

South Dakota Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

FOREST HEALTH PROJECTS



2008 PROGRAM IMPACTS

- Over 284 insect and disease assists to homeowners and state and private landowners
- Cooperated with SD Department of Game Fish and Parks to cut over 21,000 trees infested with mountain pine beetle and protect a relic stand of limber pine.
- Cooperated with sawmills in the Black Hills on an Ips beetle trapping project to protect adjacent private lands from beetles escaping the mill yards.

KEY SERVICES PROVIDED:

- technical assistance to landowners, other government agencies, and businesses
- protection of South Dakota's forest resources
- statewide pest surveys
- pest management and control recommendations
- insect and disease training for natural resource professionals and landowners

HOW SOUTH DAKOTANS BENEFIT:

- professional insect and disease advice and assistance to homeowners and private forest landowners
- timely and unbiased information on forest health issues from knowledgeable professionals

FOREST HEALTH ISSUES:

- mountain pine beetles continue to affect thousands of trees on all forested lands in the Black Hills
- emerald ash borer is a huge potential threat to ash trees statewide
- two-lined chestnut borers continue to attack and kill bur oak in western SD
- trees are beginning to recover from the drought experienced the past 8 – 10 years



South Dakota Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry: Conserving, protecting, improving and developing the natural resources of South Dakota for its citizens.

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