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Beyond Outreach

ALB Detection Survey

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Pest Safeguarding Continuum

Pre-clearance active
 Port Inspections active
 Detection Surveys active
 Citizen Detectors active
 Outreach passive

New Invertebrate Detections in Washington State 1999-2010 (n=57)



Portland Parks & Rec.





Portland P&R •FY2010-11: 63,000+ volunteer hrs.

Individuals
Youth programs
Community organizations
Service clubs
Employee teams
School classes





Beetle Detectives



- APHIS and select states, 2009 and 2010.
- ALB data postcards
- observations via postcards
- 7000 cards sent out \sim 700 were returned (10%).
- Web-based: 12 states, 29 organizations. 70 surveys

Challenges

•Recruitment

•Retention

•Quality of the data? Negative data? •Follow-up?

Challenges with Volunteer-geared projects

- Recruitment
- Consistency
- Data Quality
- Time Investment
- Sampling challenges
 Property Access
 Quality Control
- Short-term benefits
- Long-term benefits



Can Science prevail?

Portland ALB Detection Survey

- Risk-based
- Science

- Standardized Methods
 Tiered experience
 - •"Spikes"
 - Mapping/gadgets

• Clear goals

- Defined high-risk Survey Sites
- biology, botany, ecology, + metrics: defined "population" statistical model



"ALB" Detection Survey

Goal 1: Increase public awareness and response

<u>Goal 2</u>:, the presence/absence of "ALB" in defined high-risk areas in the metro area.





Anoplophora spp. Tremex woodwasp Hesperophanes campestris

Science, and The Metrics

Alternate Hypothesis: ALB is present at the Survey Site

<u>Null Hypothesis</u>: "95% confident that less than 1% of the surveyed population is infested with the beetle."

i.e.: a 99% pest-free population.

Survey points:

•randomly-generated (VSP, ArcMap) within population area.

unknown distribution

•No overlap

Standardized sampling



Standardized Sampling

Lab Training

- Review Goals: Project goals and Personal Goals
- Background of the bug(s)
- Survey methods
- Data forms
- Safety
- Test

Field Training

- Tree ID
- Sampling
- Data recording
- Data submission
- Simulation Site Test

Evidence



Sampling methods

- Training, • or accompany a trained colleague
- Get assignment/instructions
- locate assigned plots
- Find a Host tree near point
 look for evidence
 collect data (neg. too)
 Survey a tree only 1x
- Observe min. 2 min./tree * (depends on size of tree).



<u>Future</u>

- Methods ~ follow-up, triage
- ALB simulation forest
- Field-Test VSP model



- ALB Detection Survey of high-risk sites in Portland area.
 - Portland Parks and Rec.
 - APHIS, ODA, FS, Extention
- One day events
 - Forest Park BioBlitz (May 19th)
 - International Soc. of Arboriculture





National Urban Tree Health Initiative USFS, Continental Forest Dialogue







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Plant Protection and Quarantine



Questions (continued)...

Strengthen the relevance Data entry in NAPIS?

Continue building partnerships

Funding needs?

Farmbill 1021, Goal Area #5
Prevent the introduction, particularly in high-risk areas
Develop people to strengthen the safeguarding system
Increase the number of people actively looking

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