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Dear 1st Lt Soper:

Each year the US Forest Service provides technical assistance and funding for the suppression of forest insects and diseases on Federal lands. Forest Health Protection (FHP) field staff works closely with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) staffs to identify facilities that have insect or disease outbreaks, and need suppression treatments. The deadline for funding requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 forest insect and disease suppression projects is **October 28, 2017**.

When considering project selection we look at: the purpose and need for the project (we provide funding for insect and disease suppression treatments only), a completed biological evaluation by our field staff, and DOD and Forest Service priorities. Each branch must enter project proposal information directly into Forest Service, FHP database found at: <http://svinetfc8.fs.fed.us/fad/>. Information required for submitting a proposal is located in the Forest Service publication FS-3400, which is posted at: http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/docs/pest_project_proposal_fs_3400_2.doc.

We also request that DOD accomplishments for the FY 2016 forest insect and disease projects be entered into the same database by **October 28, 2016**. It is important that funding and accomplishments are entered into the database so we can track the success of the projects and address any future needs. To initiate this process, DOD branch staffs should contact FHP field offices; a directory can be found at: http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/publications/FHP_Staff_Directory_final.pdf

We have worked with Douglas Burkett (douglas.a.burkett.civ@mail.mil) to keep him informed of the FY 2017 proposal process, and Doug has coordinated projects with Branch pest management staffs. After we have reviewed all project proposals, we will discuss our proposed allocations with DOD and then transfer funds.



Please direct any questions or need for assistance (including access to the database) to Bob Rabaglia, Forest Health Protection Liaison at (703) 605-5338, or brabaglia@fs.fed.us .

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank Sapio (for)

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