



Continental
Dialogue
on Non-Native
Forest
Insects & Diseases

CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE OVERVIEW

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THANK YOU!

- To All of You!
- Steering Committee
- Everyone who has participated in CD Initiatives
- Frank Lowenstein and Troy Weldy for Leadership
- Forest Health Team and RESOLVE
- Supporters (USFS, USDA APHIS, Ingraham Family, and the Thieriot and Grantham Foundation)

- Providing a National Forum for Discussion, Engagement and Action Since 2006
- Steering Committee
- Initiatives
- Volunteer Driven with Support by RESOLVE and TNC Forest Heath Protection Staff
- After 5+ Years it is healthy to re-examine purpose, focus, and refine initiative efforts
- Vision, Goals and Objectives

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Initiated a National Dialogue and Hosted 7 National Meetings
- Over 450 Organizations and Individuals Participating in CD since 2006
- Numerous Consensus Letters Jointly Submitted
- Don't Move Firewood Multimedia Campaign Launched 2008
- Resolution for the US Conference of Mayors 2008
- Lurking in the Trees Documentary produced 2009
- Quarantine-37 on Plants for Planting NAPPRA 2011
- A Decision-making Guide for Invasive Species Program Managers 2011
- Economic Studies UC Santa Barbara NCEAS

VISION AND MISSION

Vision:

We envision a future when our trees and forests and are not being negatively impacted by non-native invasive forest insects and diseases. They consist of a rich diversity of species, are ecologically and functionally intact, and provide new and substantial economic, recreational, and inspirational opportunity for people and communities throughout North America.

VISION AND MISSION

Mission:

To maintain the health of the urban, rural, and wild forests of North America by preventing non-native invasive forest insects and diseases from arriving, surviving, and thriving on the continent and by minimizing their adverse impacts.

GOALS

Goal I: Prevention: The Continental Dialogue will work with governmental and non-governmental partners to improve programs aimed at achieving – to maximum extent possible – the virtual end of new introductions (including survival and establishment) of non-native forest insects and diseases to the continent by 2020.

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Goal II: Early Detection and Rapid Response:

The Continental Dialogue will work with governmental and non-governmental partners to improve programs aimed at achieving effective early detection and rapid response systems so as to prevent – to the maximum extent possible – the survival of newly introduced non-native forest insects and diseases in high risk cities across the country.

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Goal III: Minimize and Slow the Spread: The Continental Dialogue will work with governmental and non-governmental partners to improve programs aimed at minimizing and slowing the spread of non-native forest insects and diseases.

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Goal IV: Raise Awareness: The Continental Dialogue will increase awareness and engagement by the key constituencies affected by non-native forest insects and diseases.

Goal V: Restoration: The Continental Dialogue will support existing and new efforts to restore tree species and areas impacted by non-native forest insects and diseases.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

- Prevent Introduction of New Pests and Diseases
- Address Non-Federal Quarantine Pests
- Citizen Science Curriculum
- Citizen Science Survey and Healthy Urban Forests
- Address P. Ramorum

MAJOR INITIATIVES

- Engage Industry on Communication and Education
- Enhance Federal Funding
- Promote, Maintain, and Expand the Don't Move Firewood Website
- Firewood Outreach Coordinating

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

- Certification of Firewood
- Citizen Science in Our Urban Forests
- “Apocalypse Now” – Federal and State Budget Challenges
- Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative
- Proactive Outreach and Communication
- The Future Direction of the Dialogue

LOOKING FORWARD

- Securing Support For Our Work
 - Advancing Work of Initiatives
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- Economic Focus and Targeted Outreach
 - Expanding Participation and Engagement