

## CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON NON-NATIVE FOREST INSECTS & DISEASES 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

November 16 and 17, 2015 / *Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, CO*

### ***Meeting Goals:***

- Cultivate collaborations toward action to address the threat of non-native forest insects and diseases;
- Expand the effectiveness and reach of public and private entities and citizens in the battle against the non-native insects and diseases killing their trees; and
- Identify and seek consensus on needed actions for major initiatives the Continental Dialogue will advance in the upcoming year.

### **NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – DAY 1 – WINDOWS ROOM**

- 10:30 – noon Meeting Registration, Arbor Day check-in booth.  
Poster session check-in, Windows Room and/or Tower Court C.  
Lunch on your own
- Noon – 12:15 Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Agenda Review – *John Stapleton, Forest Health Protection Program Coda Fellow and Legacy Club Donor Relations Manager, The Nature Conservancy* and *Dan Lambe, President, Arbor Day Foundation*
- Introductions
  - Overview of meeting objectives and agenda
  - Meeting ground rules
  - Overview of the Vision and Goals
- 12:15 – 12:30 Keynote – *Troy Timmons, Deputy Director of Operations and Strategic Planning, Western Governors' Association*
- 12:30-12:45 Welcome and Update on Forest Health Protection in Colorado – *Dan West, Colorado State Forest Service Entomologist*
- 12:45 – 1:00 Orientation to the Continental Dialogue
- Overview of the Continental Dialogue and update on progress on initiatives over the last year – *Bill Toomey, Forest Health Protection Program Director, The Nature Conservancy*
  - USFS Forest Health Protection Program Updates – *Monica Lear, Forest Health Protection Director, USFS*
  - Q&A - *John Stapleton facilitates*
- 1:00 – 2:00 Emerging Regional and National Issues in Tree and Forest Health:
- Perspectives from the US Conference of Mayors and Emerald Ash Borer on Denver's Doorstep – *Scott Gilmore, Executive Deputy Director of Parks and Planning* and *Rob Davis, Denver City Forester*
  - Current and Future Forest Health Concerns – *Stacy Scott, National Operations Manager, Pest Management Programs, USDA APHIS*
  - Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities App – *Chuck Bargeron Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health, with Dr. Rich Hallett, USFS NYC Urban Field Station*

2:00 – 3:15	<p>Lightning Round Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Research and Developments with Thousand Cankers Disease – <i>Jane Stewart, Colorado State University</i></li> <li>• Positioning Invasive Species Management for Greatly Increased Funding in the Next Farm Bill – <i>Scott Cameron, Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition</i></li> <li>• Industry Partnership in Pest Prevention: Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) – <i>Craig Regelbrugge, Vice President Government Relations, AmericanHort</i></li> <li>• National Plant Board Update – <i>Piera Siegert, National Plant Board Representative and New Hampshire State Entomologist</i></li> <li>• National Association of State Foresters Forest Health Update – <i>Robert Simpson, NASF Representative and CEO of GreenWoodGlobal Consulting</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A – <i>John Stapleton facilitates</i></li> </ul>
3:15 – 3:45	Break ( <i>coffee, tea, light snacks provided</i> )
3:45 – 5:00	<p>Panel # 1: Western US Perspective and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeting and Monitoring Programs at Western and Interior Ports – <i>Kevin Harriger, US Customs and Border Protection</i></li> <li>• Invasive Forest Pests from the Intermountain West Perspective – <i>Amy Gannon, Forest Pest Management Program Manager for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</i></li> <li>• City of Boulder: EAB, TCD, Drippy Blight, and EPIC – <i>Kathleen Alexander, City Forester for Boulder CO</i></li> <li>• Colorado's EAB response and biocontrol release updates – <i>John Kaltenbach, Biological Control Specialist, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A - <i>John Stapleton facilitates</i></li> </ul>
5:00 – 5:15	Wrap up First Day, Poster Session Reminder, and Overview of Evening Activities
5:30- 6:30	Poster Session 1 in Tower Court C
6:30	Dinner on your own

## NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - DAY 2 – WINDOWS ROOM

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Breakfast Available (*note: breakfast is included with all hotel rooms*)
- 8:00 – 8:10 Welcome and Agenda Review – *John Stapleton*
- 8:10 – 8:20 Progress Toward Objectives – *John Stapleton*
- Participants reflect on day one and what they hope to accomplish in day two
- 8:30 – 9:00 Panel #2: Overview and Update of Dialogue Initiatives and Actions
- Firewood Outreach Perspectives – *Leigh Greenwood, Forest Health Protection Program, The Nature Conservancy*
  - Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities Initiative – *Rachel Holmes, Forest Health Protection Program, The Nature Conservancy*
  - Panel Discussion and Q&A Session
- 9:30 – 9:45 Break (*coffee, tea, healthy snacks provided*)
- 9:45 – 10:45 Panel #3: Firewood Research and Policy
- Results of Analysis of Recreation Databases – *Frank Koch, Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station*
  - Changing the movement of firewood by campers – *Leigh Greenwood, Forest Health Protection Program, The Nature Conservancy* with research findings from *Andrea Diss-Torrance, Invasive Forest Insects Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*
  - Update on Firewood certification from industry and regulators – *Geoff Friedman, Lost Coast Forest Products*
  - Panel Discussion and Q&A Session
- 10:45 – 12:00 Panel #4: Citizen Science, Social Media, and Youth Engagement to advance Tree Health Monitoring
- Embedding citizen science into K-12 curricula: Empowering youth to help manage the urban forest ecosystem – *Samuel Severance, University of Colorado Boulder*
  - Hungry Pests Campaign – *Abbey Powell, National Outreach Campaign Manager, USDA APHIS*
  - Plant Heroes' Plant Mapping Platform – *Dan Stern, American Public Gardens Association*
  - Integrating the i-Tree Software Suite with NGSS Standards-based lesson plans in the classroom – *Jessica Sanders, Casey Trees & Arielle Conti, The Davey Institute*
  - Panel Discussion and Q&A Session
- 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch (*buffet style, provided*)
- Screening of Andrea Torrice's "Trees in Trouble" during lunch session.

- 1:15 – 2:45      Panel #5: National and International Policy Educational Approaches for Key Stakeholders and Decision Makers – *Facilitated by Scott Cameron*
- Progress and Policy Update regarding Coalition Against Forest Pests – *Faith Campbell, Vice President Center for Invasive Species Prevention*
  - Institutional Considerations in Deploying Bio-control for Tamarisk in Colorado – *Dan Bean, Director of Biological Pest Control at the Colorado Department of Agriculture*
  - Policy Approaches for Forest Ecosystems – *Gary Lovett, Senior Scientist Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies*
  - Western Governors’ Association – *Troy Timmons, Deputy Director of Operations and Strategic Planning, Western Governors’ Association*
  - National Invasive Species Council Policy Initiatives – *Stas Burgiel, Assistant Director for Protection and Budgetary Coordination, National Invasive Species Council*
  - Presentation of policy recommendations and Q&A Session
- 2:45 – 3:15      Break (*coffee, tea, light snacks provided*)
- 3:15 – 4:45      Where Do We Go Next? – Summary, Timeline and Actions for 2015 and 2016
- Discussion of Questions Posed to Group at Meeting Start
  - Opportunities for Dialogue Actions in 2015-2016
  - Discussion of priorities moving forward
  - Acknowledgments
  - Steering Committee next steps
- 4:45              **Adjourn Formal Meeting**
- Complete and return meeting evaluation forms and match forms before 5:00
- 5:00 – 6:00      *Steering Committee meeting: focus on upcoming year and potential new initiatives*  
*Review of outcomes of Where Do We Go Next? Discussion*
- 6:00 – 7:30      “Meet and Mingle” Cash Bar to be hosted by Sustainable Urban Forestry Coalition.  
 Located in South Convention Lobby
- 6:30-7:30      Poster Session 2 in Tower Court C
- 7:30              Dinner on your own