



# Invasive Species and Emerald Ash Borer Workshop

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 - 9:30am to 4:00pm  
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## Discussion Notes\*

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### ► Do you have a plan?

- No plan yet—concerned about salvage/liquidation. It will take quite a few years to conduct this.
- What does the community want?
- Where is it? What could be done with it?
- When should cutting take place?
- Is there a market for ash? Ash is currently not the most popular species for lumber. Ash can be used for pulp production.
- Pulp wood would have to be shipped off the reservation.

### ► Planning for EAB arrival

- 1st Entry—keep BA and structure in place during thinning
- 2nd Entry—remove rest of ash
- Even-aged vs. All-aged will dictate different approaches
- Loose ash diminishes diversity of the Northern hardwood forest.

### ► Which agencies would you plan to work with on an EAB action plan?

- Some of this is dictated by law.
- Menominee has a good relationship with many agencies.
- Get industry involved early.
- Agencies—don't come in and tell tribes what to do.
- Tribes—use knowledge base within community.
- How do we communicate with each tribe? No one group? Work with each tribe.
- Must consider cultural issues!!
- MOU could outline a process.
- It is never too early to start building alliances.
- Take draft response plan to tribes and discuss how to work together to address issues.
- What gateway activities are taking place? These need to be shared with tribes.
- Tribes could identify where high-risk areas are for introduction and initiate surveys together with USFS.

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- Campsites on tribal land are high-risk locations.
- Tribal newspapers should be used for widespread communication.
- Data-sharing agreement is in place in Michigan—must have one in Wisconsin.
- MSU extension email group; Tribal Invasives email group.
- Funding climate is shaky right now. Be aware of this as you are making plans.

### ► Other issues?

- USFS lands—very difficult to cut without a great deal of paperwork and approvals.
- Michigan—MOU between APHIS and USFS dictates process for cutting on FS lands.
- NEPA—Important part of the process that addresses some of the cultural issues.

### ► Next steps?

- BIA has to be part of process.
- Start environmental assessments soon so tribes work together to assess impact and plan for future.
- Are arborists part of this mix? Yes, they are an extremely important part of the detection program and will be included more in the future.
- What about Beech Bark Disease? It is in UP and may be more critical to address.

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