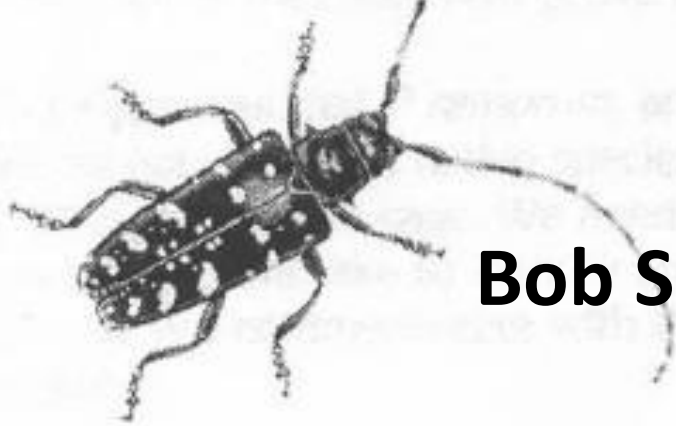


Coalition Against Forest Pests – updated & prepared for action



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Survey of members

14 surveyed; 13 replied

- Alliance for Community Trees
- American Forest and Paper Association
- American Forests
- AmericanHort
- California Forest Pest Council
- Center for Invasive Species Prevention
- Hardwood Federation
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Society of American Foresters
- Southern Group of State Foresters
- A university professor who had been active in Dialogue
- Vermont Woodlands Association

[not surveyed: National Association of State Foresters]



Responses to survey - issues

- **Most pressing threats:**
 - Insufficient federal funding for forest health protection activities
 - Inadequate measures for preventing IAS introductions
 - Insufficient public awareness and care regarding IAS
 - Insufficient strategic vision among federal and state agencies
 - Inadequate measures for preventing interstate spread



Responses to survey - activities



- **Preferred coalition activities**
 - Annual appropriations testimony for submission to Congress
 - Info sharing re: proposed legislation & regs
 - Congressional briefings
 - Development of letters & comments re: legislation or proposals
 - Convening of periodic meetings with key agency officials

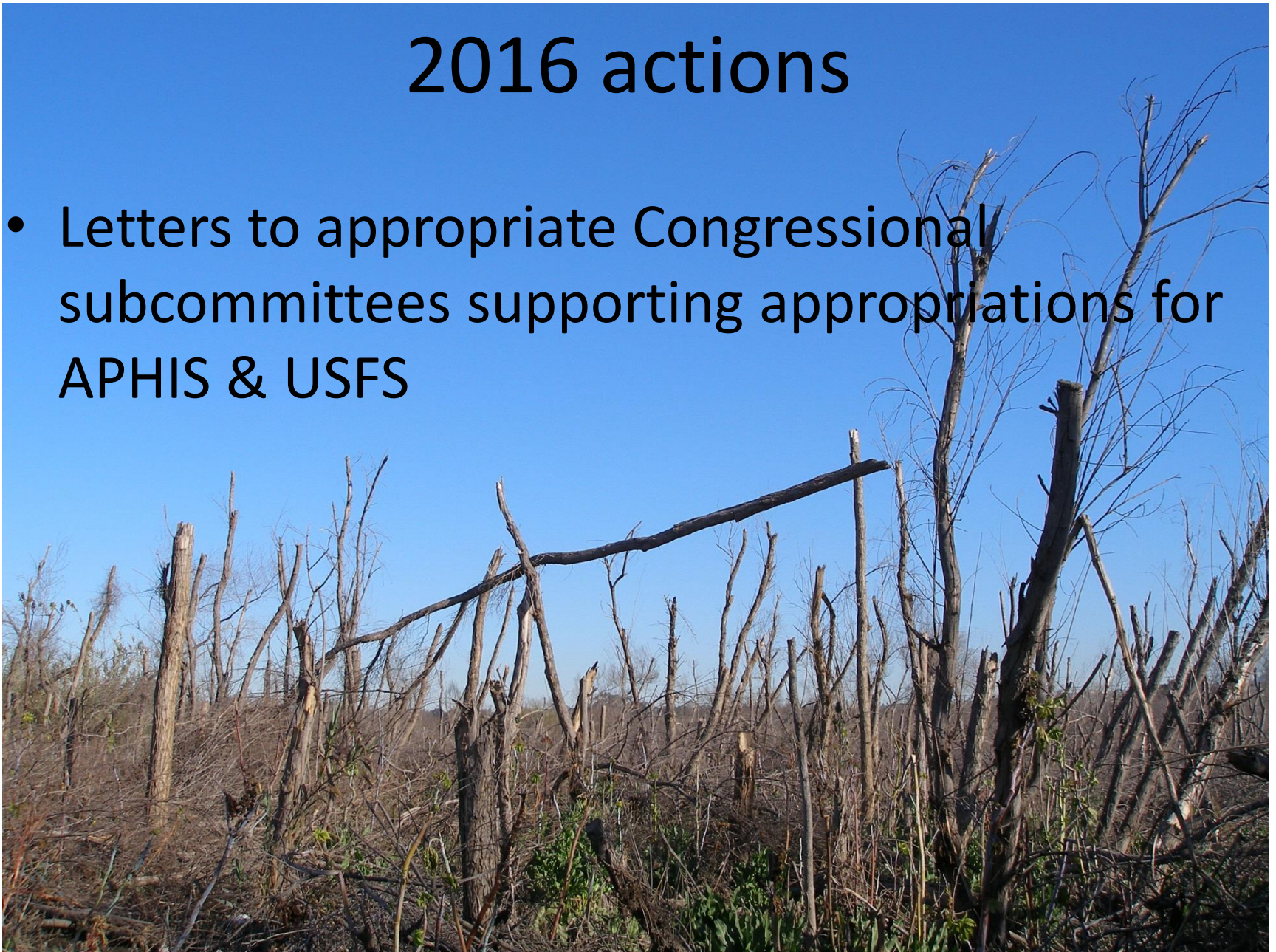
Responses to survey – types of organizations



- **... we hope will work with us:**
 - National level organizations focused on national level policy issues
 - Groups representing stakeholders
 - Regional organizations focused on regional and national policy issues
 - State & local groups focused on local, state, regional, & national policy issues

2016 actions

- Letters to appropriate Congressional subcommittees supporting appropriations for APHIS & USFS



Activities Under Discussion

- Developing and providing guidance for the selection of USDA Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs & USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources
- Addressing pending APHIS actions involving restrictions on plant imports (NAPPRA lists and revision of Q-37)
- Consideration of Farm Bill proposals – primarily RRISC set; individual organizations have objected to several of the “Tree-Smart Trade” proposals

