables, chairs, and boxes. A growing use of urban wood is for energy production for facilities such as schools and municipal buildings. It is estimated that there are 75 billion metropolitan trees in the United States and that 200 million cubic yards of urban tree and landscape residue are generated annually.



Keys to successful urban wood utilization include having a passion for wood, being innovative, finding niche markets for products, developing relationships with municipalities and homeowners, and using the right technology to produce products. There was much discussion among attendees regarding their own efforts at utilizing urban trees. One participant who owned a tree removal business recently purchased a portable sawmill to produce lumber, while others spoke of utilizing trees they removed for mulch or firewood sales.

MacKenzie Presents Paper on Beech Bark Disease at the 53rd Western International Disease Work Conference

Morgantown Field Office Pathologist **Martin MacKenzie** presented a paper on beech bark disease (BBD) during the 53rd Western International Disease Work Conference held in Jackson Hole, WY, September 26–30.

Neonectria has become a problem in Weyerhaeuser's alder plantations, and westerners are interested in how the East is being impacted by the BBD *Neonectria* species. Margaret Dick of the Forest Research Institute in Rotorua, New Zealand, opened the session with a report on *Neonectria fukeliana* on *Pinus radiata*. MacKenzie spoke about *N. galligena* and *N. coccinea* var. *faginata* on beech. Another report presented information about *N. ditissima* on alder.

Pathologists from the Western United States were amazed at just how similar the behavior of the beech *Neonectrias* was to that of their alder pathogen. Is the fungus on beech the same as the fungus on alder? No one knows for sure at this point in time. However, western pathologists may send some of their isolates to Amy Rossman at the Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, MD, for DNA analysis of the genus *Neonectria*.

Borys Tkacz, Gerry Beatty, and Kerry Britton of the Washington Office Forest Health Protection staff have seen beech bark disease on the Allegheny National Forest and recognize its significance.

MacKenzie came away from the meeting energized and revitalized, realizing that NA can make a contribution to pathology problems in the West.

Northeastern Area Moderates "Forestry and Host-Related Issues" Session of Emerald Ash Borer Conference

Al Steele from the Morgantown Field Office and **Noel Schneeberger** from Newtown Square moderated a meeting of practitioners and researchers working on emerald ash borer (EAB) issues. The conference, held in Pittsburgh September 26–30, was sponsored by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine Division. Other Forest Service personnel attending included **Joe Cook**, **Bob Acciavatti**, **Bill Oldland**, **Dick Reardon** (FHTET), **Lew McCreery**, and several research scientists from the Northern Research Station.

The meeting provided an important forum for practitioners and researchers to share activities and accomplishments. The meeting began with State agency EAB project managers from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana sharing news and results of their survey, eradication, and containment efforts. Following the State reports, researchers shared results of their latest accomplishments.

Following the 2-day research review, a special 2-day workshop was held to develop an accelerated EAB research and technology development program. APHIS Deputy Administrator Dr. Richard Dunkle stated in the invitation letter, "*The objective of the workshop is to review current areas of research and define high-risk, high-return projects, along with current projects to be accelerated*



in order to obtain outputs in 1 to 3 years. Timeliness is crucial and gaps need to be identified with a sense of urgency. The emerald ash borer program has reached a critical point where its goals and objectives cannot be achieved using the existing technology. A coordinated, focused research effort is needed that would build the scientific underpinnings and develop the technology needed to mount an effective and efficient program.”

For the workshop, attendees broke up into self-identified groups. Steele, Schneeberger, and Dr. Dan Herms from Ohio State University were the moderators for the “Forestry and Host-Related Issues” group that included a discussion on utilization. Other groups dealt with survey-related issues, chemical and biological controls, and EAB biology and behavior.

In addition to disastrous economic impacts, ecologists fear that losing ash from stands can potentially result in large-scale changes in plant communities, putting at risk threatened and endangered species and making sites more susceptible to exotic invasive plants. It was agreed by experts that the EAB outbreak represents a nearly unprecedented threat to the very existence of a single tree species.



Tom Elliott looks for the presence of *Laricobius nigrinus*.

***Laricobius nigrinus* Sampling on the Monongahela National Forest**

On October 6, **Thomas Elliott** and **Samantha Bennett** from Forest Health Protection in Morgantown joined Robert A. Stovall, South Zone Wildlife Biologist for the Marlinton Ranger District on the Monongahela National Forest, to sample eastern hemlock trees for the presence of *Laricobius nigrinus*. This predatory beetle was released earlier at Devil’s Garden off Douthat Creek Road. This is the second sampling at this site. The survey did not detect any beetles from the previous release. It is hoped that beetles from this release will become established and provide a measure of control for the hemlock woolly

adelgid, which represents a serious threat to the hemlock trees at these sites. Predatory beetle releases are one of the control strategies being employed to fight this introduced pest within the Monongahela National Forest.

West Virginia Urban and Community Forestry Council Meeting Held in Bridgeport

On September 14, **Anne Cumming** attended the West Virginia Urban and Community Forestry Council meeting in Bridgeport. The council welcomed two new members: a landscape architect from central West Virginia and an arborist from Charles Town, located in the eastern panhandle. The West Virginia Division of Forestry is gearing up for its fall training sessions, including tree selection and pruning. The division will also host the first Eastern Area Urban Tree Roundtable in Romney in mid-October.

Program Progress Discussed with Pennsylvania DCNR Rural and Community Forestry Program

On September 16, **Anne Cumming** met with Rachel Billingham of the Pennsylvania DCNR Rural and Community Forestry Program to discuss current program progress and upcoming reporting deadlines, and to begin planning a 1-day review of urban forestry activities in Philadelphia.



Street Tree Inventory Assistance Provided

On September 17, **Anne Cumming** and **Samantha Bennett** assisted the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association with a street tree inventory in the Edgewood neighborhood near Pittsburgh. The event was well attended by dedicated and enthusiastic residents. The data collected will be used in the Forest Service's STRATUM model. Results are hoped to increase awareness about the importance of street trees to the neighborhood environment.

Seminar on the Status of Red Spruce on the Monongahela National Forest Presented at West Virginia University

Rick Turcotte of the Forest Health Protection staff in Morgantown gave a departmental seminar to the faculty, staff, and students at the West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences on the current status of red spruce on the Monongahela National Forest. The discussion centered on revisiting spruce monitoring plots established in 1986 and bark beetle surveys conducted over the last few years. Rick's presentation covered the biology, history, ecological importance, current distribution, sampling methods, and current health of spruce.



This type of trap is used to survey for bark beetles.

ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE NOTES

Upper Mississippi Workshop on Nutrients Science

Teri Heyer, Watershed Specialist, and **Samuel Osinde**, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, represented the Upper Mississippi Forest Partnership at the Mississippi River Basin Nutrients Science Workshop held October 4–6 in St. Louis, MO. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a set of regional nutrient criteria for the Mississippi basin. Findings from the workshop confirmed that both nitrogen and phosphorus contribute to hypoxia (a deficiency of oxygen in water) in the Gulf of Mexico. It is important to treat the nutrient sources in smaller order streams before they reach the Mississippi, since it acts like a pipeline, transporting nutrients downstream. Wetlands can reduce nitrate inputs in a variety of situations. An interesting discussion revealed that nutrient trading is being implemented in the Miami watershed in Ohio.

Indiana Community and Urban Forestry Program Review

Lisa Burban, Group Leader for Forest Resources Management, recently completed a review of Indiana's Community and Urban Forestry Program with a team comprised of **Tom Dilley**, Chicago Metropolitan Coordinator; **Phillip Rodbell**, Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator; **Nancy Stremple**, Southern Region Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator; and **Jackson Bird**, North Dakota Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator. **Pam Loucks**, Indiana Community and Urban Forestry Coordinator, hosted the review. The review team was impressed with the depth and breadth of Indiana's program: the State has done a great job of addressing the program guidance, they are well staffed, and they use Federal funding to accomplish innovative programs across the State. The program is well known, and Pam has a strong network of supporters throughout the State. One of the projects reviewed was an innovative partnership in



Gary, IN, that was funded through a Forest Service Forestry Innovation Grant. The Wildlife Habitat Council, US Steel, and the city of Gary are working with Pam Loucks and Tom Dilley to restore native plants and habitats to cemeteries, inner city areas, small communities, industrial sites, woodlots, and riparian areas throughout the Gary metropolitan area. This unique public-private partnership is making a visible and tangible difference in a heavily urbanized and industrial area.

Indiana's Urban Forestry Council's Annual Conference

Lisa Burban, Group Leader for Forest Resources Management, delivered the presentation "The Top Urban and Community Forestry Issues in Indiana" at the Indiana Urban Forestry Council's Annual Conference. The top issues for Indiana include budgeting and finance, ordinances, and development issues. Lisa provided tips and advice as well as a variety of resources available for each subject. Ninety people were in attendance.

From the Heartland to the Mohave Desert—The First Ever Midwest to West Conference

Lisa Burban, Group Leader for Forest Resources Management, and Margie Ewing, Intermountain and Northern Region Urban and Community Forestry Federal Program Manager, co-hosted the first ever Midwest to West conference call, spanning 13 States and 3 time zones. The purpose of the call was to facilitate discussion among the State Urban Forestry Coordinators about program experiences and successes, especially those related to working with State Urban Forestry Councils. Some of the interesting findings of the discussion included the following:

- Typically, State Councils are comprised of people that currently work in the green industry. However, State council members that have backgrounds outside the green industry but are passionate about trees and forestry are real assets to the councils.
- Strong State presence and involvement with Urban Forestry Councils is key to the Council's effectiveness.
- The State Councils can play an effective role in legislative awareness and advocacy for urban and community forestry issues.

National Information Center Launches Two New Applications

Peter Bedker, National Information Center Coordinator, recently launched the NIC Portal and the Community Accomplishment Reporting System (CARS). The NIC Portal allows partners to access all of the National Information Center applications (Forest Legacy Information System, CARS, PMAS, and U&CF Grant Information System) from a single account. In addition, CARS is the new reporting system for the Urban and Community Forestry Program. It collects accomplishment information for individual communities, replacing PMAS for this program. The mission of the National Information Center is to provide accurate and timely accomplishment information for State and Private Forestry programs.

Gypsy Moth in Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture reported a record number of gypsy moths trapped in the State, more than double the average of recent years. Minnesota's moth count generally has ranged from 200 to 400 moths trapped each year, with a high of 953 in 1998. This year, crews captured more than 1,000 moths, and they're still counting. The biggest problem appears to be along the North Shore in Cook and Lake Counties; Cook County alone had more than 700 moths. **John Kyhl**, Entomologist; **Kris Reichenbach**, Eastern Region Public Affairs Officer; and **Kimberly Thielen Cremers**, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, are cooperating on the project. Experts



had expected the moths to slowly move through Wisconsin and into eastern Minnesota, especially in the Twin Cities. The moths now appear to have skipped over parts of eastern Minnesota and established a foothold in the north. Few moths have been found this year in southern Minnesota, with only one small outbreak in the Twin Cities.

Last year, so many moths were trapped near Tower that this spring crews used airplanes to spray a bacteria to kill moth caterpillars. It was the first eradication effort in northern Minnesota. So far, the spraying appears to have worked, with no moths trapped in that area this summer. Crews probably will spray in hot spots along the North Shore in late May or early June. They could wait for the moths to hatch and then spread synthetic moth pheromone flakes in the area to confuse their ability to mate. Both the bacteria and pheromones have been effective in reducing and even eliminating small and moderate moth outbreaks.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

- The Labor Day Firewood Blitz was very successful, with containers for firewood placed along Michigan's major interstates, roadways, and rest stops, as well as at the Muskegon Ferry. Violations were issued to people who did not place their firewood in the containers. **Katie Armstrong**, Emerald Ash Borer Liaison, participated in the Labor Day Firewood Blitz events.
- USDA APHIS has developed emerald ash borer education packets and will be distributing them through the Michigan Library Association. In addition, they will be targeting the Amish community with information specific to emerald ash borer.
- According to the Detroit Free Press, a man has been charged with attempting to smuggle firewood into the Upper Peninsula, despite a ban imposed to prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer. The 64-year-old suspect was charged with a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The man was seen September 17 moving wood from his trailer and hiding it in his motor home while stopped in Mackinaw City, State police at the St. Ignace post reported. A witness tipped authorities on the north end of the Mackinac Bridge, who searched the vehicle when it arrived.

EDITOR'S NOTES

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