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Forest Insects, Diseases and Invasive Plants Working Group

2021 Report to the NAFC

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WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

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WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES 2019-2021

- ✓ A multiagency **knowledge and technology transfer workshop on gypsy moth** was scheduled for March 2020 but was cancelled due to travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ A working group introductory and engagement session for newly appointed U.S. members was held in December 2019.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2021-2023

- ✓ Revisit the working group's five-year strategic plan. The current plan focuses on the following priority work areas:
 - Forest health monitoring and analysis, including urban forest health issues.
 - Impacts and adaptation to variations in climate and forest conditions.
 - Intergovernmental coordination to address shared forest pest issues.
 - Maintenance of scientific capacity to support science-based programs and policies.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2021-2023

- ✓ Forest insects and diseases of concern to Canada, Mexico and the United States:
 - Update to a NAFC report on this topic published in 1967.
- ✓ Advance discussion on a collaborative project about forest health monitoring in Mexico



Lessons learned, challenges and issues for the attention of Commissioners

- ✓ Travel restrictions have limited the ability of the working group to meet. Virtual options are not suitable for practical workshops/training that require physical presence of participants.
- ✓ In alignment with discussions at the last two Commission's meeting, and based on current working group membership and priorities, it is recommended to limit the scope of the working group to insects and diseases.





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