**Agenda Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Task Force August 2, 2022 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

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**(1:05 to 1:10 PM) Housekeeping& Objective**

* Meeting etiquette. Please mute your microphones. Use the “raise hand feature” or raise your hand on camera to speak.
* There will be a 10-minute break at approximately 1:50.
* Meeting will be recorded. Meeting minutes being taken by Christina Helige, ODF

Objectives: Assemble an interagency “task force” to discuss the current situation and determine a plan of action for EAB response: identify sub-groups to focus on the various levels of response (locality, communication, surveys, treatments, waste management, research, etc.)

**(1:10 to 1:30): Roll Call (Patrick Sieng)**

ODA: Chris Benemann, Max Ragozzino, Tom Valente, Kerri Schwartz, Cody Holthouse

ODF: Wyatt Williams, Christine Buhl, Jim Gersbach, Scott Altenhoff, Adam Coble, Christina Helige

OSU Forestry Extension: Dave Shaw, Jennifer Alexander, Alex Gorman

ODFW: Rick Boatner

USDA APHIS: Jake Bodart, Mariah Davis, Anna Bashkirova

USDA Forest Service: Karen Ripley, Sarah Navarro, Stephen Baker

USDA NRCS: Jessica Wells (Washington County), Kathy Pendergrass

OISC: Patrick Sieng, Alicia Givens

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department: Noel Bachelor, Craig Leech

Portland Parks and Recreation: Angie DeSalvo, Kendra Morgan Peterson, Nik Desai, Maha Guliani, Marshall Johnson

Oregon Metro: Rob Hamrick

Tualatin SWCD: Brandy Safell, Tyler Pedersen

Clean Water Services: Rob Emanuel, Randy Lawrence

Tualatin Watershed Council: Sam Sharka

Tualatin River NWRC: Kurt Mykut

PSU Center for Lakes & Reservoirs: Catherine de Rivera

City of Forest Grove: Anne Lane, Dan Riordan, Jesse VanderZanden, Tom Martin

Cities of: Banks (Jolynn Becker), Cornelius, N. Plains, Hillsboro (Laura Trunk), Gaston

ODOT: Will Lackey, Andrew Smogor, or Daniel Lepschat

DEQ: Bob Barrows

WA County: Stephen Shane

Washington State University: Todd Murray

Washington Department Natural Resources: Ben Thompson,

USFW: Tom Brumbelow

**(1:30 – 1:50) Situation Report:**

* Initial detection summary (ODA)
* Update of ongoing immediate response actions:
* Treatment (RUP) list has been reviewed and updated for Oregon to address public/private questions regarding treatment options. Resource is available on [ODA-EAB webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/IPPM/SurveyTreatment/Pages/EmeraldAshBorer.aspx). Chris
* ODF has held a “town hall” meeting targeted toward the urban forestry community in and around FG – Wyatt or Jim
* Social media has been a key outlet for outreach. Jim
* EAB Fact Sheets (English and Spanish) are available. Russian, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, and Cantonese are being developed. Jim
* ODA produced a [EAB ‘look alike’ guide](https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/IPPM/SurveyTreatment/Documents/EABLookAlikes.pdf), which has been shared widely. And is also being updated with other wood borers based on incoming reports that have been false. Chris
* ODF, ODA, USDA have been monitoring the OISC hotline and fielding reports. As of 7/26 there were 174 EAB reports. Only one new positive thus far that was near initial detection site in FG. Chris
* A Survey123 application was created and finalized as of July 26th, with input from ODF and ODA. This is being distributed to natural resource agencies and non-profit NGOs in the IMMEDIATE VICINITY of Forest Grove and the surrounding Washington County area.  Max Ragozzino (ODA) is the contact ([Max.RAGOZZINO@oda.oregon.gov](http://Max.RAGOZZINO@oda.oregon.gov))
* USDA APHIS has begun to place traps around the school, based on a delimitation grid pattern. Jake Bodart or Kari Schwartz

**-10-minute BREAK-**

**(2:00 – 3:00): Identify Operational and Logistical Needs (short, medium, long-term)**

* ODA Staff capacity
* ODF Staff capacity
* Communication Team and Strategy Jim Gersbach
* Stakeholder List (Categories: Steering; Cooperator; Public; Elected Officials; Media)
* Plans for ODA quarantine: potential extent and impact to Oregon industry and public - Wyatt
* Plans for Delimitation Survey and paired response actions (treatments, survey, trapping)
* Infested wood disposal/holding area (marshalling yards) and compost option
* Firewood/wood waste/wood utilization messaging and targets
* “Pest-free” certification process
* Information gaps about EAB and its hosts in Oregon

**(3-3:30): Resources different agencies can offer or are willing to seek**

**\*\*Open forum discussion/brainstorm**

1. USDA Forest Service. Karen Ripley is lead contact. Resource areas: Forest Health Protection, Urban & Community Forestry, Wood Utilization, PNW Scientists, and the USFS Washington, DC leadership.
   1. Potential funds ($150,000) for incident management, communication, training, surveys, inventory, infested tree removal, etc. in traditional forest and urban forests.  May have more Urban resources. The FS generally provides financial support through funding agreements with ODA and ODF. Are investigating reduced (25%) or zero match options.
   2. Direct assistance with English translation services.
   3. Experience with and certified staff within the Incident Command System. Can pay its own staff getting temporary assignments to work on surveys, GIS, other.
   4. EAB research or rapid analysis resources.  A group of FS scientists has been conversing about how to prioritize the likely highest impacted natural ash areas and how to do resistance assessments and breeding.

**(3:30- 3:45) Schedule Next Check in**

* Determine frequency of meetings
* Identify potential members of the Task Forces that are not present

Subcommittee on Research – Dave

Communications – Andrea and Jim

Firewood Utilization and Waste

Survey – Max

Funding

**(3:45-4:00) Meeting Summary and final comments. Close at 4:00.**

Appendix 1: Abbreviations and Acronyms

EAB: Emerald Ash Borer

FG: Forest Grove

FS: Forest Service

NWRC: National Wildlife Refuge Complex

ODA: Oregon Department of Agriculture

ODFW: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ODF: Oregon Department of Forestry

OISC: Oregon Invasive Species Council

OSU-FE: Oregon State University Forestry Extension

PPR: Portland Parks and Recreation

RUP: Registered Use Products

SWCD: Soil and Water Conservation District

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

USDA APHIS: Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

USDA FS: Forest Service

Fish health, riparian cover in Willamette valley, water quality, increased wildfire risk

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