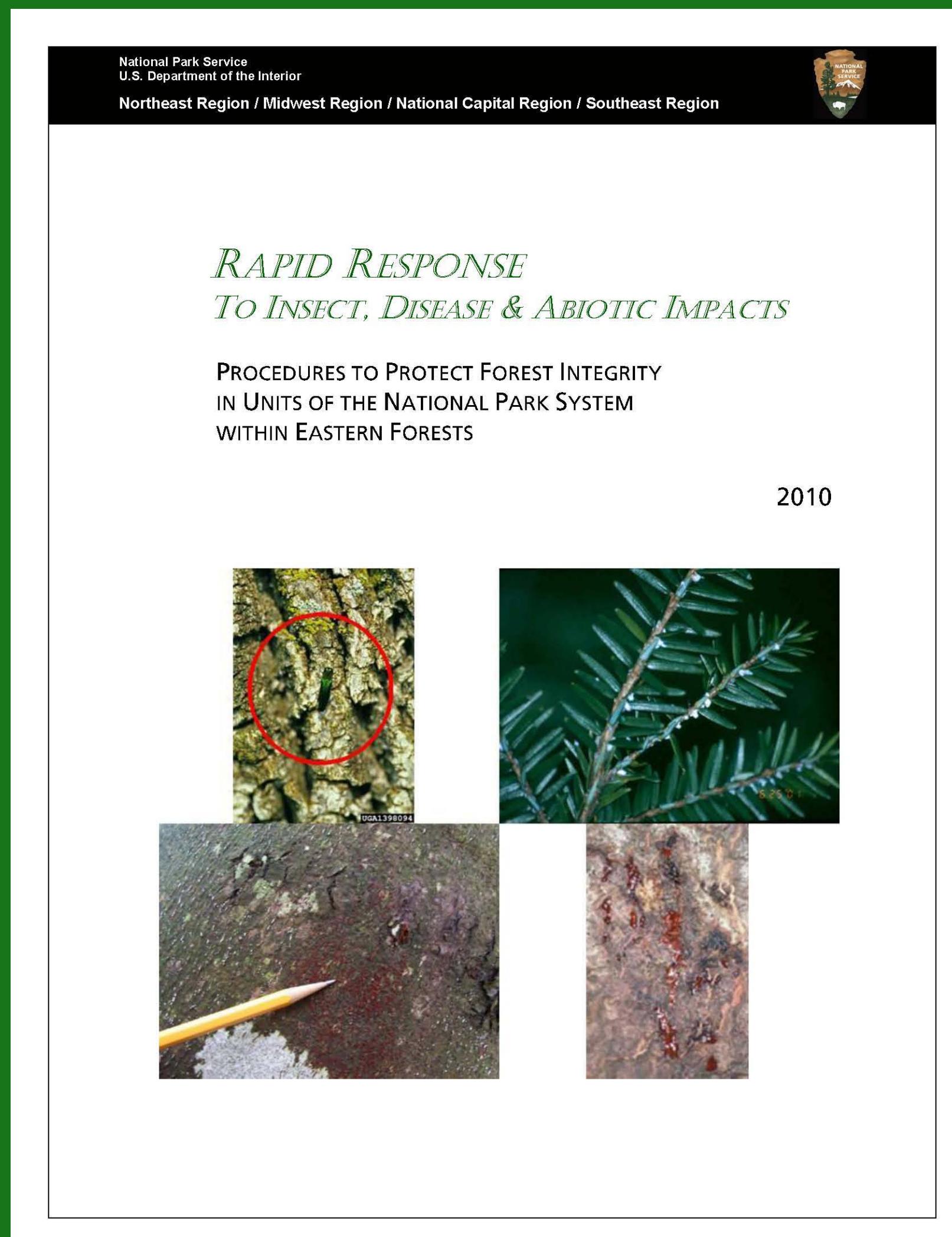




National Park Service Releases Eastern Forests Rapid Response Plan



Released by the Associate Regional Director, Natural Resources, Conservation and Recreation Assistance, Northeast Region, in memorandum of September 14, 2010

Concept

Provide a handbook for responding to insect pests and pathogens of Eastern forests.

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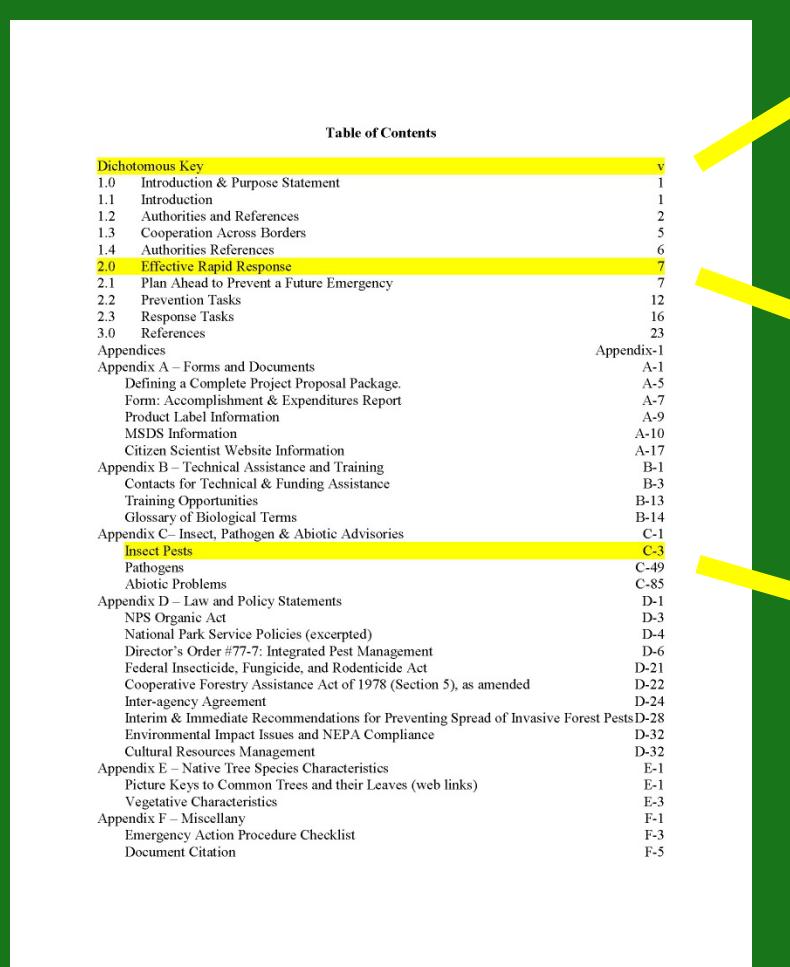
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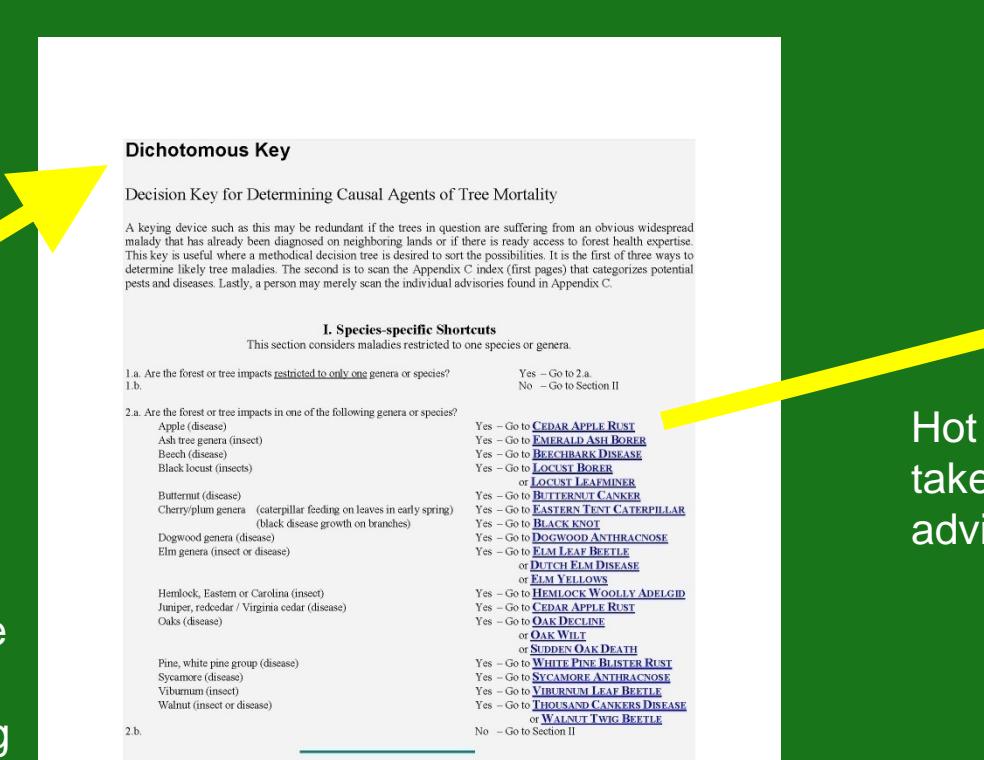
- » Table of contents with hot links
- » Dichotomous key for determining pest problems with hot links to specific pest descriptions in appendix
- » Pest descriptions with links to internet references for accessing additional information
- » Table of step-by-step procedures to prepare forest pest treatment projects, obtain environmental clearance, and acquire funding
- » Summary of law and policy in main body with full text in appendix
- » Appendices with sources of additional information (i.e., technical assistance, training sources, needed forms, etc.)

Navigation Examples

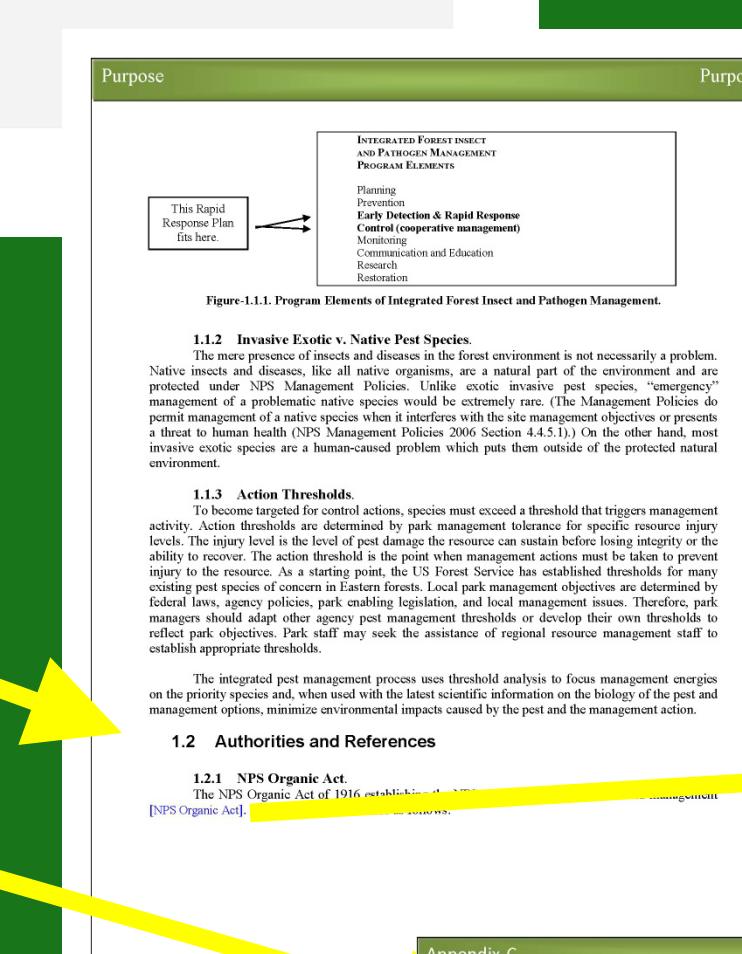
Links throughout the document point to the table of contents. The TOC has hot links to navigate within the document. Three examples follow.



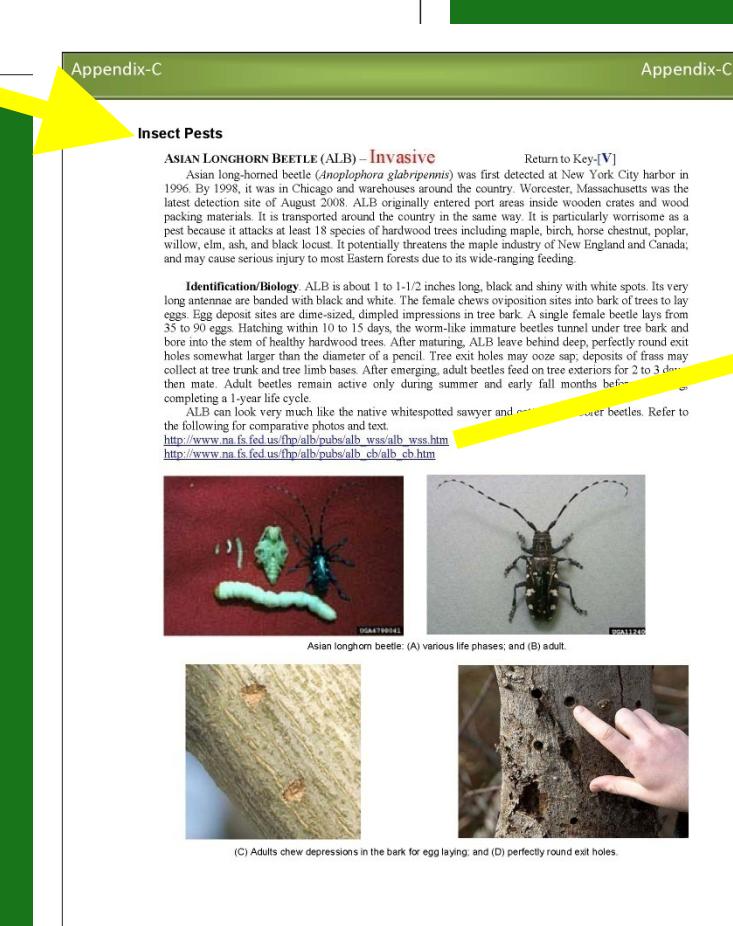
The dichotomous key is provided to help determine likely pests and offer an indexing tool for navigating within the document. Sections include species-specific pests; leaf/needle defoliators; leaf/needle diseases; bark/wood borers; and stem, bark & wood diseases.



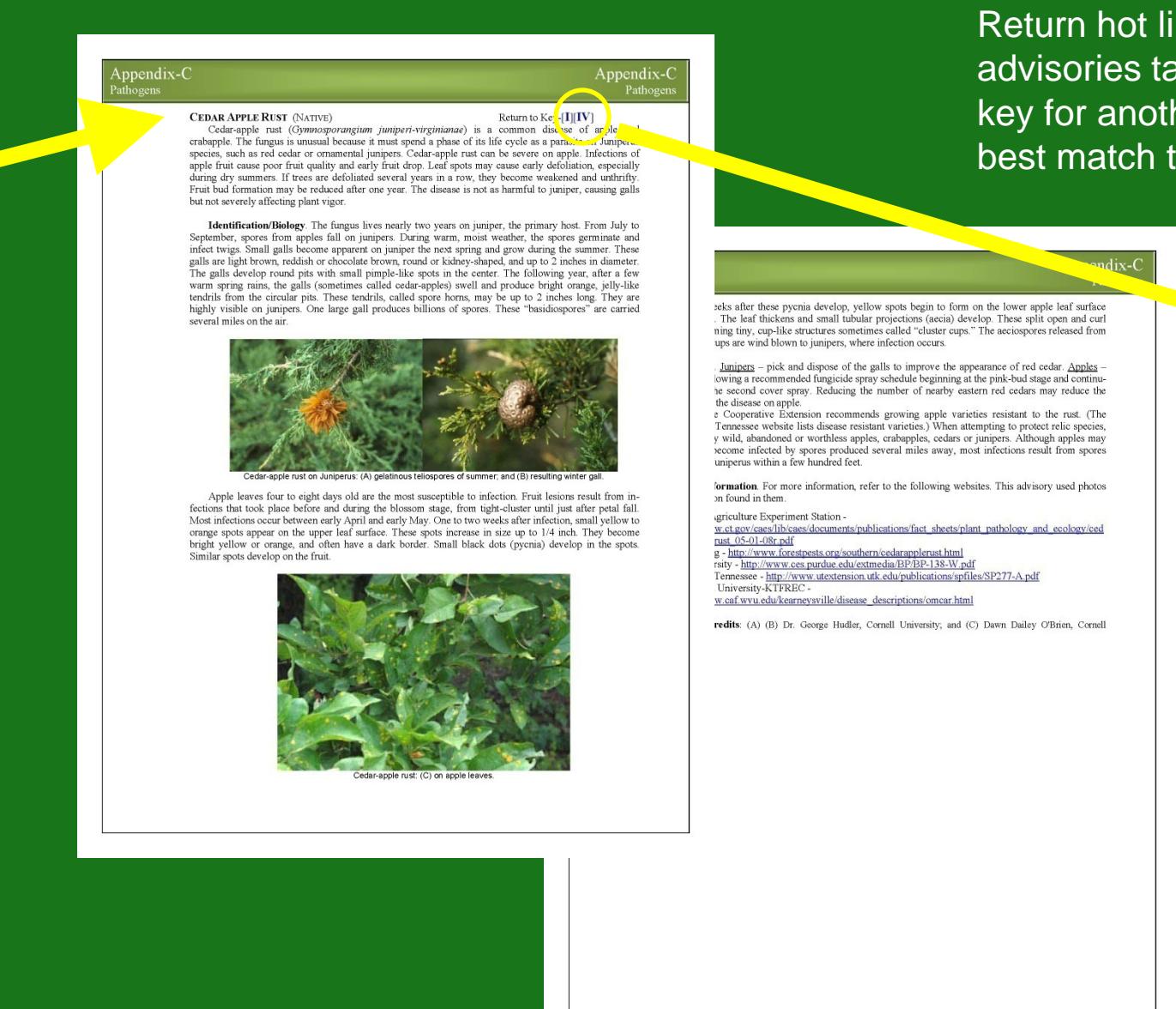
Hot links in the dichotomous key take you quickly to species advisories in the appendix.



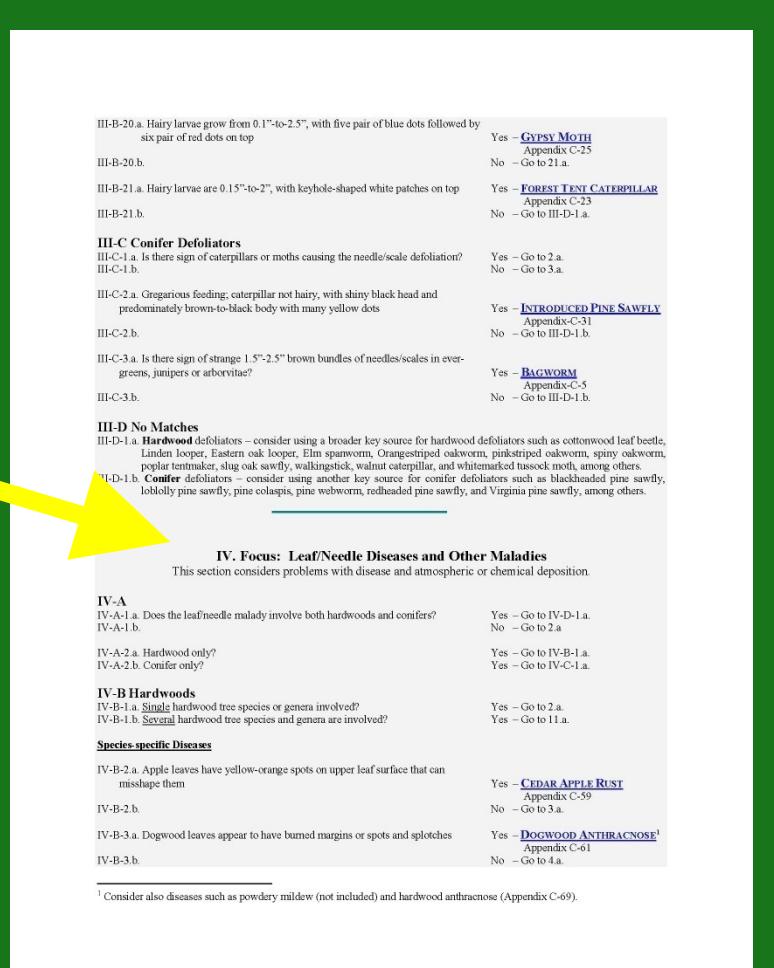
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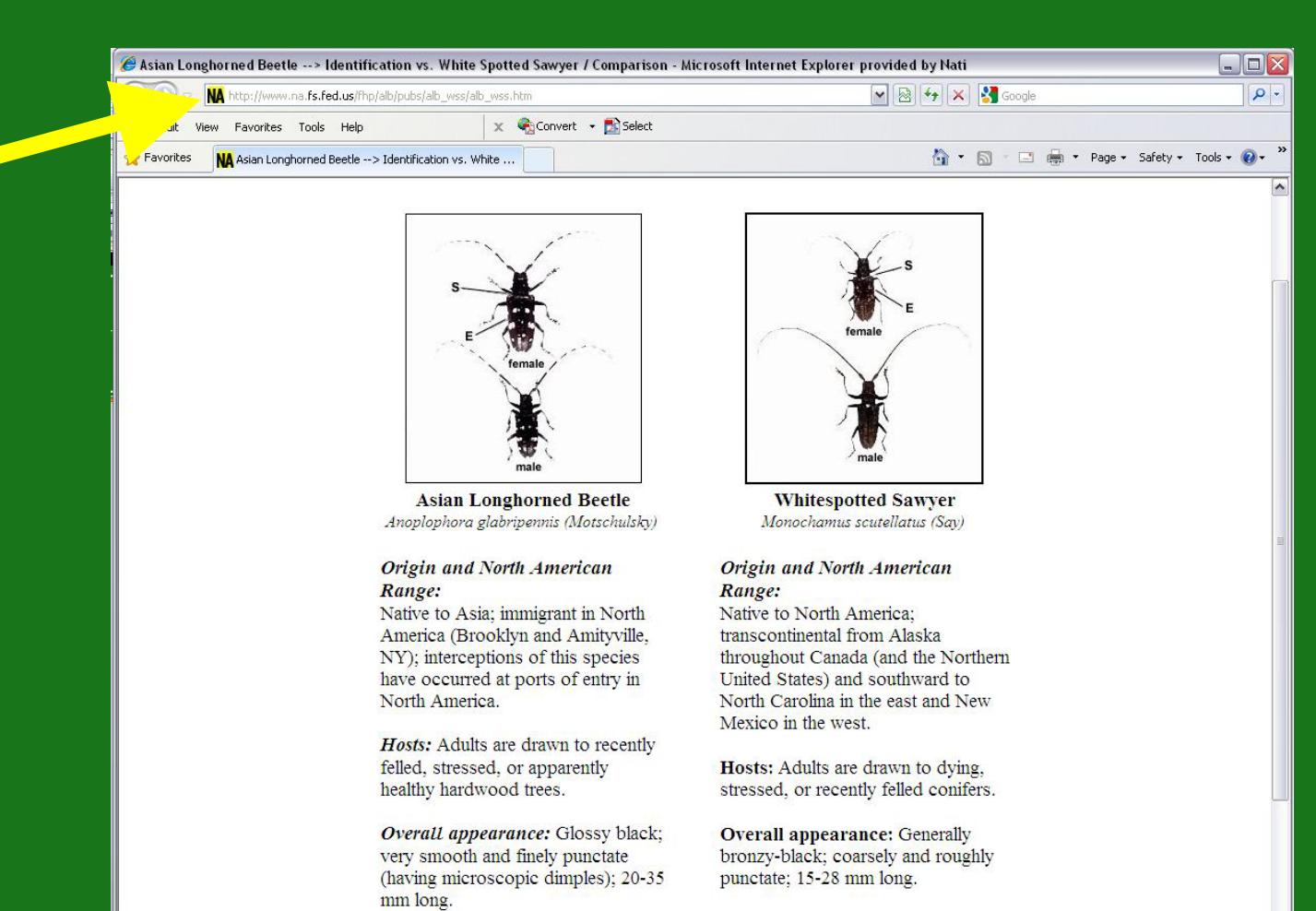
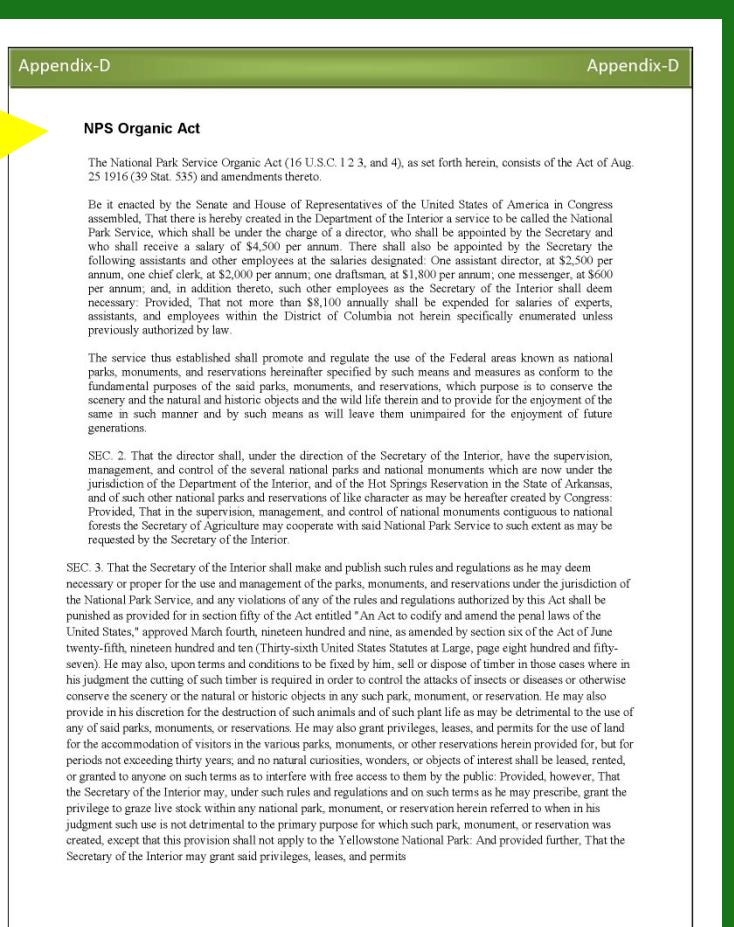
Internet links point to source documents for additional information and follow-up.



Return hot links in the species advisories take you back to the key for another try at finding the best match to your pest situation.



Reading law and policy in the electronic form allows you to lift portions for quotes in subsequent documents you will create for project proposals.



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