



# Forest Health Update

ODF Forest Health Unit

Board of Forestry  
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## Technical specialists:

- Forest insects & disease
- Exotic, invasive species
- Abiotic tree damage
- Annual survey and monitoring
- Landowner assists
- Research

## Fact sheets and highlights:

<http://tinyurl.com/ODF-ForestHealth>



# Douglas-Fir Beetle

## Forest Health Fact Sheet

March 2017



DFB galleries are 5-10" long

*Armenak E. Gibson, OSU/DFP, Reproduction.org*

Douglas-fir beetle (*Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*) is a bark beetle that preferentially infests >10" dbh downed trees and then moves to nearby standing trees that are stressed, injured or less vigorous. At normal population levels, mortality from this pest is scattered on the landscape and often present in stands weakened by root disease, fire or wind damage. Population outbreaks typically follow storm events that cause **blowdown**, or defoliation from Douglas-fir tussock moth or western spruce budworm outbreaks. Douglas-fir beetle outbreaks can be prevented by removing large-diameter downed trees before the first April after a storm event. If removal is delayed, a repellent pheromone (**MCH**) may instead be applied at this time to prevent infestation. Blowdown can also be removed before the second April after the event to prevent beetles from attacking standing trees, although wood in downed trees may become discolored by beetle-vectored fungi.

**Hosts**

- Major: >10" dbh Douglas-fir
- Minor: downed western larch

Douglas-fir beetle (DFB) can be found almost anywhere Douglas-fir occurs. In the lower elevations of interior southwest Oregon the flatheaded fir borer is also a prominent pest of Douglas-fir, and the two species can overlap.

**Biology**

DFB has one generation per year, but there are two flight periods when trees come under attack. The initial attack flight occurs from April to early June and is generally the heaviest. A secondary flight takes place in July - August. Attacks by DFB are most abundant midway up the tree. The bottom 10-15' of the bole may escape attack the first year, but is often attacked the following year by either DFB or flatheaded fir borer (where present). Adults and sometimes larvae overwinter under the bark of infested trees. Adults are brown/black and 4-7mm long.

**Damage**

Orange-tan boring dust (frass) in bark crevices is the first sign of DFB attack. Frass may form piles around the base of the tree or may collect in spider webs. Thin streams of resin dripping down the bark may be visible on the mid to upper-bole of green trees under attack. DFB attack can be confirmed by removing a patch of bark to reveal the beetle's distinctive gallery pattern (5-10" vertical line with alternating clusters of horizontal lines).



Orange-tan boring dust (frass)

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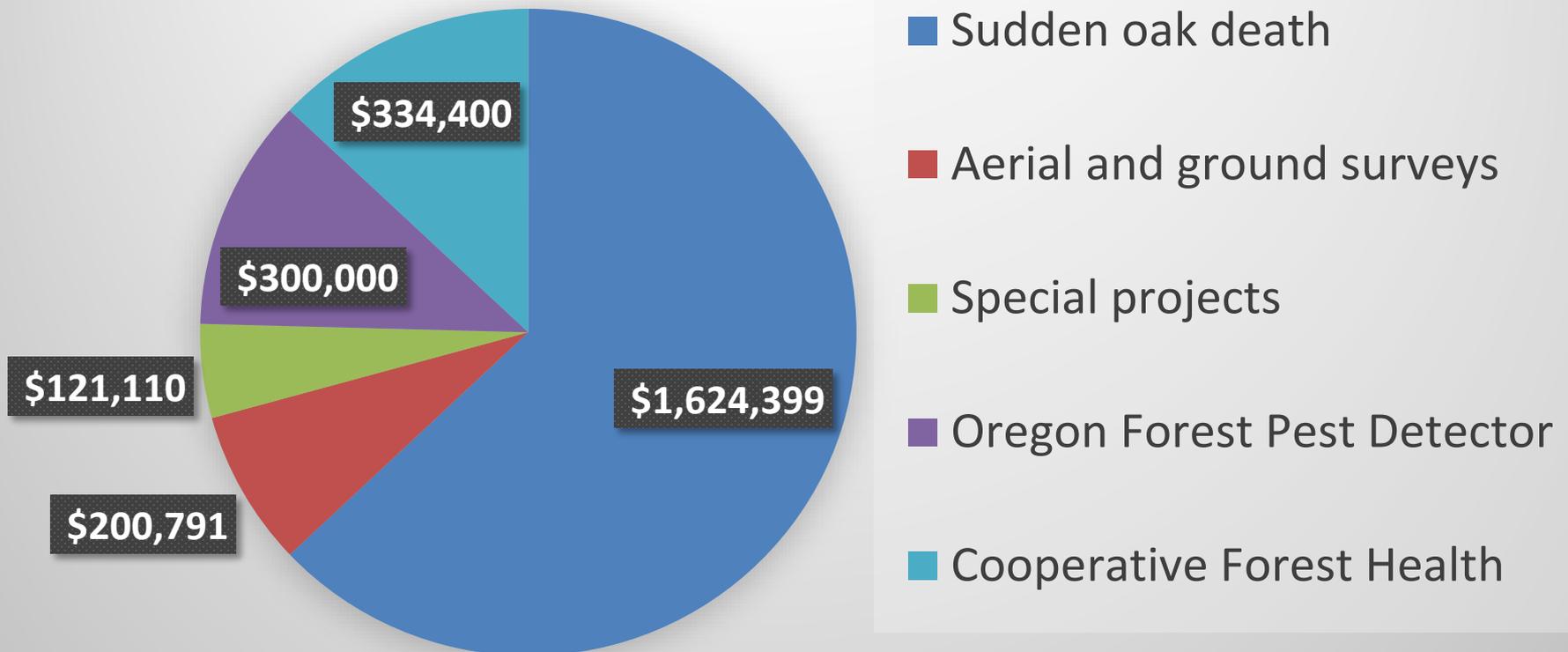


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## Forest Health Grants, FY14-16\*

By subject



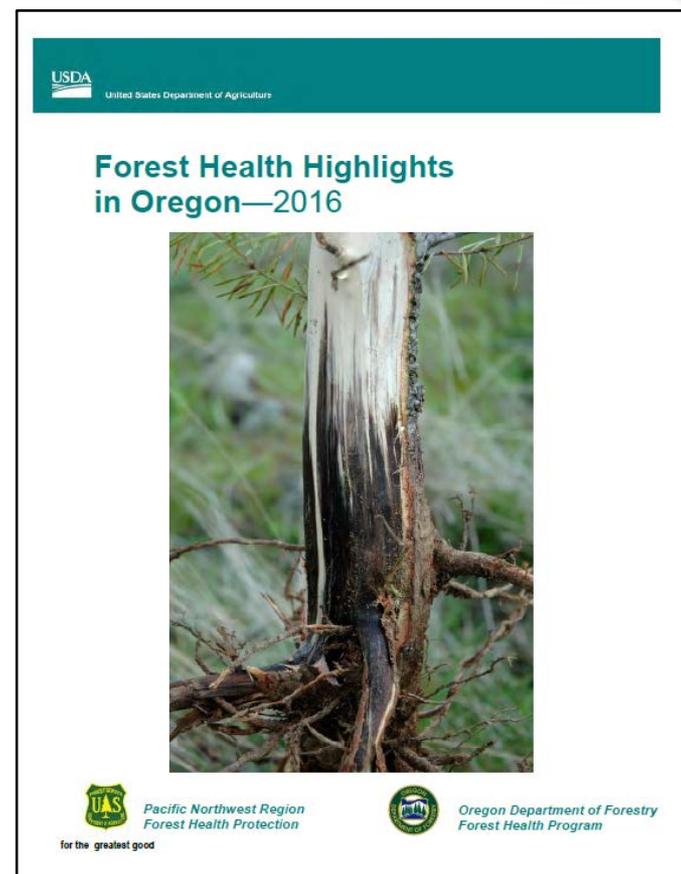
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**\*\$2.58 million in funds from U.S. Forest Service**



# Topics covered in today's update:

1. 2016 Forest Health Highlights
2. Aerial survey status
3. Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer
4. Sudden oak death status





## 2016 FH Highlights: overview

Annual report based upon...

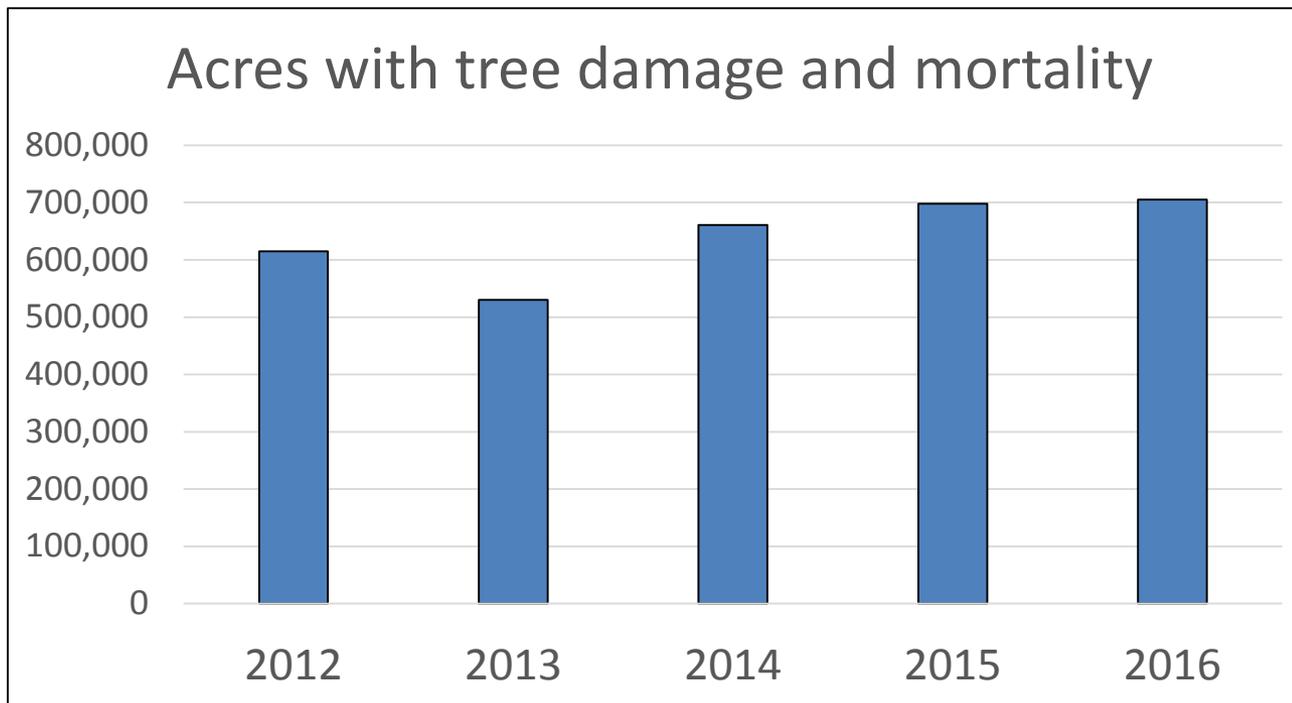
- aerial surveys
- ground surveys
- landowner reports
- other projects

| Survey target     | Total acres | Total hours |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Statewide Survey  | 35,598,000  | 131.4       |
| Swiss Needle Cast | 4,221,000   | 30.7        |
| SOD Fixed-wing    | 400,000     | 5.5         |
| SOD Helicopter    | 630,000     | 19.4        |

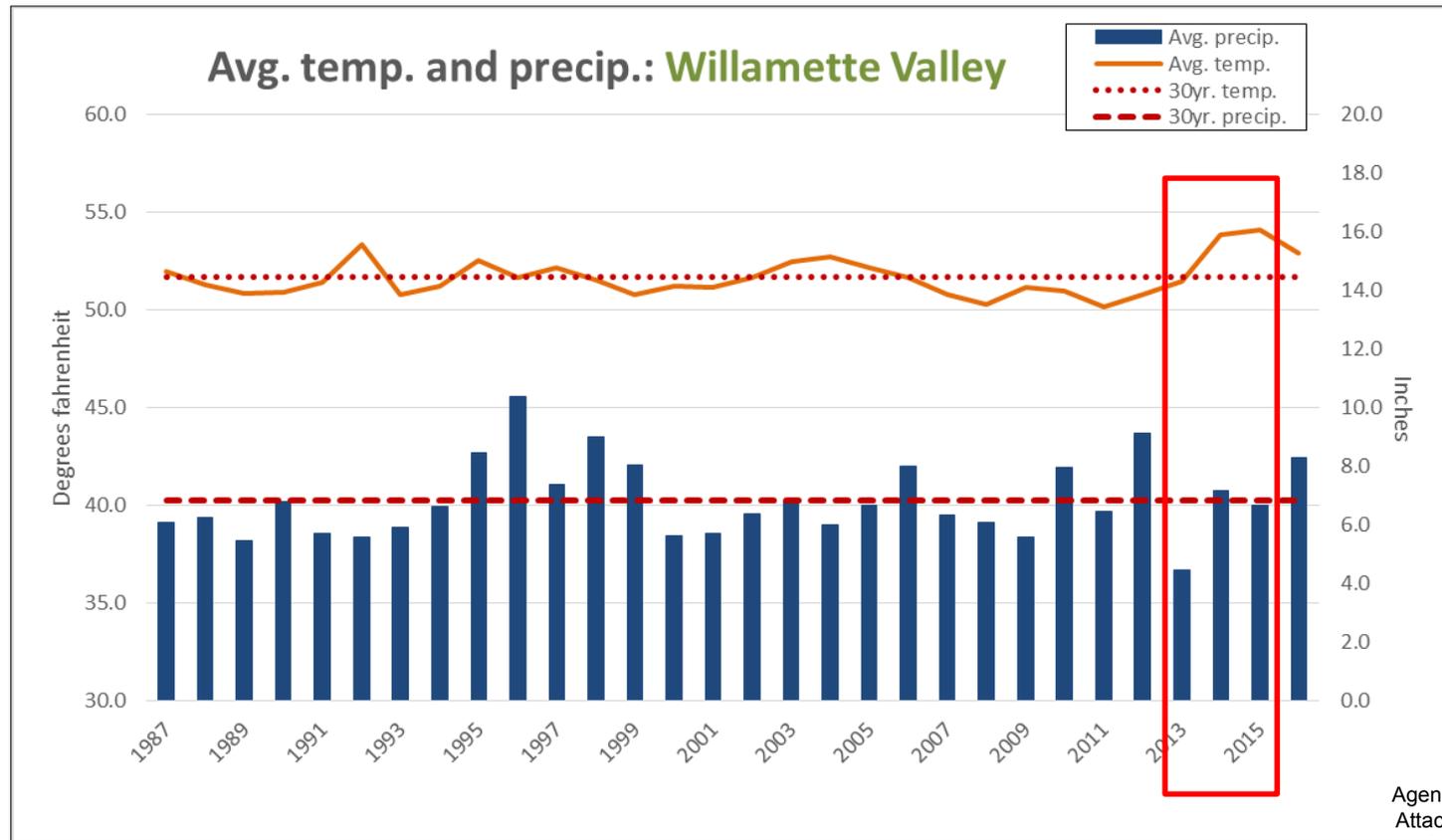
2016 marked the **70<sup>th</sup> consecutive year** of aerial forest health survey in Oregon

ODF/U.S. Forest Service cooperative effort  
**Safe, effective missions** completed on time

# 2016 FH Highlights: total damage



# 2016 FH Highlights: drought damage



# 2016 FH Highlights: drought damage



## Tree species with drought symptoms:

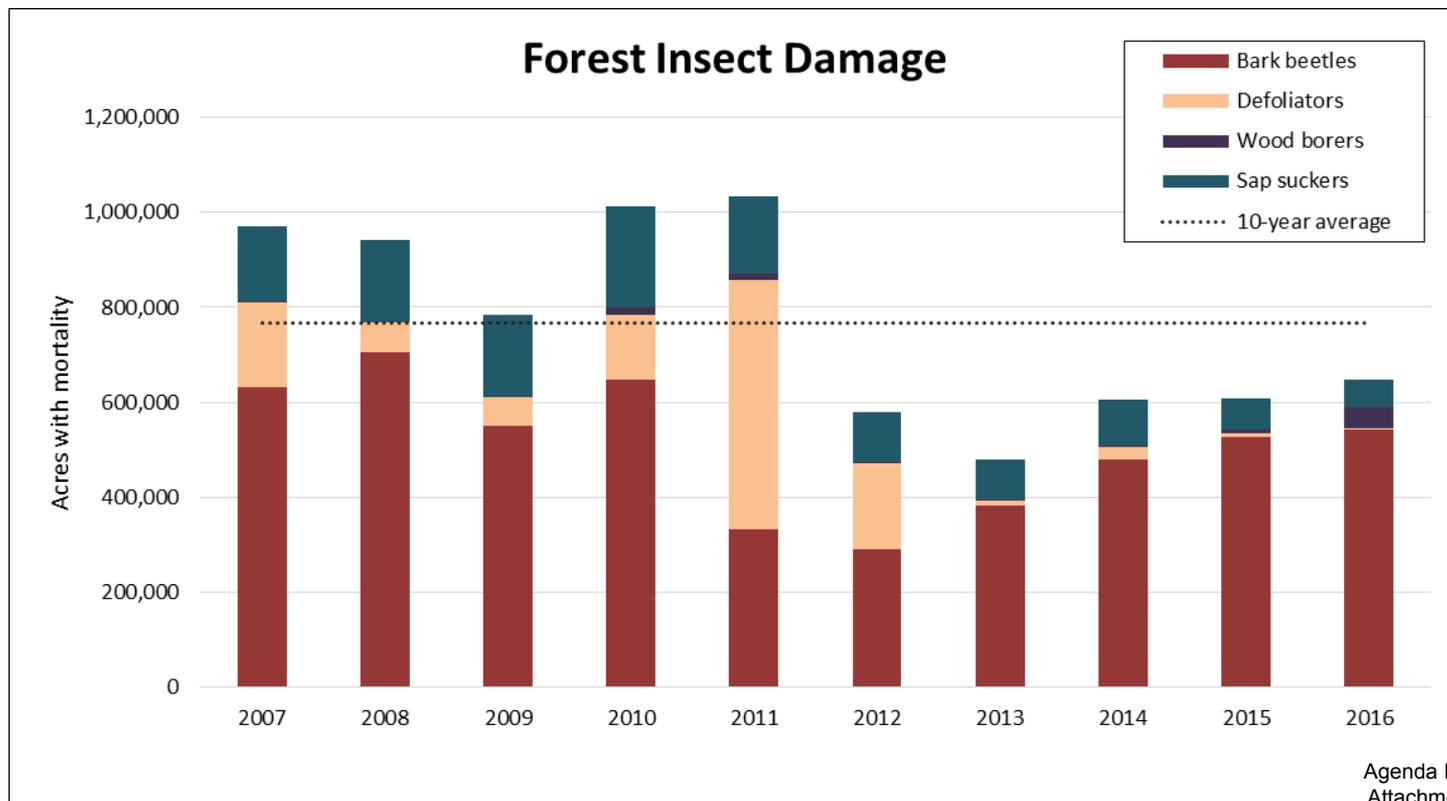
- Douglas-fir
- Western red cedar
- Grand and noble fir
- Ponderosa pine
- Red alder



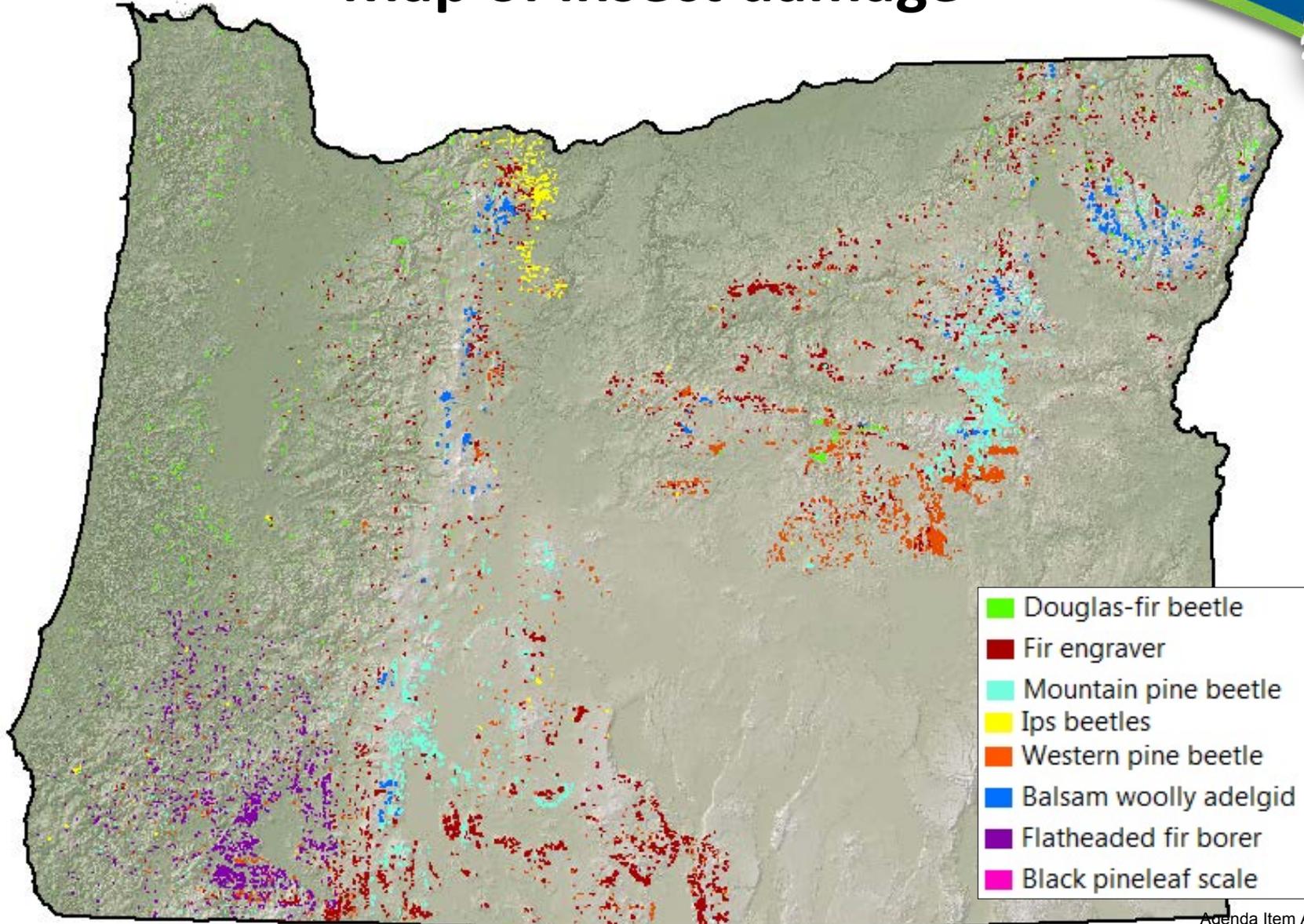
Common “flagging” symptom of drought stress in Douglas-fir

Robbie Flowers, USFS

# 2016 FH Highlights: insect damage



# Map of insect damage



- Douglas-fir beetle
- Fir engraver
- Mountain pine beetle
- Ips beetles
- Western pine beetle
- Balsam woolly adelgid
- Flatheaded fir borer
- Black pineleaf scale

# 2016 FH Highlights: flat-headed fir borer



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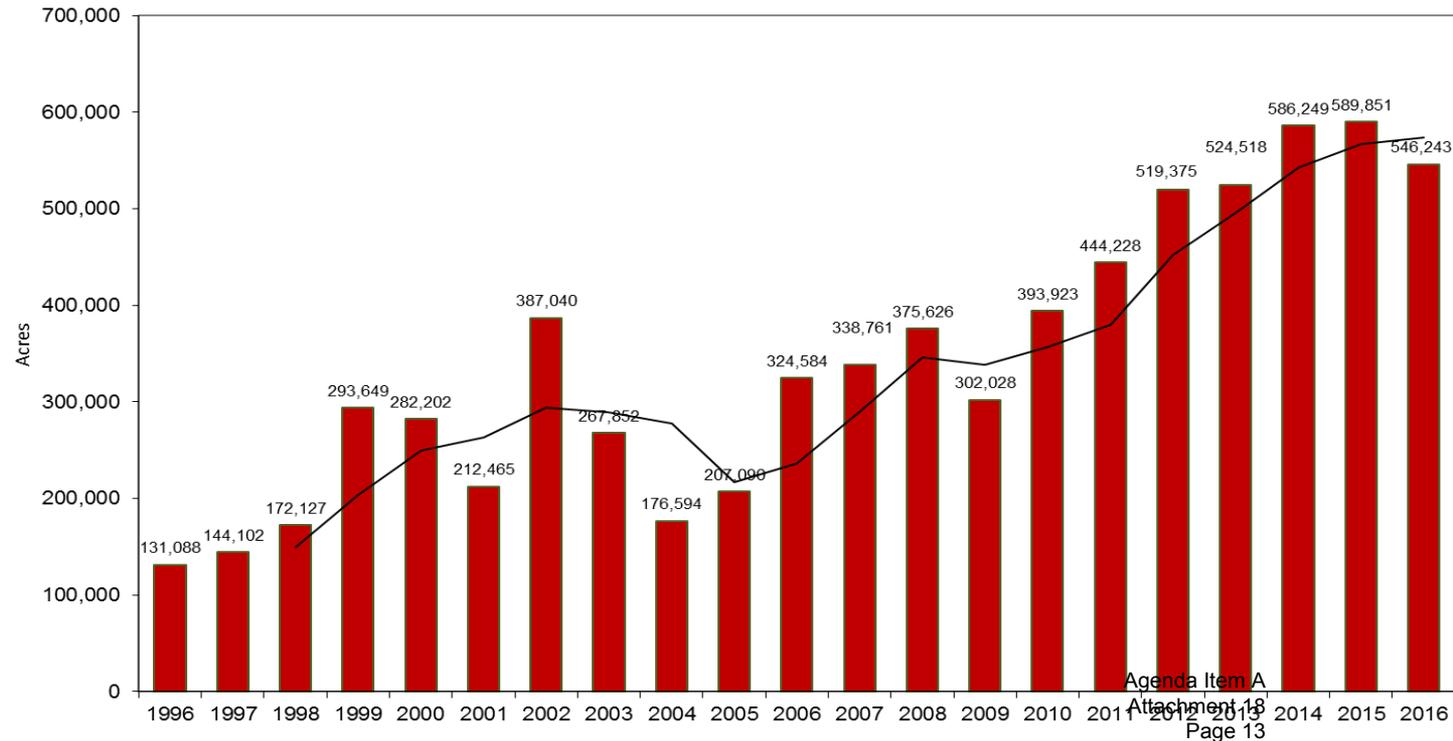
2016



# Swiss needle cast



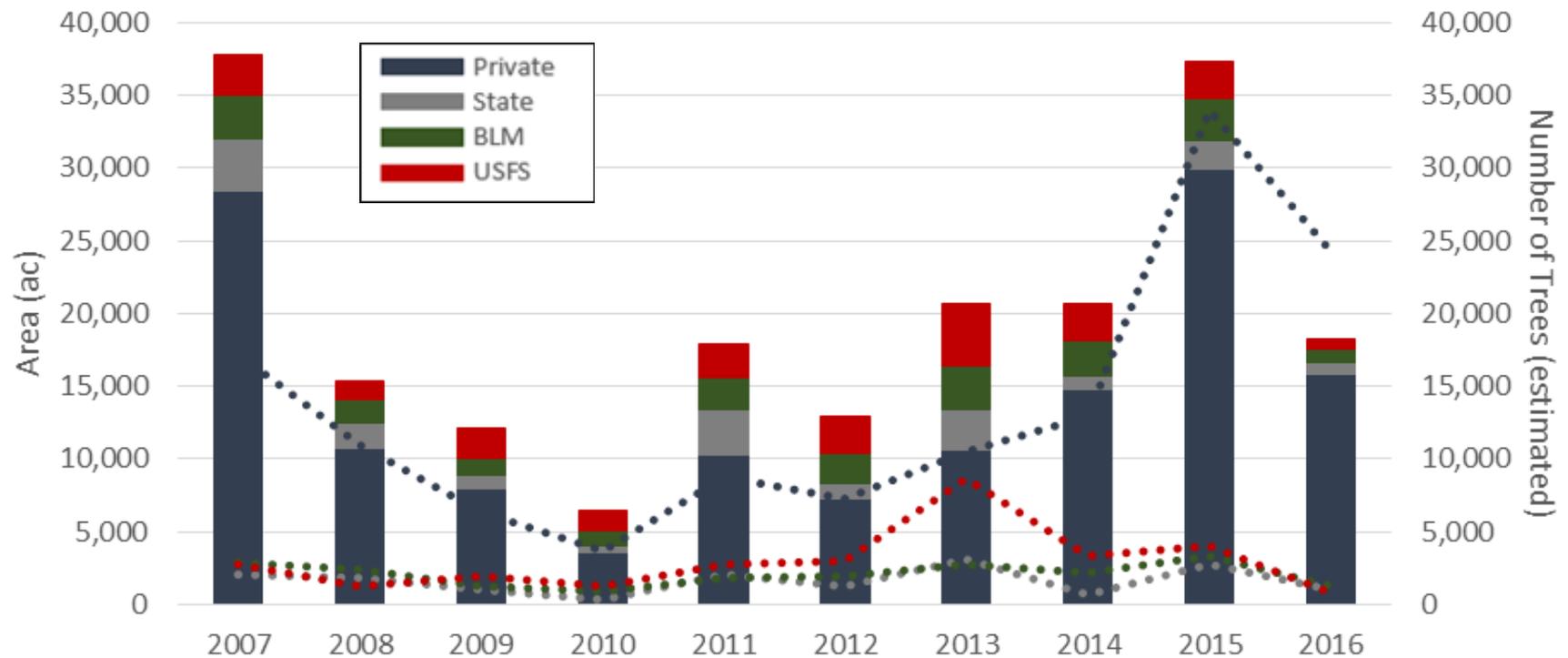
### Area of Douglas-fir forest with Swiss needle cast symptoms

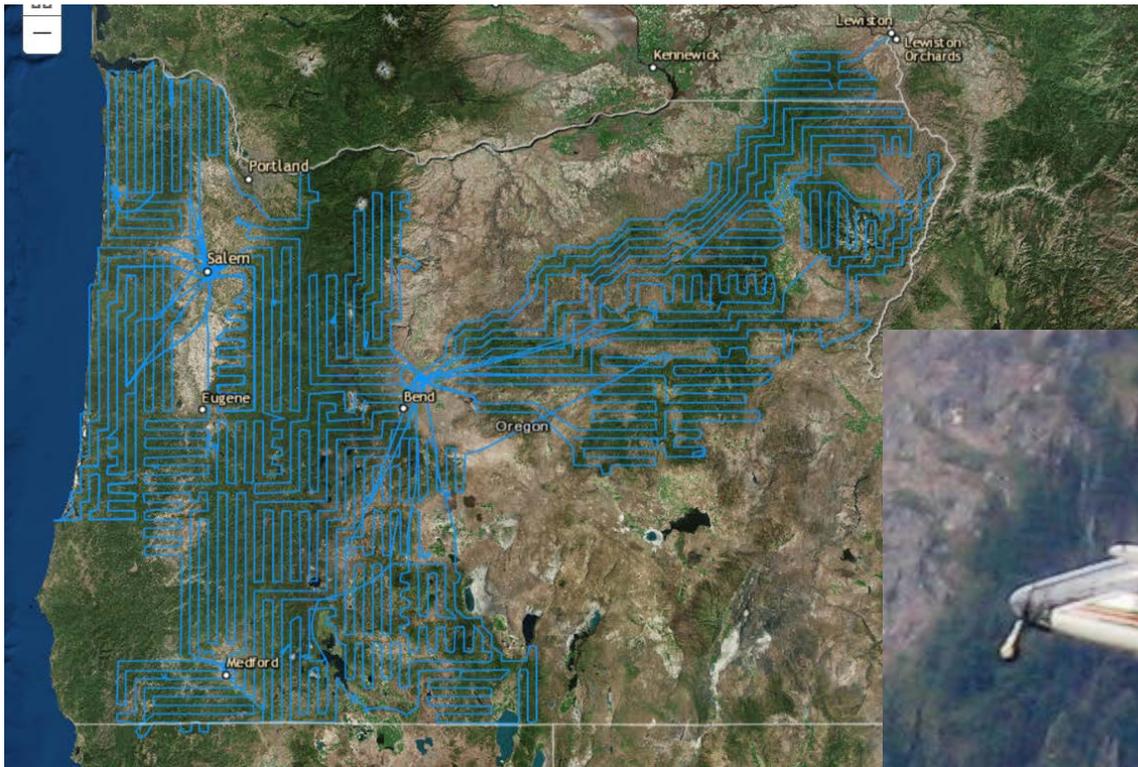


# 2016 FH Highlights: young conifer mortality



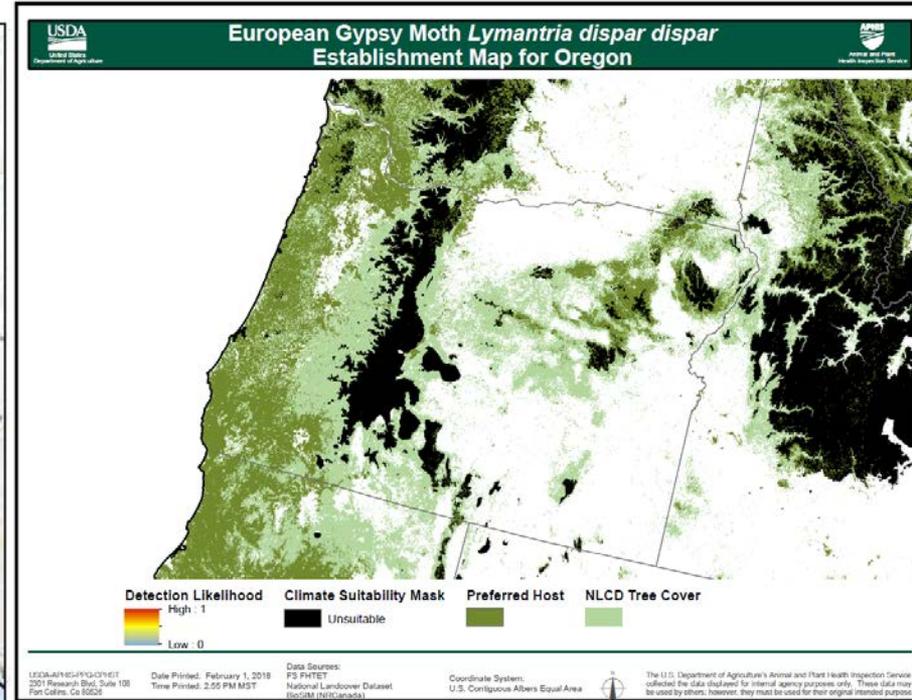
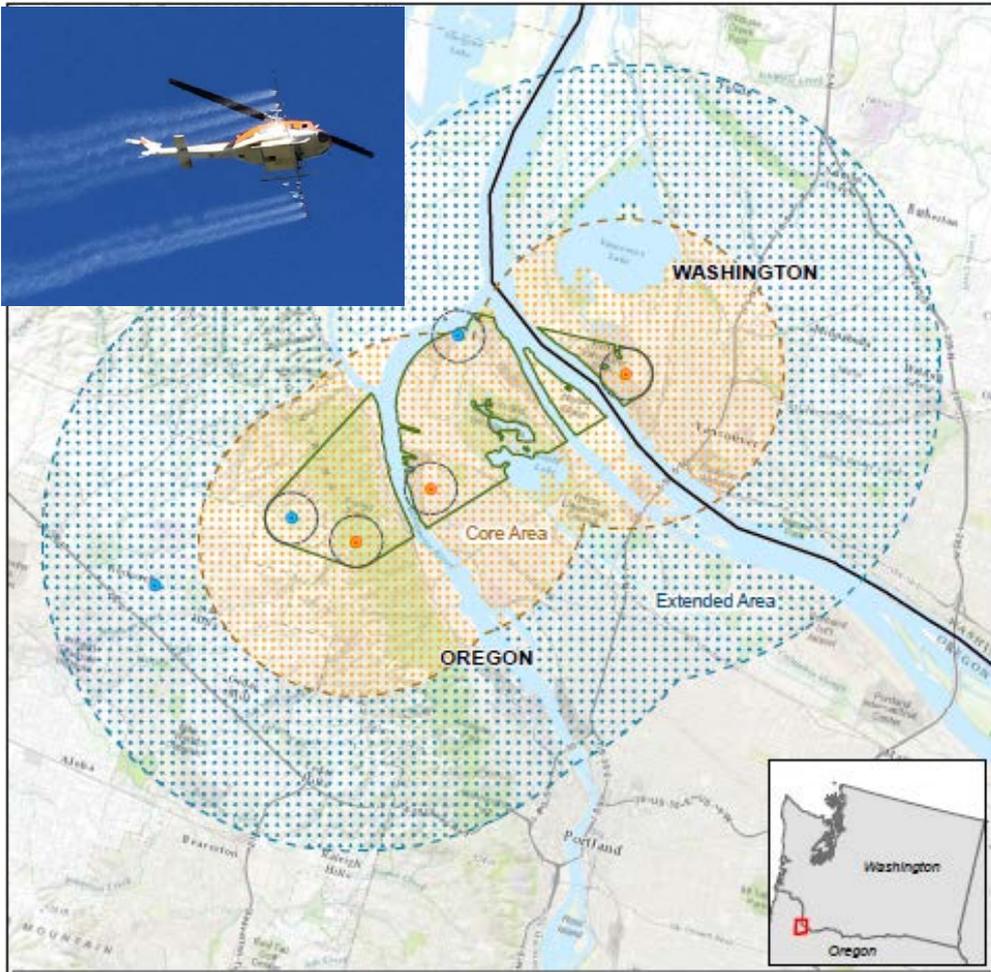
## Young Conifer Mortality





The survey for 2017 is complete. Data are being reviewed. Report will be published this winter.





Organic-labeled pesticide treatment for gypsy moth. Oregon is at high risk for gypsy moth establishment (above).



- 500+ host species, including DF
- Forest and Ag pest
- Great tools for early detection



**2015:** 14 gypsy moths captured,  
most since 2006

**2016:** Eradication and surveillance

**2017 update:**

No GM captured in treatment area

No GM captured in SW OR

3 GM captured in Mult. Co.

4 GM captured in Benton Co.





**1. Aerial surveys**

**2. Ground surveys**

**3. Landowner/public reports**

**4. Forester/arborist/park worker reports**



College of Forestry

# Oregon Forest Pest Detectors

Interagency cooperation!



Asian Longhorned Beetle

Main menu

- Home
- Course Information
- Take the Course
- Report a Find
- The Pests
- Spreading the Word
- Additional Resources
- Partners



| Organization       | # students |
|--------------------|------------|
| Local government   | 150        |
| State agencies     | 36         |
| Federal agencies   | 12         |
| Higher education   | 47         |
| Business/utilities | 40         |
| Nonprofit/other    | 73         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>358</b> |

| Other metrics       |    |
|---------------------|----|
| # of workshops      | 20 |
| # field courses     | 7  |
| # counties impacted | 12 |
| # hotline reports   | 24 |

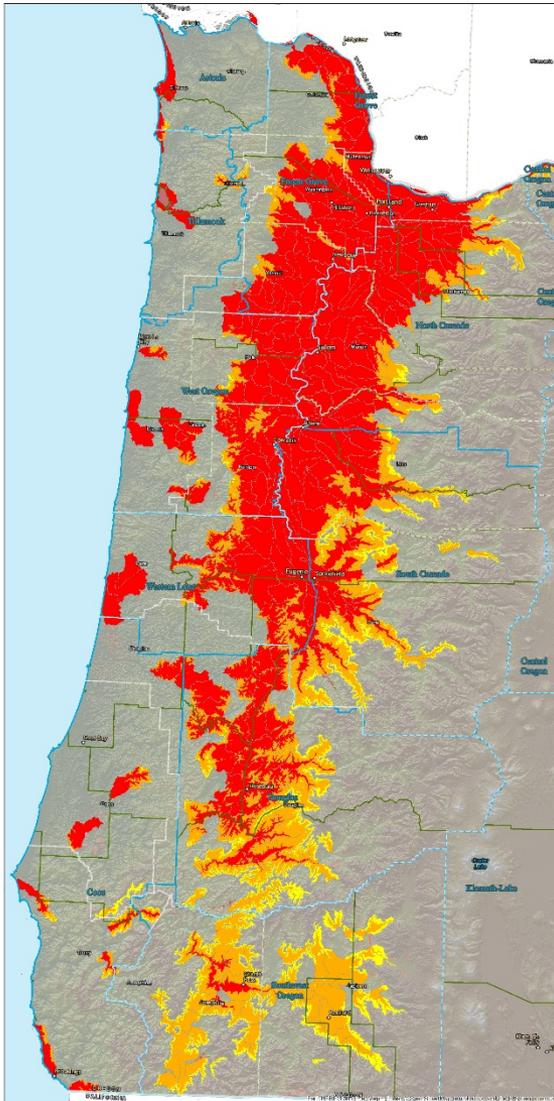
### 2017 Fall Trainings:

August 23-25: Portland  
September 1: Eugene  
October 6: Central Point

For more information or to take the free class,  
<http://pestdetector.forestry.oregonstate.edu/>



## HUC 12 Watersheds with Known Oregon Ash Locations



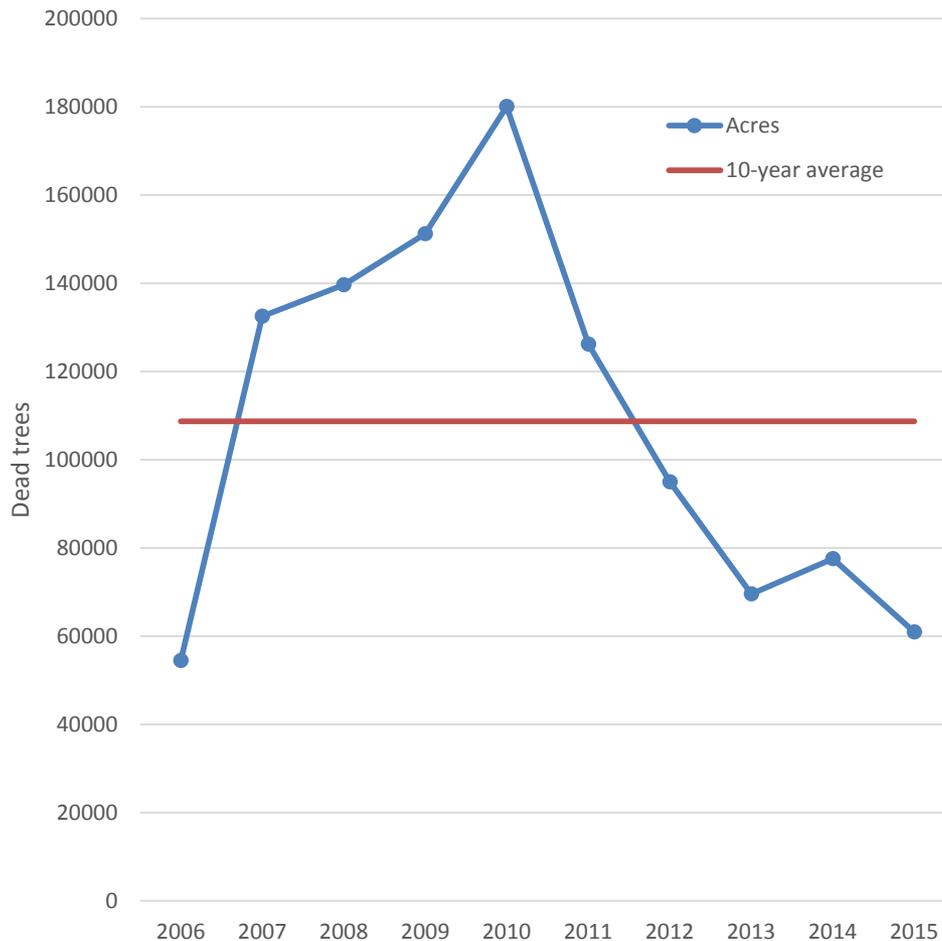
- Not in Oregon
- One native ash
- Quarantine risk if EAB arrives



Risk map for EAB in Oregon (D. Norlander)



## Hypothetical mortality from EAB in OR



### How will ODF respond to EAB?

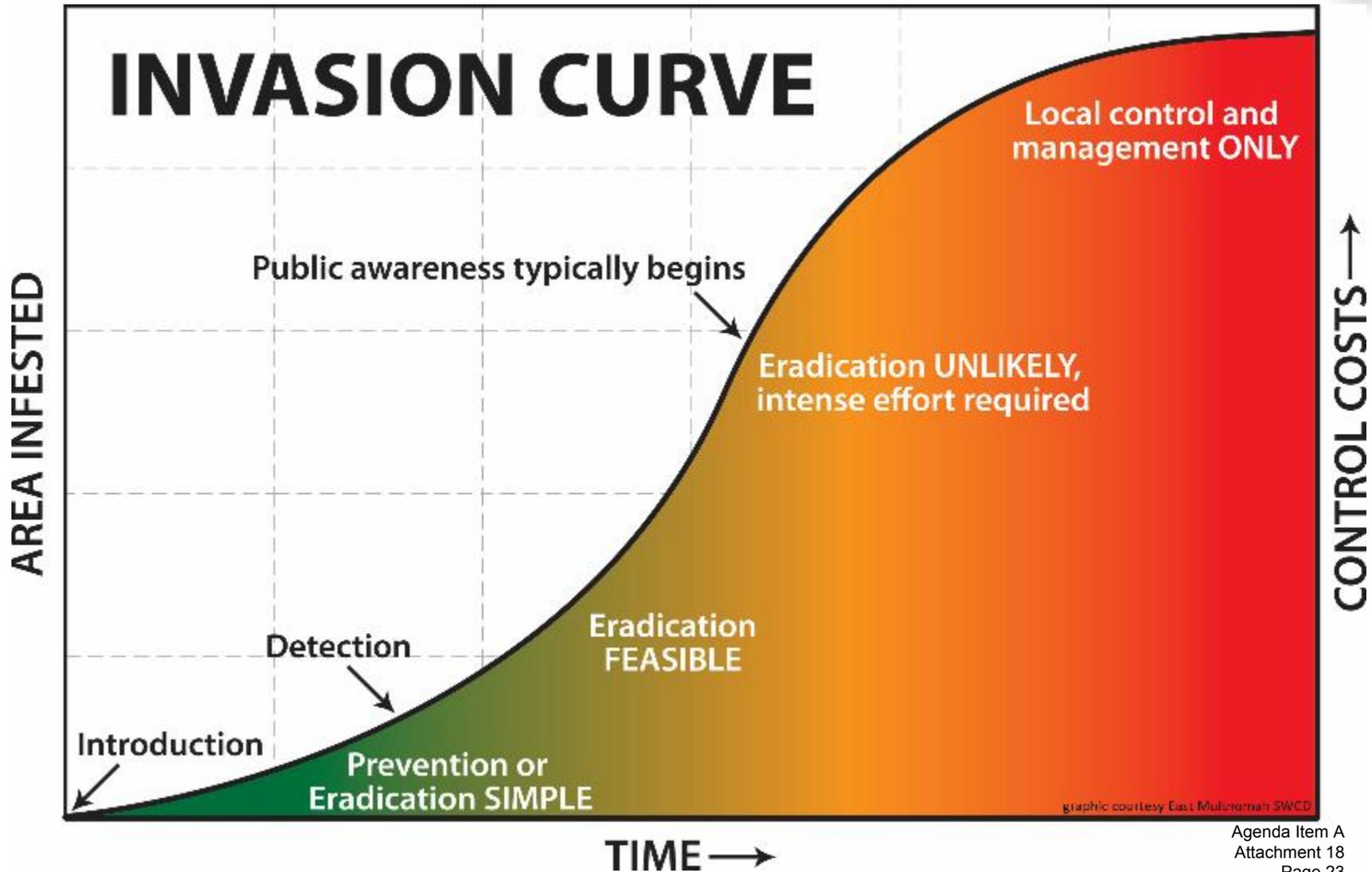
- Cooperate with other agencies, ODF programs (Urban/Comm. Forestry, State Forests)
- Monitoring of riparian health
- Best Management Practices
- Recommendations for cities
- Conservation (seed bank?)
- Biocontrol releases

### ODF/ODA leading effort to develop statewide preparedness plan.

Fall 2017: Stakeholder meetings

Winter 2018: Plan revisions

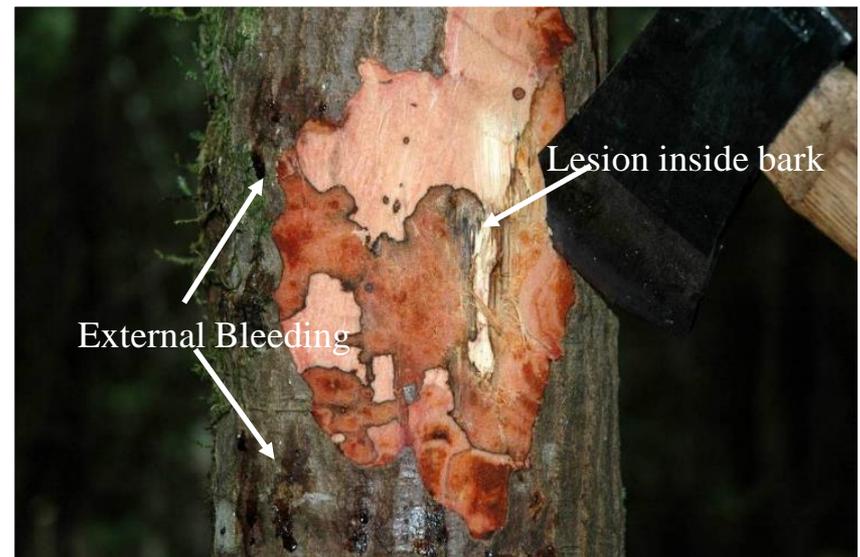
March 2018: Working draft for review





## Disease biology of *Phytophthora ramorum*:

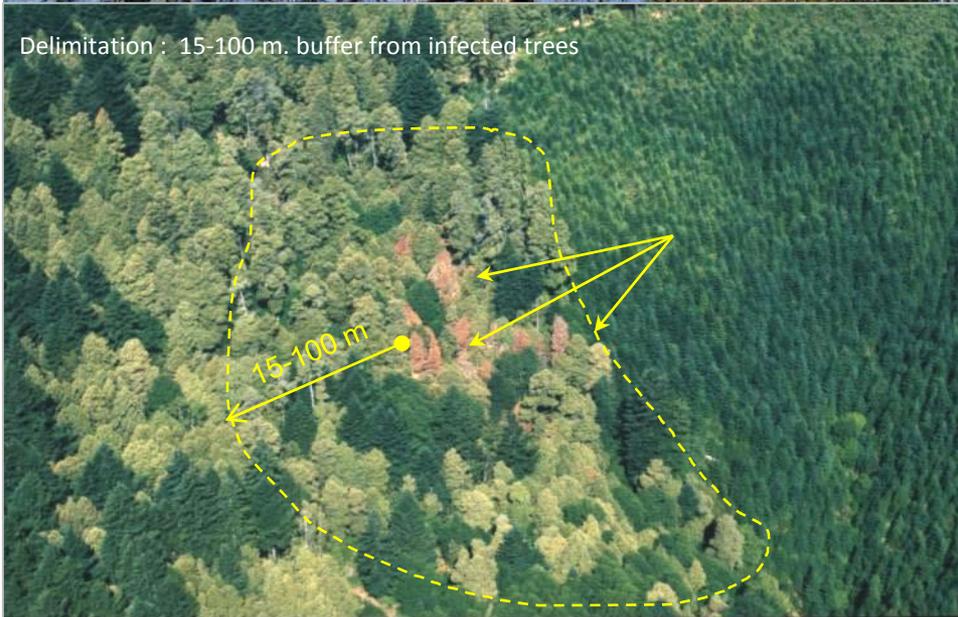
- Tanoak key host species
- Many hosts infected
- Reproduces by spores
- Aerial spread
- Pathway: Horticulture industry
- Different strains (NA1, EU1)

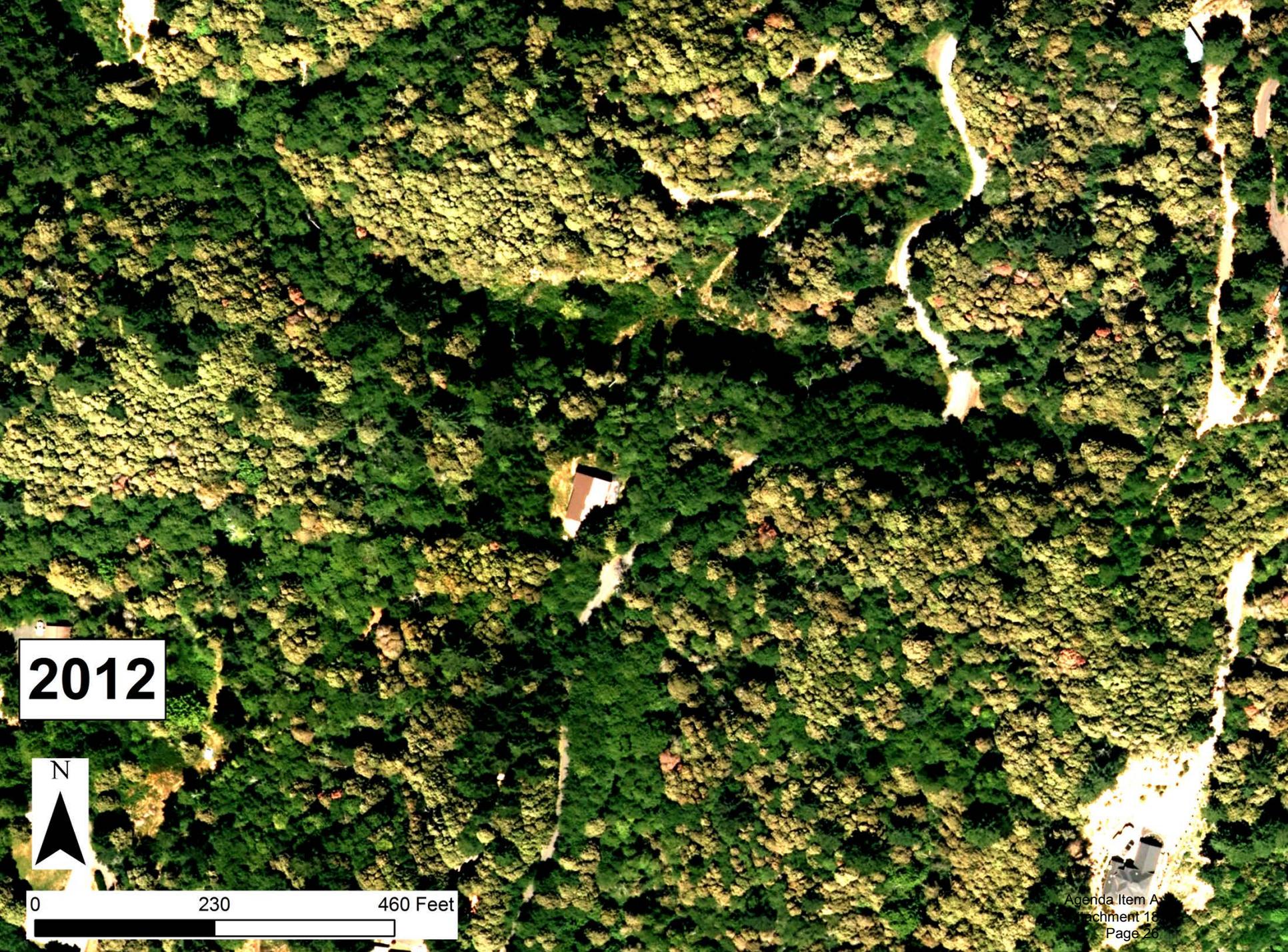




## ODF SOD Program (since 2001):

1. Survey and detection
2. Delimitation of infected sites
3. Treatment of infected sites
4. Regulation / education
5. Monitoring / research





**2012**



0 230 460 Feet





**2014**



0 230 460 Feet

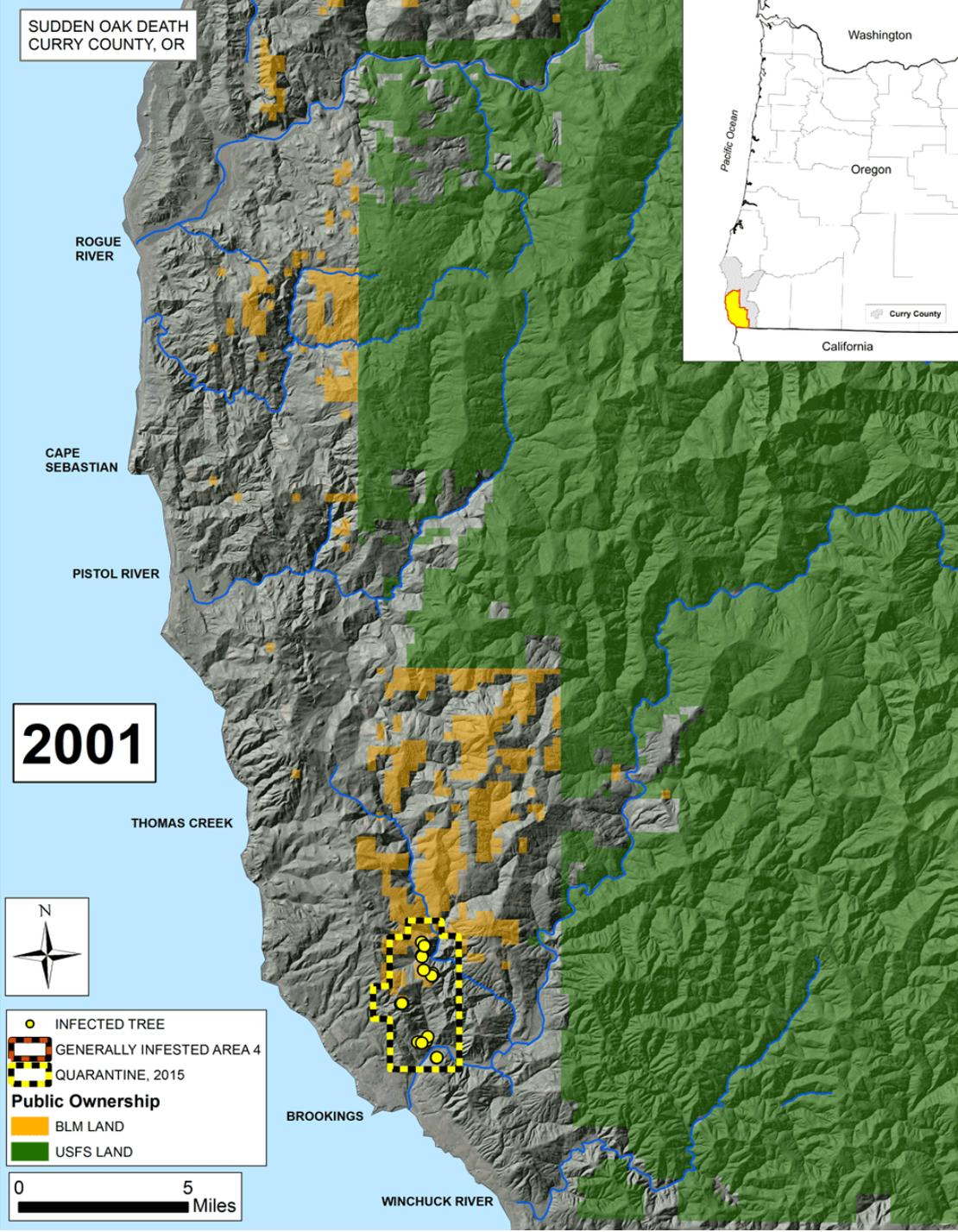


**2016**



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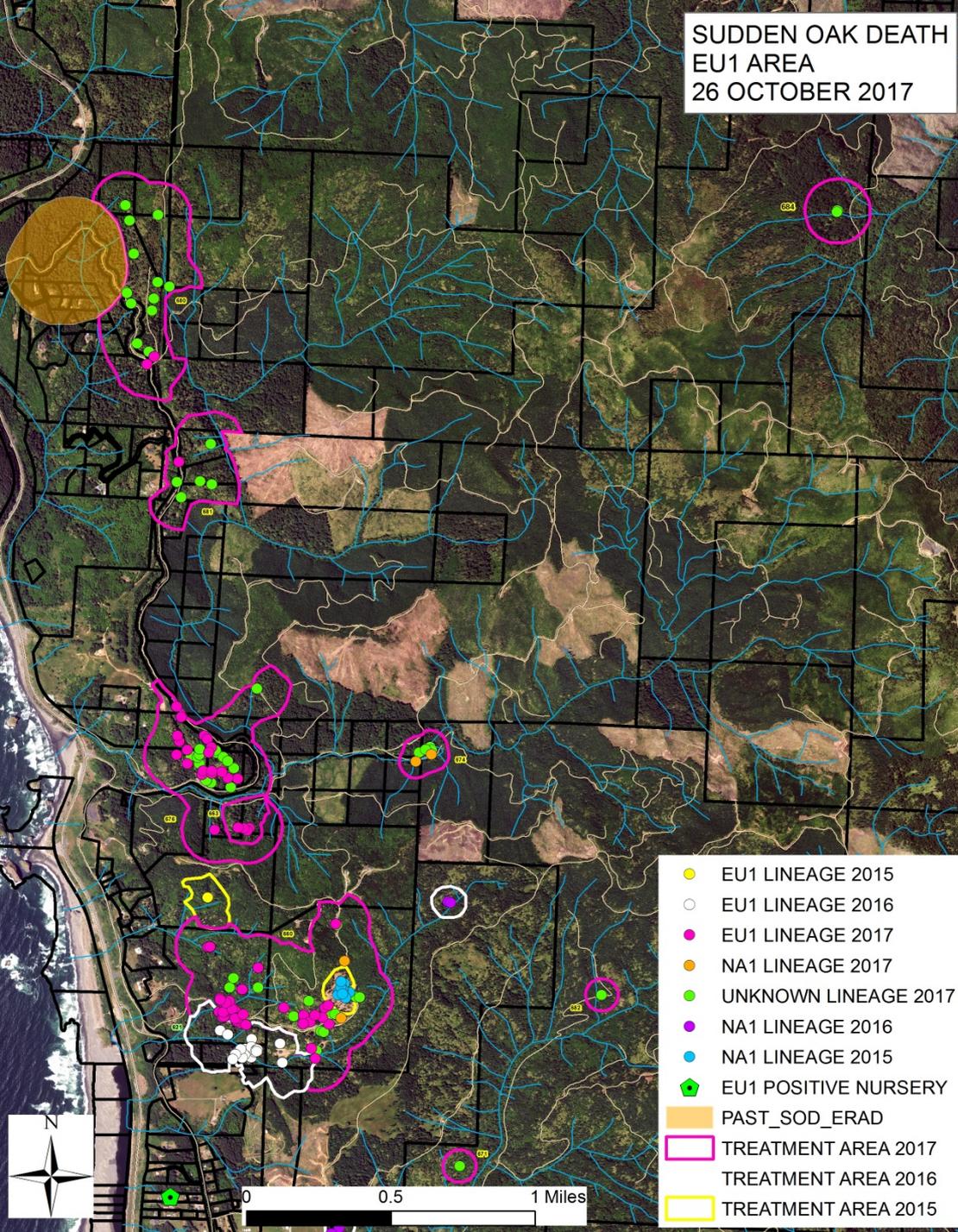
SUDDEN OAK DEATH  
CURRY COUNTY, OR



## SOD in Oregon over time

- Risk of sudden oak death is driven mostly by abundance of tanoak
- Potential to spread throughout range of tanoak into Coos, Douglas, and Josephine counties
- Early detection and Rapid Response key to eradicating new strains and slowing the disease spread

SUDDEN OAK DEATH  
 EU1 AREA  
 26 OCTOBER 2017



- EU1 LINEAGE 2015
- EU1 LINEAGE 2016
- EU1 LINEAGE 2017
- NA1 LINEAGE 2017
- UNKNOWN LINEAGE 2017
- NA1 LINEAGE 2016
- NA1 LINEAGE 2015
- ⬠ EU1 POSITIVE NURSERY
- PAST\_SOD\_ERAD
- ▭ TREATMENT AREA 2017
- ▭ TREATMENT AREA 2016
- ▭ TREATMENT AREA 2015



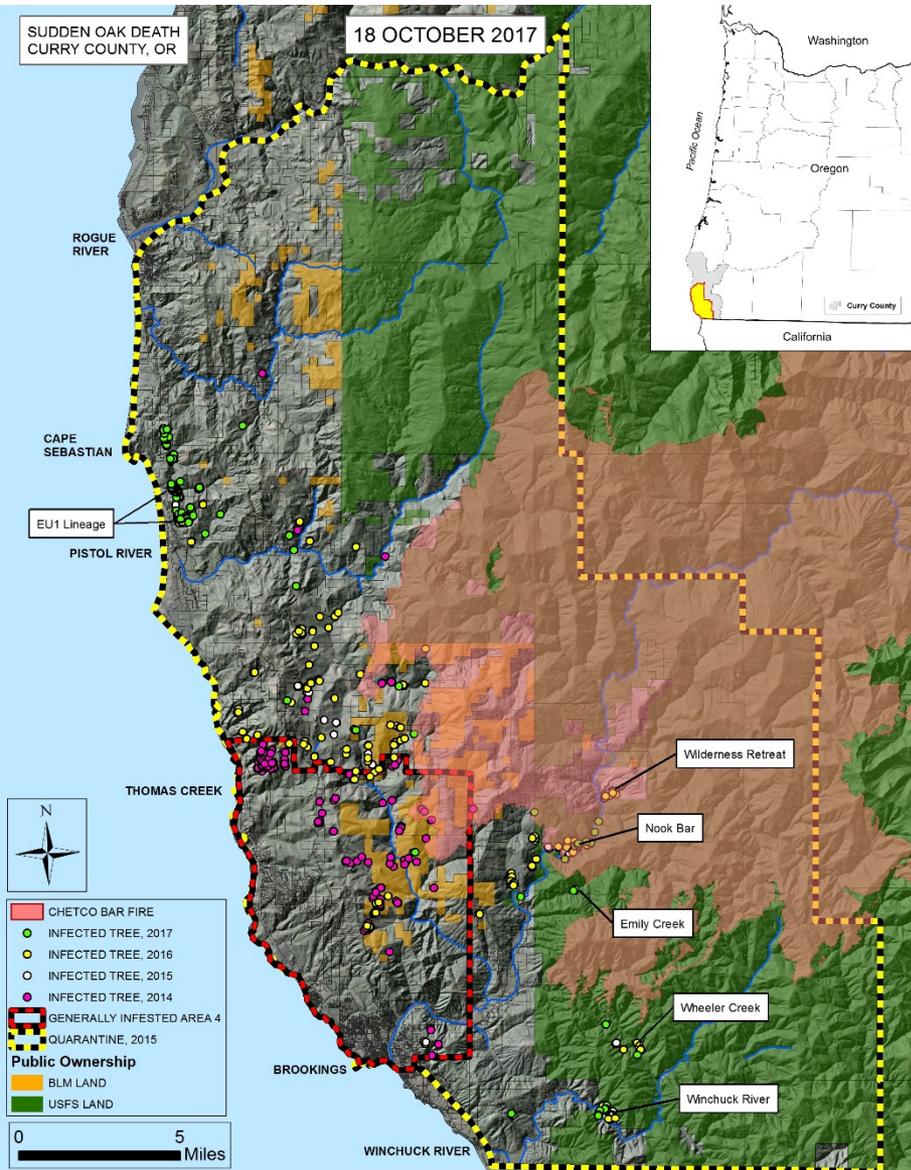


## **In United Kingdom timber plantations:**

- Severe Japanese larch mortality
- Adjacent DF with mortality, 4-40 years old
- Also: grand fir, noble fir, Port Orford cedar

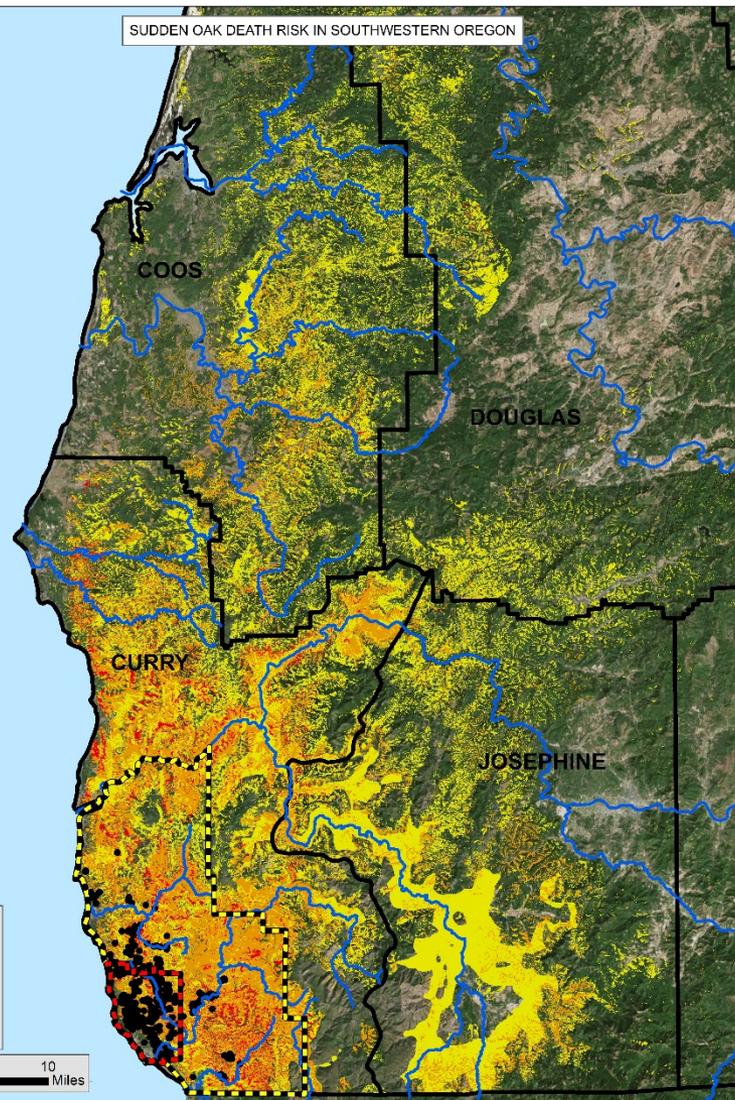
## **EU1 studies underway at OSU:**

- Compare aggressiveness of EU1 vs NA1
- Inoculations of DF, white oak, others
- Outplantings of seedlings



## Latest updates:

- ODF received \$450,000 from State Legislature, \$200,000 from BLM, and over \$100,000 from USFS
- Prioritize EU1
- 29 new infestations detected
- SOD Task Force
- Chetco Bar Fire



- Protect tanoak and other systems across the U.S.
- Delay or prevent costs to forest and nursery industries:
  - Regulatory costs
  - Market loss (quarantines)

