FINAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

COOPERATIVE GYPSY MOTH ERADICATION PROJECT
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1. Introduction

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), is proposing an eradication program with the goal of eliminating one isolated infestation of the non-native gypsy moth, Lymantria dispar (Linnaeus), in King County, Washington in the spring of 2007.

2. Environmental Analysis and Documentation

In 1995, the USDA Forest Service and APHIS prepared a final environmental impact statement, "Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: a cooperative approach", (hereinafter referred to as FEIS), which described and analyzed methods of gypsy moth control available for use in USDA cooperative programs. WSDA is proposing nothing that was not analyzed in the 1995 FEIS. Therefore, a new programmatic environmental impact statement will not be required.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) is "tiered" to the FEIS in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (40 CFR 1502.20 and 40 CFR 1508.28). This EA provides the basic background information necessary for the site-specific analysis of the potential environmental effects of WSDA's proposed 2007 Cooperative Gypsy Moth Eradication Project. The FEIS and this site-specific EA jointly constitute the environmental analysis and documentation required under NEPA.

Copies of the FEIS and the EA are available for review at:

Washington State Library
6880 Capitol Blvd. S
Tumwater, WA 98501

and

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
APHIS Library, 1st floor
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737

and

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
22000 Marine View Drive S., Suite 201
Des Moines, WA 98198

Additional environmental analysis and documentation has been prepared to satisfy Washington State requirements under Chapter 43.21 (c) of the Revised Code of Washington (State Environmental Policy Act or SEPA), and Chapter 197-11 of the Washington Administrative Code (SEPA rules).

Copies of the SEPA documentation are available for review at:

Washington State Library
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3. History and Scope of Project

Since its accidental release in the United States in 1869, the European strain of gypsy moth has spread throughout New England and areas to the north, south and west. It has become established in all or parts of 19 states, the District of Columbia, and parts of Canada. It continues to spread to uninfested areas. The gypsy moth has caused dramatic economic, social, and ecological impacts throughout the infested area (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 1, p. 4).

The European strain of the gypsy moth has been found every year in Washington State since 1974 with the exceptions of 1976 and 1977. The European gypsy moth is usually introduced to Washington State by people visiting or relocating from the infested area of eastern North America. For more than 25 years, WSDA has successfully detected and eradicated new introductions of gypsy moth.

In 1991, the Asian strain of the gypsy moth was found for the first time in Oregon, Washington, and in British Columbia, Canada. Eradication projects conducted in 1992 successfully eliminated the insect from those areas. WSDA has detected and treated introductions of the Asian strain of the gypsy moth in 1991-92, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1999-2000. These eradication projects have been successful. The Asian strain poses a far greater risk of rapid spread than the European. Unlike females of the European strain, females of the Asian strain may fly and deposit an egg mass miles from where they feed as caterpillars. The Asian strain also poses a greater risk of damage because it feeds on a greater variety of plants (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 1, p. 4).

For more information on how the different strains/populations of the gypsy moth are to be treated please see USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 1, pp. 9-11.

4. Decisions to be made

There are three significant decisions, which must be made as a part of evaluating a gypsy moth control action.

The first decision to be made is whether to propose a gypsy moth control project (the absence of a control project is a no-action alternative). The second decision to be made is whether or not tiering this environmental assessment to the USDA 1995 FEIS is appropriate. The third decision to be made is whether to proceed with the preferred alternative as described in the FEIS.

B. Proposed Action

Strategies described in the FEIS depend upon the infestation status of the area: generally infested, transition, or uninfested. The three strategies of suppression, eradication, and slow the spread -- or their absence – are included in the six alternatives described in the FEIS. The sixth alternative is the preferred alternative presented in the FEIS. The sixth alternative is comprised of all three strategies.

Based on the infestation status of "no established population", Washington State's strategy in 2007 will be eradication.

For a more detailed description of the alternatives described in the FEIS, please refer to an excerpt from the FEIS in Appendix B of this EA.

Treatments available for eradication projects include: (the biological insecticides) Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (B.t.k.) and the gypsy moth nucleopolyhedrosis virus (Gypchek); a chemical insecticide (diflubenzuron); and treatments employing mass trapping, mating disruption, and sterile insect release techniques. A detailed description of these treatments is available in Appendix A of the FEIS.

C. Need For Action

1. Economic, Social, and Ecological Impacts

In order to avoid undesirable economic, social, and ecological impacts to residents, communities and businesses in Washington State, WSDA in cooperation with USDA APHIS, proposes to eradicate one isolated infestation of European gypsy moth. The proposed treatment area is in the city of Kent, King County.

Trapping (utilizing pheromone-baited traps) and/or visual inspections for alternate life stages such as egg masses have detected gypsy moth infestations in the aforementioned area. The gypsy moth is able to survive and reproduce in Washington State, as evidenced by numerous past isolated infestations. The current infestation, if left unchecked, could spread across a large area.

Trees in forests and orchards, and residential and municipal shade trees and landscape plantings would be damaged and killed. Recreational and aesthetic values associated with trees and forested land would be diminished (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 2, p. 29). Species composition of the vegetation on forested land could change, affecting the quantity and variety of food available for wildlife (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 2, p. 23).

Water quality could be adversely affected in a number of ways including: 1) increased siltation from rapid runoff of rainfall from defoliated areas; 2) increases in water temperature as it flows through areas made shadeless; and 3) nutrient overloading from the deposition of large quantities of caterpillar droppings (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 2, pp. 24-25).

The pesticide load in the environment would likely increase in quantity, variety, and net detrimental environmental impact as home and business owners respond to ever-increasing numbers of gypsy moth caterpillars, the damage they cause, and the nuisance they represent (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 4, p. 76).

Human health effects associated with the presence of large numbers of gypsy moth caterpillars have been reported, including rashes and welts typical of allergic reactions, and respiratory complaints. These effects have been attributed to the irritating nature of the bristles found on the caterpillars. In some instances the reactions have been severe enough to require medical attention (USDA, 1995, vol. III, chapter 3, pp. 2-3), (Allen et, al., 1991), (Tuthill, et al., 1984), (Aber, et al., 1982), (Beaucher and Farnham, 1982), (Shama, et al., 1982).

Agricultural, horticultural and forestry enterprises are dependent upon markets beyond the borders of Washington State. Washington must be able to comply with the plant pest and disease regulations of the Federal government, other states, and international markets. The establishment and spread of the gypsy moth in Washington State would result in the imposition of quarantines (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 2, p. 29). The levels of production and value of plant products would be adversely affected.

2. Project Goals and Objectives

The WSDA, in cooperation with USDA-APHIS and other appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, proposes to take action to eradicate one isolated infestation of European gypsy moth in the City of Kent, King County. The action will be designed to give the project the best chance for achieving the goal of eradicating the gypsy moth infestation while minimizing risks to human health as well as minimizing detrimental environmental consequences. This action will be taken in order to prevent the establishment and spread of this pest insect and thereby avoid the adverse economic, social, and ecological effects associated with large-scale gypsy moth infestations.

D. Authorizing Laws and/or Policies

1. State Authorizing Laws

WSDA has authority under Chapter 17.24 of the Revised Code of Washington, Insect Pests and Plant Diseases, to eradicate or control insect pests that may endanger the agricultural and horticultural industries in the state of Washington.

2. Federal Authorizing Laws

The USDA-APHIS has broad discretionary authority to prevent the establishment or spread of plant pests. See 1995 FEIS, volume 2, chapter 1, pages 8 and 9, "Statutory Authorities", for more information.

3. Environmental Laws and Other Regulations

Many environmental laws, authorities and Executive Orders of the President influence how actions to manage pests, including the gypsy moth, are implemented at the site-specific level. Such laws include the National Environmental Policy Act; the Washington State Environmental Policy Act; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. See 1995 FEIS, volume 2, chapter 1, pages 8 and 9, "Statutory Authorities", for more information.

II. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND ISSUES

A. Public Notification and Involvement

WSDA conducts on-the-ground inspections in early fall 2006. Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) employees searched for egg masses and other evidence of gypsy moth activity in numerous communities (including Kent) where multiple moth catches had been made in summer 2006. During these inspections, contact was made with local residents. WSDA employees explained that gypsy moths had been caught in the neighborhood, and they were looking for other evidence of a reproducing population.

WSDA sends letters to locally elected officials in Kent on December 12, 2006. Officials receiving letters included the state senator and two state representatives from the 33rd legislative district; King County Executive and members of the King County Council; and mayor and city council members of Kent. The letters stated:

1. A reproducing population of gypsy moth had been located in the city of Kent.
2. WSDA is proposing to eradicate the infestation with a biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki (Btk)* in spring 2007.
3. WSDA will soon begin a public information campaign to inform local residents and community leaders of the infestation and proposed treatment.

WSDA dispatches news release to local media December 20, 2006: The news release stated WSDA was proposing to treat a 25-acre site in the city of Kent in spring 2007. The purpose of the treatment was to prevent the European gypsy moth from becoming established in that community. The news release also stated:

1. Before the proposal is approved, WSDA will prepare a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental assessment for public review and comment, and consult with other state and federal agencies on the proposal.
2. Businesses (there are no residents in the proposed treatment area) whose properties are located in the treatment area would receive a written invitation to attend a community open house in early February. At the open house citizens will be able to review display boards, pick up written information, view a videotape, and ask questions of entomologists about the proposed treatment.
3. Citizens are encouraged to call the WSDA toll-free hotline (1-800-443-6684) or visit the WSDA Web site (www.agr.wa.gov, click on "gypsy moth") if they had any questions on the proposed treatment.

Local media publicizes proposed treatment in Kent: Two local newspapers published articles announcing the proposed treatment and providing information about the open house. The *King County Journal (south edition)* published an article on December 23rd 2006. Articles appeared in the *Kent Reporter* on January 3rd and February 3rd 2007.

WSDA delivers 30 letters to Kent businesses in or near the proposed treatment zones on January 30, 2007. The letters stated:

1. A reproducing population of gypsy moth exists in your neighborhood.
2. WSDA is proposing a series of treatments of a biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis* var*. kurstaki*, beginning in April or May to eradicate the destructive pest.
3. You are invited to an open house (details were contained in the letter) to learn more about the proposed treatment.
4. Please call WSDA's toll-free hotline (1-800-443-6684) or visit the WSDA web site at www.agr.wa.gov, click on gypsy moth, for more information.

Enclosed with the letter were a gypsy moth fact sheet and a map of the proposed treatment site.

WSDA dispatches an electronic email to stakeholders and local elected officials on February 1, 2007: The email stated that a community open house would be held in Kent on February 6th to:

1. Discuss strategies and treatments for addressing gypsy moth infestation in Washington.
2. Discuss why eradication is the strategy selected to respond to infestations in Washington.
3. Discuss the process used by WSDA to evaluate and propose a treatment.
4. Inform the public of the opportunity to comment on the SEPA and NEPA documents.

WSDA holds community open house in Kent on February 6, 2007. The open house was held in the multi-purpose room at Kent Elementary School. The event was organized as follows: Six stations were set up in the school library. Subject matter experts from WSDA were present to provide information and answer questions. The six stations were:

1. Details of the WSDA 2006 gypsy moth summer trapping program
2. Details of boundaries of WSDA's proposed treatment site.
3. Details of the process WSDA follows in proposing, evaluating, and deciding whether a proposal to treat will take place.
4. WSDA reference material table where attendees with technical questions could get answers.
5. State Department of Health/Seattle-King County Public Health station where questions on the human health aspects of the proposal were addressed.
6. Station where attendees could view a 14-minute videotape on how the gypsy moth has expanded from a single house in Medford, Massachusetts in 1869 to more than 156 million acres today.

WSDA emphasized several major points at open houses:

1. Destructiveness of the gypsy moth.
2. How the pest gets to Washington.
3. How the pest damages the environment and the economy.
4. Results of WSDA's summer trapping program.
5. Evidence supporting the eradication proposal.
6. Boundaries of the proposed treatment zone.
7. Proven safety record of the pesticide proposed for use.
8. The two environmental documents made available for public review and comment for an eradication proposal.
9. The opportunity residents have to comment on the environmental documents.
10. Treatments available to control gypsy moths.
11. Why eradication is the best strategy for Washington.
12. Failure of early attempts in the late 1800s, 1900s to eradicate the moth.
13. Where 84 treatments have been conducted in Washington.
14. The process WSDA follows to deciding whether or not to conduct a treatment.

Attendees also received a packet to take home with them containing the following handouts:

1. Why the gypsy moth is one of the worst pests ever brought into the U.S.
2. How the gypsy moth damages the environment
3. Purpose of gypsy moth open houses
4. Background data on the pesticide commonly used in eradication treatments
5. Washington State Department of Health fact sheet
6. Map of the proposed treatment zone

7. Map showing the spread of the gypsy moth in U.S. from 1900 to 2000
8. Photos of America's first major gypsy moth outbreak in 1889
9. Where 84 gypsy moth eradication treatments have been conducted in Washington since 1979
10. Advantages and disadvantages of six treatments available to WSDA to control gypsy moths
11. The eight steps WSDA goes through in deciding to conduct an eradication treatment
12. Why eradication is the best of four basic strategies for Washington

B. Issues and Concerns

Concerns were raised about the proposed treatments, their effects on human health and on non-target organisms. Those issues raised are addressed in this EA and in the FEIS to which this EA is "tiered".

III. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

A. 2007 SITE DESCRIPTION (see Appendix C for maps)

Kent (Renton, WA 7.5X15 minute quadrangle, S24 T22N R4E)

- King County, Washington

- Approximately 25 acres

- Zoning
  GC: General Commercial
  GC-MU: General Commercial/Mixed Use
  MR-M: Medium Density Multifamily

- Approximately 30 businesses (no residents) in the proposed treatment area.

- Proposed Area
  The approximate center of the 25 acre proposed treatment site on Washington Avenue, midway between Meeker St. and Willis St.

- Vegetation
  Canopy coverage is less than 10%, tree height is variable with deciduous trees in excess of 50 feet.

- Critical/Sensitive Areas
  Steep Slopes (minimum 40%)
  Wetland area (0.5 acres)

- Catch History
  Four European Gypsy Moths were caught in the area during the 2005 summer survey.
  43 European Gypsy Moths were caught in the area during the 2006 summer survey.

- Alternate Life Stages
  Two pupal cases were found in the area during the fall of 2006.
  Several egg masses were found in the area during the fall of 2006.

B. Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species

As required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the USDA is taking part in section 7 consultation with both the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). A biological assessment has been prepared by the USDA for this project. The biological assessment concludes that this project will have no effect on the threatened or endangered species that are known to occur in King County, Washington. The biological assessment is currently under review by USFWS for concurrence.

In addition the WSDA has consulted with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These agencies provided maps or other data intended to aide in the identification of habitats of concern and the presence of listed, proposed, candidate, threatened or endangered species. See Appendix D.

The information provided by WDFW Priority Habitats and Species Program did not identify any threatened or endangered species on this site, however, one bald eagle nesting site was listed as occurring in the area. The listed nesting site is over one mile from the proposed site. The information provided by WDFW from their lepidopteran database found no butterfly species of concern in the immediate area or within a 5-mile radius of the area.

The Green River is approximately 520 feet (0.1 mile) south of the proposed site. WDFW lists the presence of priority anadromous fish including coho salmon, sockeye salmon, pink salmon, fall chinook, fall chum, winter steelhead, summer steelhead, and bull trout. Resident cutthroat is the priority resident fish presence listed by WDFW for the Green River.

The DNR Washington Natural Heritage Program reviewed their Natural Heritage database. The DNR found no records for rare plants or high quality native ecosystems in the vicinity of this project. See Appendix D.

C. Other Environmental Consultation

The federal Clean Water Act (FWCA, 1972), and later modifications (1977, 1981, and 1987), established water quality goals for the navigable (surface) waters of the United States. One mechanism for achieving the goals of the Clean Water Act is National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA has delegated responsibility to administer the NPDES permit program to the state of Washington on the basis of Chapter 90.48 RCW, which defines Ecology's authority and obligations in administering the wastewater discharge permit program.

Therefore the Department of Ecology has issued the following permit: Permit NO: WA0039047. Title: “Invasive Moth Control National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Waste Discharge Permit” from the State of Washington Department of Ecology. In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington as amended and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (The Clean Water Act) Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq. Washington State Department of Agriculture is authorized to discharge to waters of the state in accordance with the special and general conditions that follow. The permit authorizes discharge of insecticides into surface waters of the state of Washington that are consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit for the purpose of invasive moth control.

IV. TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES

A. Treatment Alternatives

WSDA is proposing to conduct an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to eradicate gypsy moth in Washington State. Integrated Pest Management involves selecting those options and techniques that give the best chance of meeting the project goal of eradication. The FEIS contains a range of alternatives from which WSDA has selected an IPM strategy. The treatment alternatives detailed in the FEIS include:

1. Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (B.t.k.)

2. Diflubenzuron

3. Gypchek

4. Mass trapping

5. Mating disruption

6. Sterile release

B. Preferred Treatment Alternative

The WSDA/USDA-APHIS gypsy moth eradication project IPM strategy proposed for 2007 includes the use of the biological insecticide (B.t.k). Ground-based equipment will be utilized at the Kent site. Ground-based applications may include the spreader-sticker Bond. Treatments will also include visual inspections for and removal of egg masses when found, and be followed up by delimitation trapping. This IPM strategy will give the project the best chance to achieve the goal of eradicating the gypsy moth infestations while minimizing risks to human health and minimizing detrimental environmental consequences.

Details of the proposed application:

Ground-based applications will involve three-five treatments of Foray XG (EPA Reg. No. 73049-46) Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (B.t.k.) applied at label rate. The treatments would occur during the period between April 1 and June 30, 2007. Exact timing of the applications would be dependent on development of gypsy moth larvae and/or foliage as determined by WSDA.

A spreader-sticker (Bond) may be utilized as an adjuvant at label rate. Mixing the formulation with adjuvants for gypsy moth eradication projects has been common practice (USDA, 1995, vol. II, A-4).

All ground applications will be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and will adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures developed by WSDA for this project. See Appendix E.

Follow up:

A follow up trapping program employing pheromone-baited traps in the summer of 2007 will contribute to the success of the eradication project by removing males from any residual population, delimiting the location of any residual populations of Gypsy moths, and aiding in the evaluation of the project.

In the event of multiple moth catches in a treatment area, visual inspections for alternate life stages (egg masses etc.) will be performed in the fall of 2007. Visual inspection will help determine if re-treatment actions should be considered.

C. Treatment Alternatives Not Selected

The remaining treatment alternatives available for this proposed eradication project, as outlined in the FEIS, were not selected due to lack of availability, unproven efficacy, or environmental/biological concerns (USDA, 1995, vol. II, pp. A3-10).

V. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

A. Human Health and Safety

1. Bacillus thuringiensis var. (kurstaki) (B.t.k.)

The use of B.t.k. for the eradication of isolated gypsy moth infestations is expected to have no adverse impact on human health or the environment. Various strains of Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) are a naturally occurring bacterial component of soils worldwide. Modern aqueous formulations of B.t.k. used in gypsy moth control projects contain no organic solvents and have an excellent safety record associated with their use in gypsy moth suppression and eradication projects. An exemption from the requirement of a tolerance has been established for residues of B.t.k. in or on all raw agricultural commodities. This exemption stipulates that manufacturers of B.t.k. test each lot for pathogenicity and vertebrate toxicity. See Appendix F for each Sample Label and MSDS.

A detailed discussion of the human health effects of B.t.k. may be found in the 1995 FEIS vol. II, chapter 4, pp. 13-17, and in vol. III, chapter 4.

Due to advances in scientific knowledge, the law requires that pesticides which were first registered before November 1, 1984 be reregistered to ensure that they meet today's more stringent standards. In March of 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency came out with a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (EPA, 1998) in which they concluded:

> Based on the reviews of the generic data for the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis*, the Agency has sufficient information on the health effects of *Bacillus thuringiensis* and on its potential for causing adverse effects in fish and wildlife and the environment. The Agency has determined that *Bacillus thuringiensis* products, manufactured, labeled and used as specified in this Reregistration Eligibility Decision, will not pose unreasonable risks or adverse effects to humans or the environment. Therefore, the Agency concludes that products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* for all uses are eligible for reregistration (EPA, 1998).

In the spring of 1999, Foray 48B was applied by aircraft to 52 square miles of Southern Vancouver Island to combat an infestation of European gypsy moth. Approximately 80,000 residents lived in the spray zones. The Capital Health Region coordinated a human health study of possible short-term health effects. The resulting report (Capital Health Region, 1999) concluded:

> The results of this project did not show a relationship between aerial spraying of Foray 48B and short-term human health effects. Although some people self-reported health problems that they attributed to the spray program, the research and surveillance methods used in this project did not detect any change in health status that could be linked to the spray program. Our results showed that many

of the health complaints people reported during the spray were as common in people before the spray as they were shortly after the spray. This conclusion is consistent with those of previous studies of the possible health effects of B.t.k.-based pesticide spray programs.

Exposure to B.t.k. spray resulting from its use as proposed in this gypsy moth eradication project is unlikely to cause significant human health effects. However, it is good practice to minimize exposure to any insecticide. One of the conclusions reached in the Oregon study by Green, et al. (1990), was that, "the level of risk for B.t.k. and other existing or future microbial pesticides in immunocompromised hosts deserves further study."

2. Bond

Bond may be used during ground-based treatments as an adjuvant with the insecticide. Bond is a non-ionic spreader-sticker which acts as an adjuvant when mixed with insecticides. Bond is not an eye or primary skin irritant per the Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act. In the unlikely event that over exposure were to occur, local irritation might be possible, especially in sensitive individuals. Systemic toxic effects are unlikely. See Appendix F for a Sample Label and MSDS.

3. General Precautions

The WSDA will take the following additional steps to assist the public in avoiding or reducing exposure to the spray material:

1. The Pesticide Sensitive Individuals database, maintained by the Pesticide Management Division of the WSDA, will be checked for people living in or near the proposed treatment area who require advance notification.

2. The WSDA will offer a toll-free telephone line with information regarding scheduled treatment days.

3. The WSDA will provide notification calls the day before scheduled applications to any resident in the proposed treatment area requesting them.

4. During ground treatments WSDA on-site spray block monitors will notify residents before the actual application to their property.

5. During ground treatments WSDA on-site spray block monitors will notify bicyclists, joggers and other pedestrians that they are approaching the treatment area.

6. Information will be provided to residents of the treatment area about how to avoid or reduce exposure to the spray material.

B. Non-Target Organisms

1. Animals

Bacillus thuringiensis var. (kurstaki) (B.t.k.)

A detailed discussion of the ecological effects of B.t.k. on non-target organisms may be found in the 1995 FEIS vol. II, chapter 4, pp. 52-55, and in vol. IV, chapter 5, pp. 5-10.

As used in gypsy moth eradication projects, B.t.k. has not been shown to adversely affect fish, birds, mammals, or most non-target insects, including honey bees (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 4, pp. 54-55). It is expected that B.t.k. may kill other lepidopteran larvae (leaf-eating caterpillars) if they are present in project areas when treatments occur. In turn, animals dependent on caterpillars as food theoretically may be affected. However, reductions in native caterpillar populations are expected to be temporary due to the brief residual effectiveness of B.t.k. deposits on foliage (4 to 10 days), the high reproductive capacity of most lepidoptera, and recolonization from adjacent untreated areas (USDA, 1995, vol. II, chapter 4, pp. 54-55). The small size of the proposed treatment areas should aid in the recolonization process.

A study conducted in Oregon in connection with gypsy moth control programs in 1986 and 1987 found reduced numbers of caterpillars immediately following B.t.k. treatments and reduced species diversity. This study also found that recovery in numbers of non-target caterpillars began the same season, but that recovery of species diversity lagged behind (Miller, 1990).

One study has shown that B.t.k. could interfere with the biological control of the noxious weed tansy ragwort by cinnabar moth larvae if applied to areas where the weed occurs when late-instar larvae are active (James, et al., 1993). However, an intentionally introduced species of flea beetle has more impact as the primary biological control agent on tansy ragwort (L.C. Burrill, et al. 1994). It is not anticipated that this proposed project would have any adverse impact on flea beetle populations.

Two studies examined the indirect effect of B.t.k. on the reproductive success of insectivorous birds through a possible reduction in food supply. The studies reported no significant differences between treated and untreated areas in numbers of eggs hatched or in nestling growth and development. When caterpillars weren't available, the birds switched to other available prey (Gaddis, 1987), (Gaddis and Corkran, 1986).

There is no evidence of significant adverse impacts of B.t.k. on aquatic organisms. In a study conducted on a benthic stream community there was no evidence that addition of B.t.k. to stream mesocosms created adverse effects for these communities even at greater than 100 times expected exposure rates (Richardson and Perrin, 1994).

2. Plants

Bacillus thuringiensis var. (kurstaki) (B.t.k.)

B.t.k. is non-toxic to plants. B.t.k. is sensitive to meteorological effects once it has been applied to plant surfaces. B.t.k. is readily removed from plant surfaces by rain and is rapidly degraded by sunlight (USDA, 1995, vol. IV, chapter 7, pp. 15). The use of Bond with ground-based equipment will help slow the removal and degradation of B.t.k. by both rain and sunlight.

Changes in soil productivity and fertility due to B.t.k. are not likely. B.t.k. persists for a relatively short time, B.t. is known to occur naturally in soils worldwide, and applications of insecticides containing B.t. do not appear to increase levels of B.t. in soil (USDA, 1995, vol. I, p. 19). For more information about the fate of B.t.k. in the soil refer to 1995 FEIS, vol. 4, chapter 7, p. 16.

3. Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species

No threatened, endangered, or sensitive species are known to be in or near the proposed treatment sites. In reference to the species listed in the Affected Environment section of this EA all occur well outside of the proposed treatment sites. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed use of B.t.k. would adversely affect these named species.

VI. MONITORING

During the treatment operation, a WSDA or USDA monitor will observe mixing and application of the spray material to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations and adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures. See Appendix E.

The treatment site will be intensively monitored in the summer of 2007 and 2008 using pheromone-baited traps to determine the effectiveness of the treatment, assist in the eradication and delimit any residual populations of gypsy moths. This monitoring may indicate a need for further action.

VII. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

No cumulative effects due to the proposed action are anticipated.

VIII. SUMMARY

This EA has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the proposed WSDA and USDA APHIS treatment program. This analysis was based on the 1995 USDA FEIS

entitled, "Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: a cooperative approach" and the preferred alternative strategy proposed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture and USDA-APHIS for eradicating Gypsy moths at one site in Washington State. The WSDA/USDA-APHIS gypsy moth eradication project strategy proposed for 2007 includes the use of the biological insecticide (B.t.k.) and the spreader-sticker Bond during ground-based treatments, followed up by trapping, visual inspections and removal of egg masses where appropriate. It is believed that this IPM strategy will give the project the best chance of achieving the goal of eradicating the gypsy moth infestation while minimizing risks to human health and the environment.

To summarize:

A. B.t.k. used as described in this Environmental Assessment presents minimal risk of significant impact on human health.

B. It is not anticipated that any non-target animal or plant populations would be adversely affected due to the limited size of the treatment area. Any detrimental effects on susceptible non-target organisms would be transient and these populations would recover as individuals from nearby untreated areas re-colonized the treatment areas.

C. No threatened, endangered, or sensitive species would be adversely affected by this eradication project.

D. No detrimental effects on vegetation, water, or soil are known or anticipated due to this eradication project.

E. No cumulative effects are known or anticipated.

IX. LIST OF AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONSULTED/NOTIFIED

Washington State Department of Health, Barbara Morrissey, for review of the proposed treatment with regard to human health concerns.

Seattle & King County Department of Public Health, Lee Dorigan, for review of the proposed treatment with regard to human healthy concerns.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program, Ms. Sandy Swope Moody, for review of the proposed treatment area for the presence of sensitive species or habitats.

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ms. Lori Guggenmos, for review of the proposed treatment area for the presence of sensitive species or habitats.

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ms. Ann Potter, for review of the proposed treatment area for the presence of sensitive lepidopteran species.

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Julie Stofel, for updated information on the presence of nesting eagles.

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APPENDIX B

Alternatives Described in 1995 FEIS

Alternative 1. No Suppression, No Eradication, No Slow the Spread

Under alternative 1, the Forest Service and APHIS would not suppress, eradicate, or slow the spread of the gypsy moth (*fig. 2-5*).

Implementation of alternative 1 would not reduce damage, prevent establishment, or slow the spread of the gypsy moth.

Alternative 2. Suppression

Under alternative 2, the Forest Service could conduct suppression projects and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct suppression projects (*fig. 2-6*).

The Forest Service and APHIS would not slow the spread in the transition area, and neither would eradicate isolated infestations.

Implementation of alternative 2 would help reduce damage caused by the gypsy moth in the generally infested area.

Alternative 3. Eradication

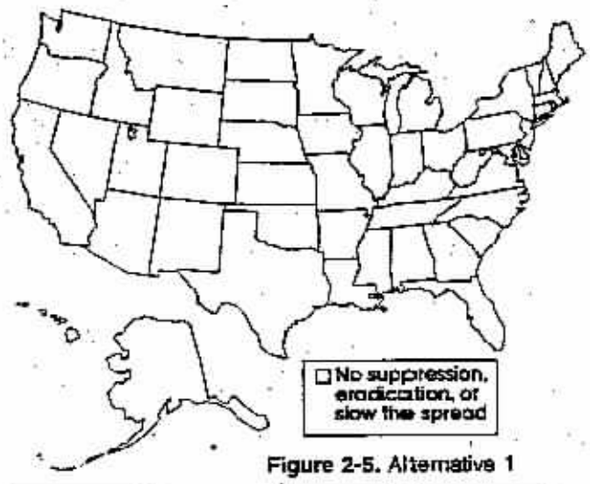
Under alternative 3 the Forest Service and APHIS could conduct eradication projects and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct eradication projects (*fig. 2-7*).

The Forest Service would make no coordinated effort to suppress the gypsy moth in the generally infested area. The Forest Service and APHIS would not slow the spread in the transition area.

Implementation of alternative 3 would prevent establishment of gypsy moth populations in the uninfested area. The Asian strain of the gypsy moth would be eradicated wherever it is found, including the generally infested area when the source of the introduction is known.

Alternative 4. Suppression and Eradication

Under alternative 4 the Forest Service could conduct suppression projects and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct suppression projects. The Forest Service and APHIS could conduct eradication projects, and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct eradication projects (*fig. 2-8*). This alternative proposes the continuation of gypsy moth strategies currently being implemented. Alternative 4 represents the "no action" alternative in that it would be no change from the current program.



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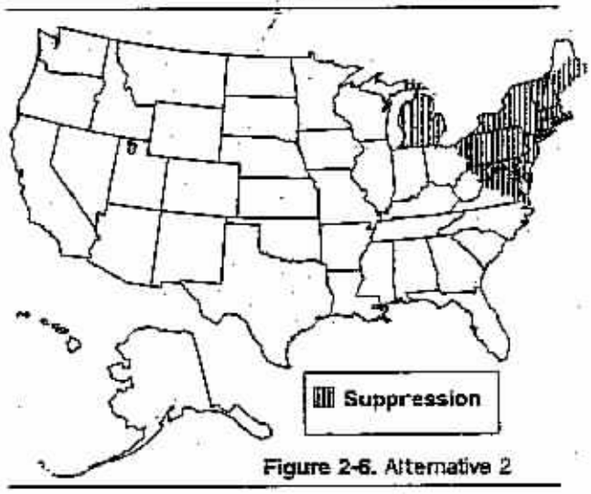

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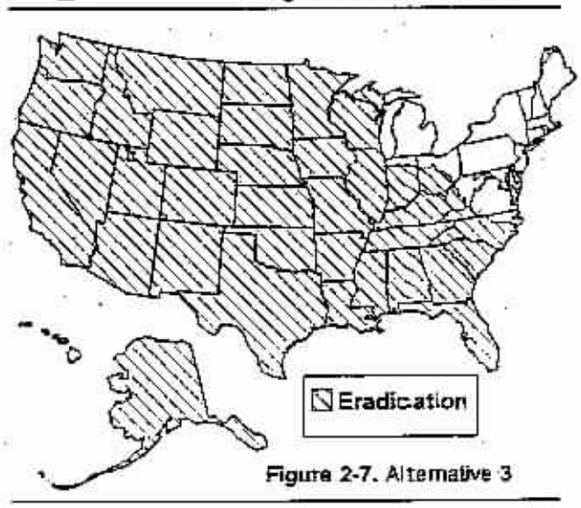

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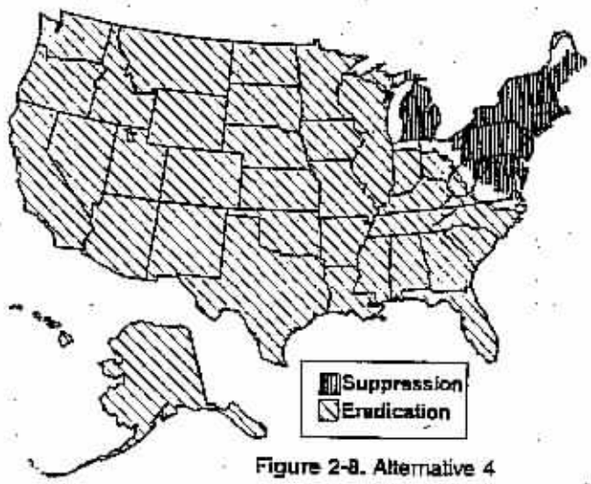


Figure 2-8. Alternative 4

USDA agencies would make no coordinated effort to reduce the rate of spread of the insect in the transition area.

Implementation of alternative 4 would reduce damage caused by the gypsy moth in the generally infested area and prevent establishment of gypsy moth populations in the uninfested area. The Asian strain of the gypsy moth would be eradicated wherever it is found, including the generally infested area when the source of the introduction is known.

Alternative 5. Eradication and Slow the Spread

Under alternative 5 the Forest Service and APHIS could conduct eradication and slow-the-spread projects, and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct eradication and slow-the-spread projects (*fig. 2-9*).

The Forest Service would make no coordinated effort to suppress outbreak populations of the gypsy moth in the generally infested area.

Implementation of alternative 5 would prevent establishment of gypsy moth populations in the uninfested area and slow the natural spread of the insect in the transition area. The Asian strain of the gypsy moth would be eradicated wherever it is found, including the generally infested area when the source of the introduction is known.

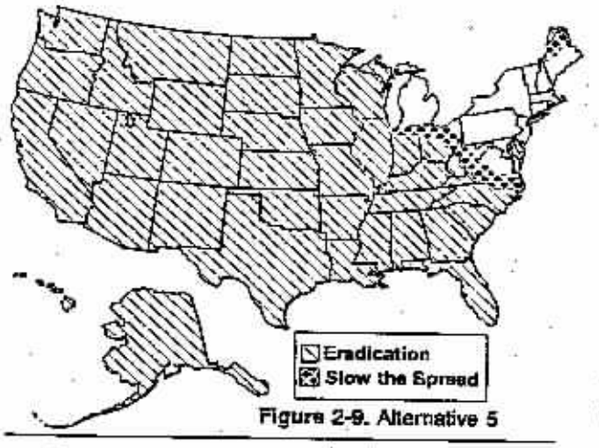
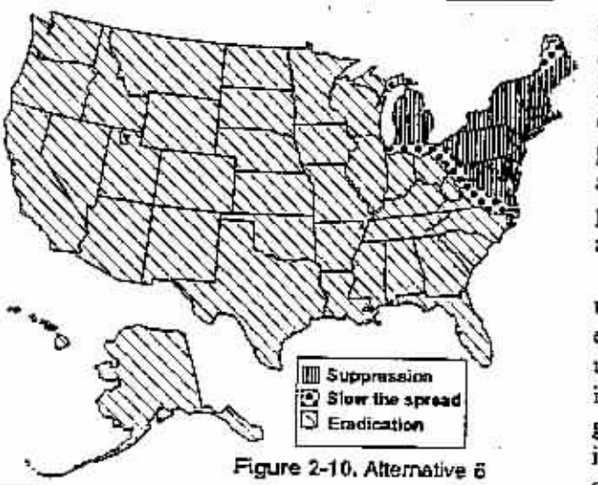


Figure 2-9. Alternative 5

Alternative 6. Suppression, Eradication, and Slow the Spread (Preferred)

Under alternative 6 the Forest Service could conduct suppression projects, and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct suppression projects. The Forest Service and APHIS could conduct eradication and slow-the-spread projects and cooperate with other Federal agencies and States to conduct eradication and slow-the-spread projects (*fig. 2-10*). Alternative 6 is the preferred alternative.

Implementation of alternative 6 would help reduce damage in the generally infested area, prevent establishment of gypsy moth populations in the uninfested area, and slow the natural spread of the insect in the transition area. The Asian strain of the gypsy moth would be eradicated wherever it is found, including the generally infested area when the source of the introduction is known.



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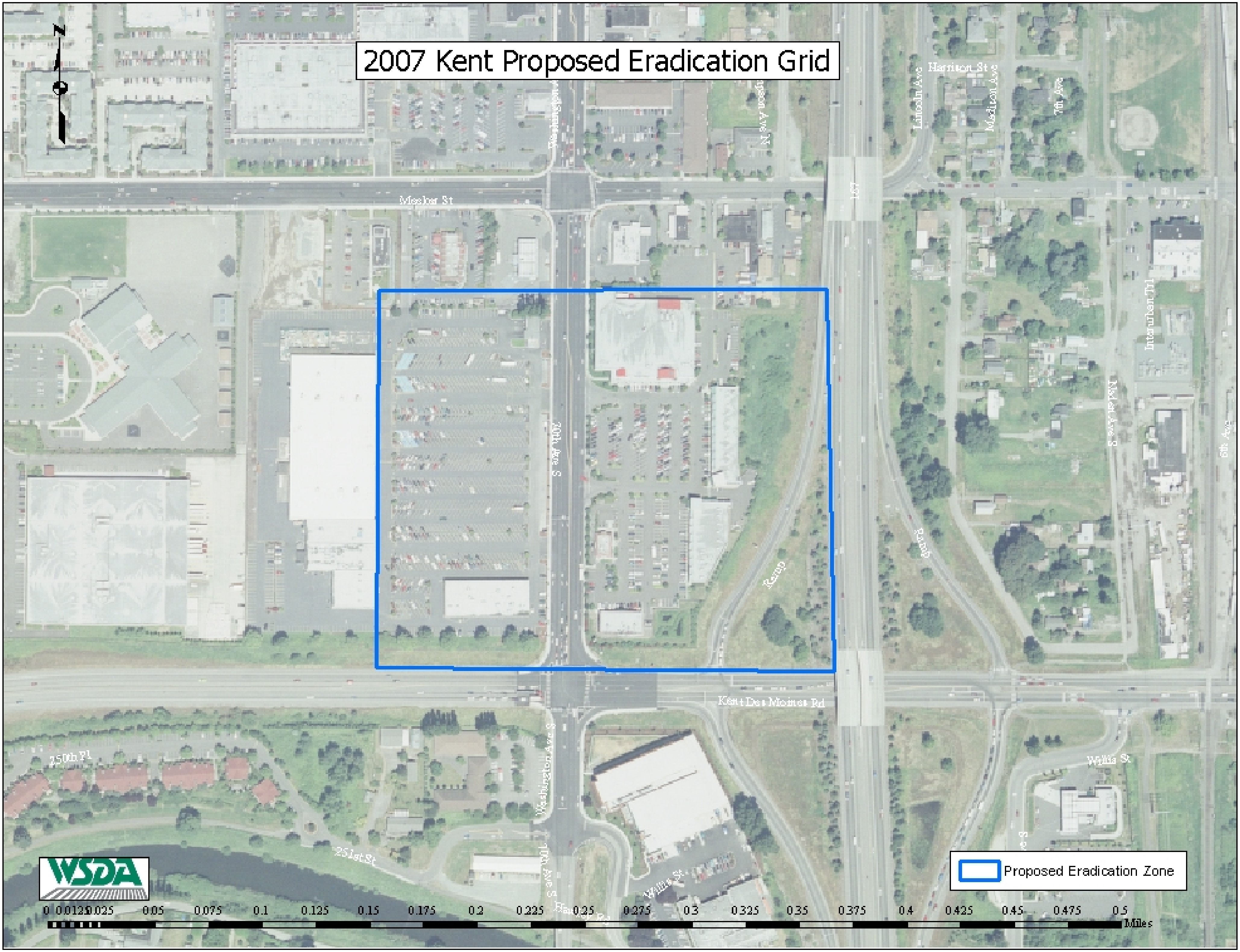
APPENDIX C

Treatment Site Maps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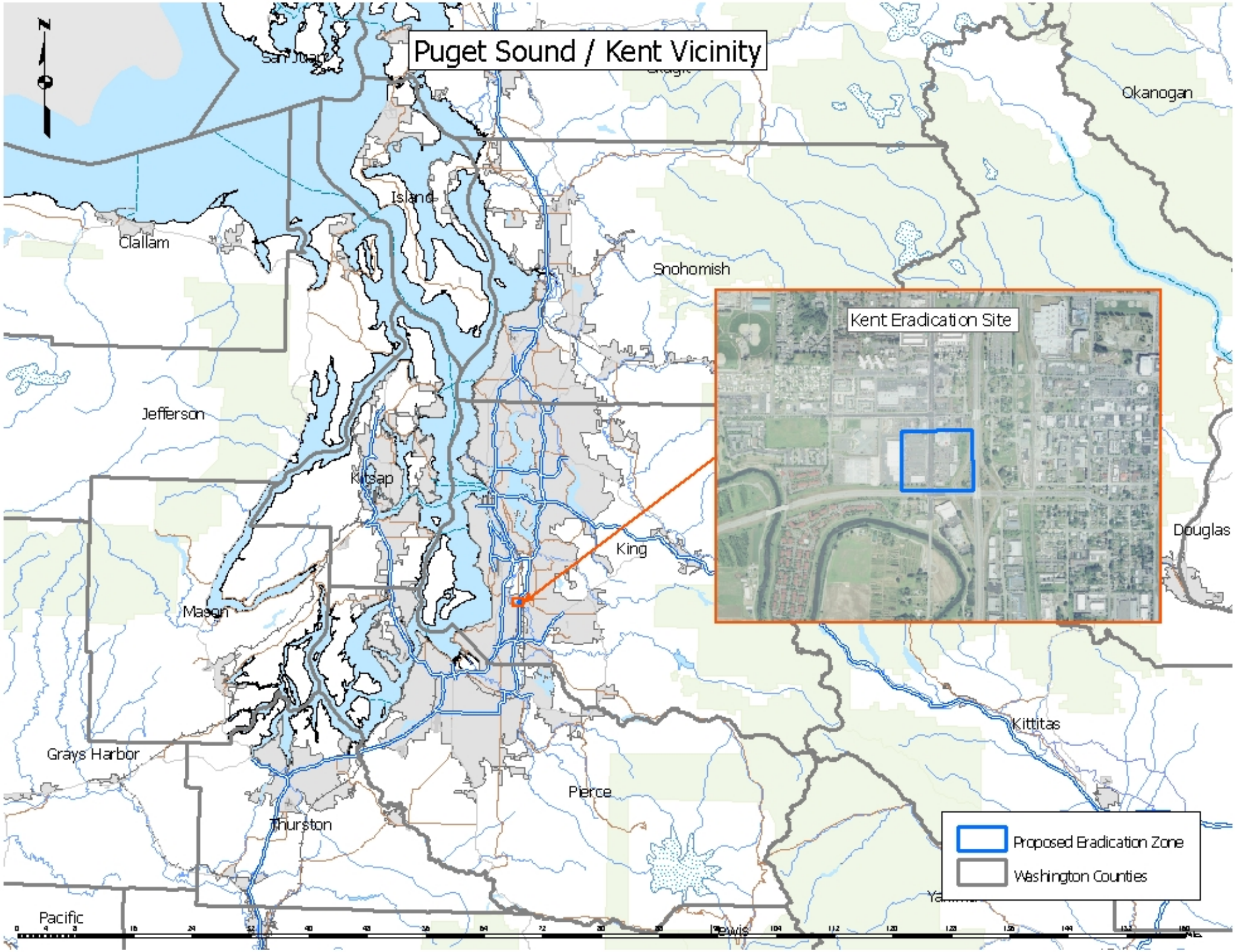
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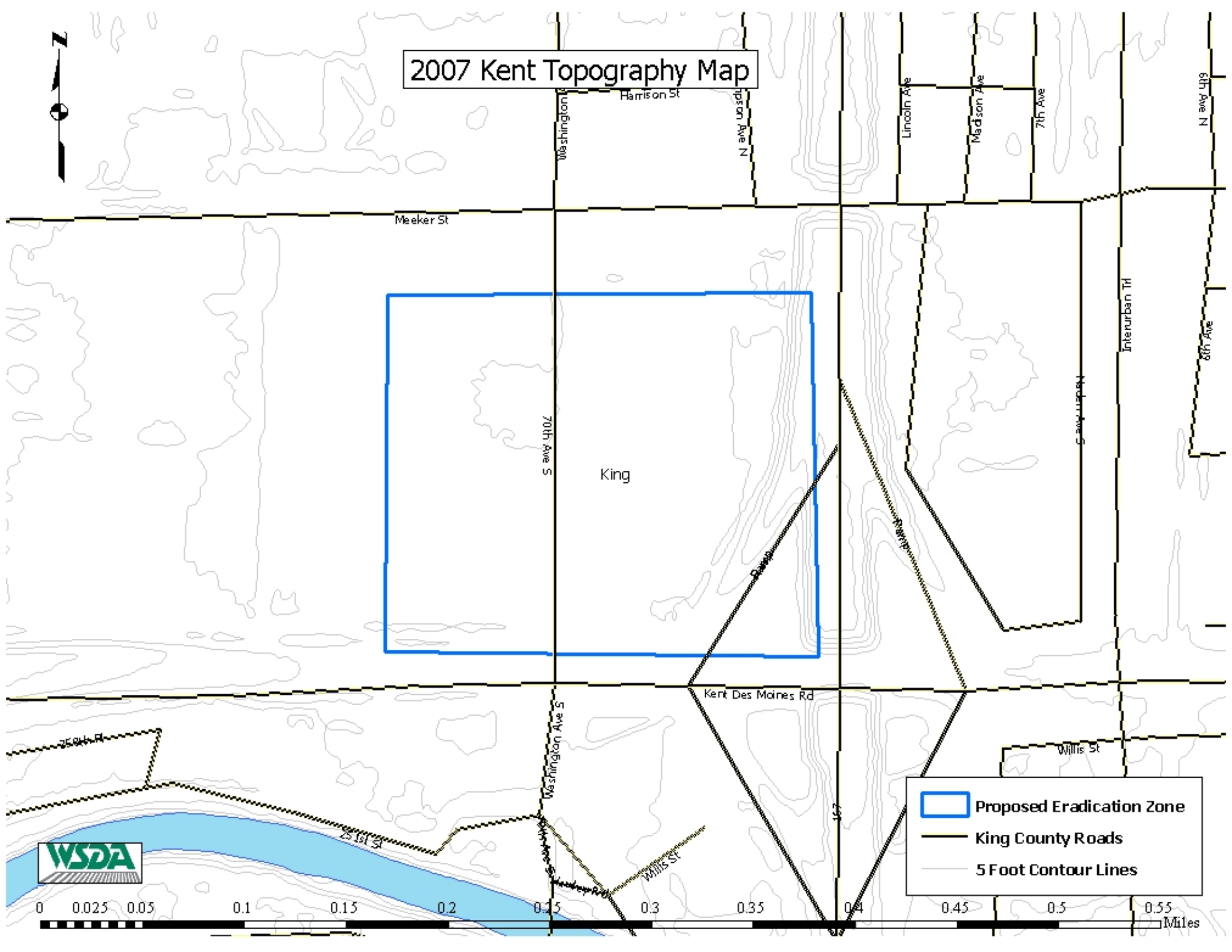
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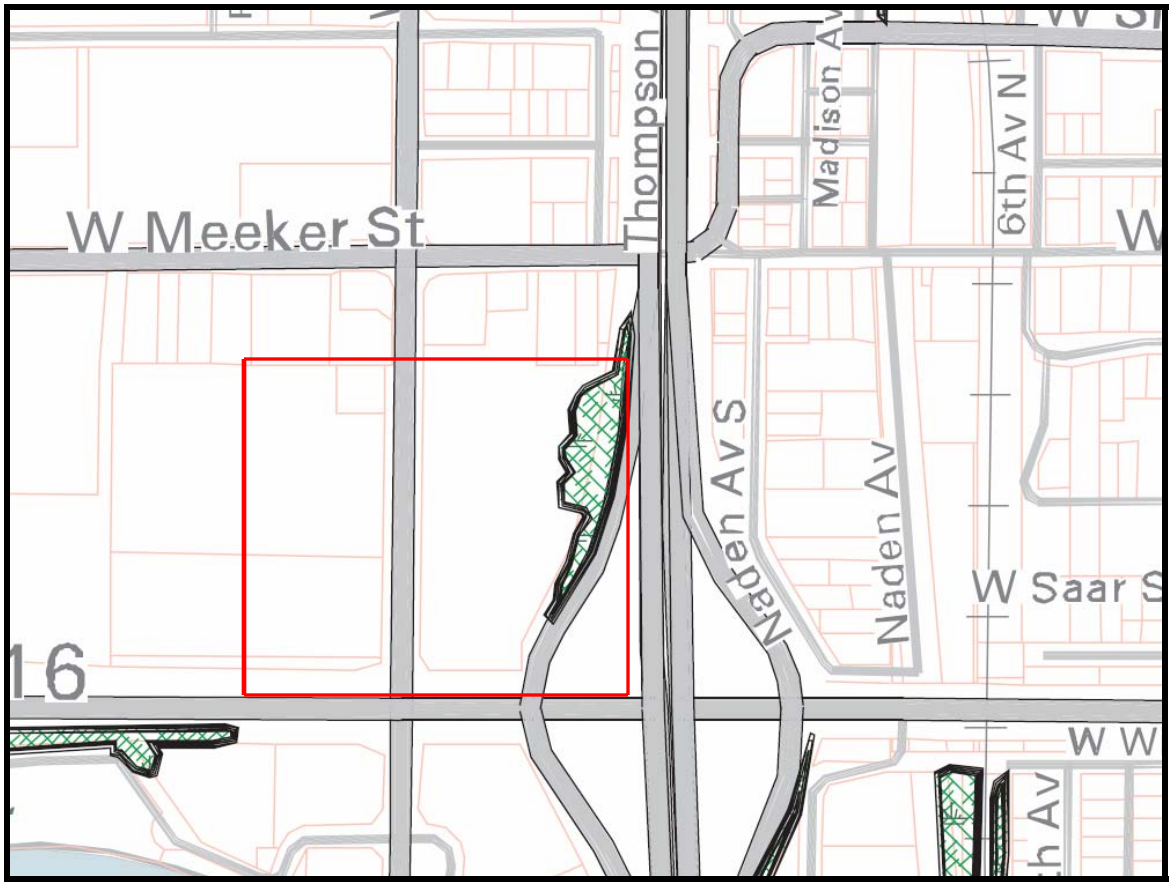

Wetland areas

Proposed treatment area

APPENDIX D

Letters Received Through Interagency Consultation Concerning Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species and Habitats

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

DOUG SUTHERLAND
Commissioner of Public Lands

December 27, 2006

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SUBJECT: Gypsy Moth Eradication Project, Kent, King County (T22N R04E S24)

We've searched the Natural Heritage Information System for information on significant natural features in your project area. Currently, we have no records for rare plants or high quality native ecosystems in the vicinity of your project.

The information provided by the Washington Natural Heritage Program is based solely on existing information in the database. In the absence of field inventories, we cannot state whether or not a given site contains high quality ecosystems or rare plant species; there may be significant natural features in your study area of which we are not aware.

The Washington Natural Heritage Program is responsible for information on the state's rare plants as well as high quality ecosystems. For information on animal species of concern, please contact Priority Habitats and Species, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia WA 98501-1091, or by phone (360) 902-2543.

Please visit our internet website at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/nhp for more information. Lists of rare plants and their status, rare plant fact sheets, as well as rare plant survey guidelines are available for download from the site. Please feel free to call me at (360) 902-1697 if you have any questions, or by e-mail at sandra.moody@wadnr.gov.

Sincerely,

Sandy Swope Moody

Sandy Swope Moody, Environmental Review and Grants Coordinator
Washington Natural Heritage Program

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February 12, 2007

Mr. Randy Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is in response to your December 27, 2006 request to review our butterfly records for the Washington Department of Agriculture's (WSDA) proposed 2007 gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) eradication. We have reviewed our butterfly data and evaluated site habitat conditions for the proposed Kent treatment area. According to your request letter, the proposed Kent treatment area is approximately 25 acres and located in T22N R4E S24.

We have reviewed our butterfly records and used aerial photos to evaluate local landscape and site habitat conditions at the treatment area for the potential to support rare, state candidate or state listed butterflies. We found no butterfly species of concern records in the immediate proposed *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk) application area or within a 5-mile radius of this area. The Kent treatment area is highly urbanized and vegetation conditions at and near these sites make it very unlikely that they could support rare lepidopterans.

We are generally cautious about the use of Btk, due to the potential for impacting local non-target lepidopterans, particularly low-dispersing species that are isolated or patchily distributed. However, given the habitat conditions present at the proposed treatment site, it is unlikely that such species inhabit this area. Direct effects on non-target lepidopterans and any associated indirect effects on non-target vertebrates are likely to be minimal and short-term as the application area is small and habitat within the area is similar to the surrounding landscape, factors that support lepidopteran recolonization. We recognize the importance and support early eradication of gypsy moth when populations become established in Washington. We encourage WSDA's participation in ongoing research to develop effective gypsy moth treatment methods that are less harmful to non-target Lepidoptera.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please contact me at 360-902-2496.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Cummins, Section Manager
for Ann E. Potter, Wildlife Biologist
Wildlife Diversity Division

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cc: Lora Leschner

APPENDIX E

Standard Operating Procedures

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

2007 Gypsy Moth Eradication Project

1. The health and safety of the public, employees of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, and their cooperators will be the first concern in implementing the project.

2. Mixing and application of the insecticide will be done only by an appropriately licensed applicator and will be done only under the supervision of a Washington State Department of Agriculture treatment site monitor.

3. The insecticide will be applied according to label directions.

4. Residents and businesses in the affected eradication area will be notified of the projected dates and times of insecticide applications through direct mailings, open house presentations, and press releases. Additionally, a manned 1-800 hotline will be established to address further resident concerns, comments, and project suggestions. Recommendations concerning health and welfare issues will be included in public outreach efforts.

5. The project will commence at the appropriate stage of leaf and/or larval development.

6. Weather conditions, particularly wind, will play the largest role in determining when an effective treatment can be made. In the event of rainfall before spray has had sufficient time to adhere to the foliage, a re-treatment may be necessary.

7. Spill control kits will be on site and readily available during all applications.

8. Treatments will not occur when wind speed exceeds 10 miles/hour.

9. Hydraulic apparatus pressures will be limited to that necessary to obtain thorough coverage to the tops of the tallest trees within the treatment area.

APPENDIX F

Product Labels & Material Safety Data Sheets

Valent BioSciences

Foray® XG

Biological Insecticide

Flowable Concentrate

For Urban, Home and Garden Use

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Bacillus thuringiensis, subsp. *kurstaki*, strain *ABTS-351*, fermentation solids and solubles	17.19%
OTHER INGREDIENTS	82.81%
TOTAL	100.00%

POTENCY: 10,600 Cabbage Looper Units (CLU/mg) of product (equivalent to 48 billion CLU/GAL).

The % active ingredient does not indicate product performance and potency measurements are not federally standardized.

EPA Reg. No. 73049-46

EPA Est. No. 33762-IA-001 List No. 60178

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION

1.0	FIRST AID
If on skin or clothing	• Take off contaminated clothing. • Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
If in eyes	• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. • Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
HOT LINE NUMBER	
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-877-315-9819 (24 hours) for emergency medical treatment and/or transport emergency information. For all other information, call 1-800-323-9597.	

2.0 PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

2.1 HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, open wounds or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

2.2 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Waterproof gloves
- Shoes plus socks

2.3 Non-Agricultural Use Requirements:

As a general precaution, when exposed to potentially high concentrations of living microbial products such as this, wear a dust particle mask when mixing or applying this product.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

2.4 User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of the gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

2.5 Environmental Hazards

Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwaters.

3.0 DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

4.0 NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements in this box apply to uses that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries or greenhouses.

Exposure of unprotected persons can be mitigated by directed spraying. Spray should be allowed to dry undisturbed.

Not for use on plants being grown for sale or other commercial use, or for commercial seed production, or for research purposes. For use on plants intended for aesthetic purposes or climatic modification and being grown in interior plantscapes, ornamental gardens or parks, or on golf courses or lawns and grounds.

Not for use on trees being grown for sale or other commercial use, or for commercial seed production, or for the production of timber or wood products, or for research purposes except wide-area public pest control programs sponsored by government entities, such as mosquito abatement, gypsy moth control, and Mediterranean fruit fly eradication.

Foray XG contains the spores and endotoxin crystals of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki*. Foray XG is a stomach poison and is effective against lepidopterous larvae. After ingestion, larvae stop feeding within hours and die 2-5 days later. Maximum activity is exhibited against early instar larvae. Before use, shake or stir the product. Add some water to the tank mix, pour the required amount of Foray XG into the tank and then add the remaining amount of water to obtain the proper mix ratio. Agitate as necessary to maintain the suspension. Use the diluted mix within 72 hours.

Ground Application

Use an adequate amount of tank mix to obtain thorough coverage without excessive run off. Use the indicated per acre dosages of Foray XG in up to the following amounts of water:

High-volume hydraulic sprayers	100 gallons
Mist blowers	10 gallons

5.0 APPLICATION

Foray XG may be applied by ground, undiluted or with quantities of water sufficient to provide thorough coverage of plant parts to be protected. The amount of water needed per acre will depend upon crop size, weather, spray equipment, and local experience.

Avoiding spray drift at the application site is the responsibility of the applicator. The interaction of many equipment-and-weather-related factors determine the potential for spray drift. The applicator and the grower/treatment coordinator are responsible for considering all of these factors when making decisions.

6.0 MIXING

Shake or stir Foray XG before use. If dilution is desired, fill spray or mixing tank half of the desired water. Begin agitation and pour Foray XG into water while maintaining continuous agitation. Add other spray material (if any) and balance of water. Agitate as necessary to maintain suspension. Do not allow diluted mixture to remain in the tank for more than 72 hours.

To improve weather-fastness of the spray deposits for hard to wet crops, such as cole crops, use a spreader-sticker approved for use on growing crops. Combinations with commonly used spray tank adjuvants are generally not deleterious to Foray XG, if the mix is used promptly. Before mixing in the spray tank, the testing of physical compatibility by mixing all components in a small container in proportionate quantities will identify possible problems. Checking with an adjuvant supplier for advice on spray adjuvants that are compatible with biological pesticides such as Foray XG, will help avoid incompatibilities.

7.0 SPRAY VOLUMES

Ground Application: Use indicated amount of Foray XG in ground equipment with quantities of water sufficient to provide thorough coverage of plant parts to be protected. The amount of water needed per acre will depend upon crop size, weather conditions, spray equipment used and local experience.

8.0 GENERAL AGRICULTURAL USE INSTRUCTIONS

Foray XG is a biological insecticide for the control of lepidopterous larvae. It contains the spores and endotoxin crystals of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki*. Foray XG must be ingested by the larvae to be effective. For consistent control, apply at first sign of newly hatched larvae (1st and 2nd instar larvae). Susceptible larvae that ingest Foray XG cease feeding within a few hours and die within 2-5 days.

Foray XG may be applied up to and on the day of harvest.

For maximum effectiveness follow the instructions listed below:

Monitor to detect early infestations.

Apply Foray XG when eggs start hatching and larvae are small (early instars) and before significant crop damage occurs. Larvae must be actively feeding to be affected.

Repeat applications every 3 to 14 days to maintain control and protect new plant growth. Factors affecting spray interval include rate of plant growth, weather conditions, and reinfestation. Monitor populations of pests and beneficials to determine proper timing of applications.

Under conditions of heavy pest pressures or when large worms are present use the higher rate, shorten the application interval, and/or improve spray coverage to enhance control. When these conditions are present, a contact insecticide can enhance control.

Thorough coverage is essential for optimum performance. Ground applicators equipped with directed drop nozzles can improve coverage.

8.1 Application Rates

Crop	Pests	Rate[1] (oz./1000 ft^2)
Forests and Shade Trees, Ornamentals, Shrubs, Sugar Maple Trees, Seed Orchards, Ornamental Fruit, Nut and Citrus Trees[2]	Gypsy Moth & Asian Gypsy Moth, Elm Spanworm	0.5-2.5
	Spruce Budworm, Browntail Moth, Douglas Fir Tussock Moth, Coneworm, Buck Moth	0.5-1.9
	Tussock Moths, Pine Butterfly, Bagworm, Leafrollers, Tortrix, Mimosa Webworm, Tent Caterpillar, Jackpine Budworm, Blackheaded Budworm, Saddled Prominent, Saddleback Caterpillar, Eastern and Western Hemlock Looper, Orangestriped Oakworm, Satin Moth	0.3-1.0
	Redhumped Caterpillars, Spring and Fall Cankerworm, California Oakworm, Fall Webworm	0.25-0.5
Fruiting Vegetables such as: Eggplant, Peppers, Tomatoes	Imported Cabbageworm, Diamondback Moth, Green Cloverworm	0.3-0.5
	Hornworms	0.15-1.0
	Tomato Fruitworm (Heliothis), Variegated Cutworm, Saltmarsh Caterpillar, Loopers	0.5-1.0
	Armyworms*	0.5-1.8
	European Corn Borer	1.0-1.3
Small Fruit and Berries such as: Blackberries, Blueberries, Currants, Raspberries, Strawberries, Cranberries	Gypsy Moth & Asian Gypsy Moth, Blueberry Leafroller, Loopers, Fruittree Leafroller, Grape Berry Moth, Oblique Banded Leafroller, Achema Sphinx Moth (Hornworm)	0.5-1.0
	Armyworms*	0.5-1.8
Brassica (Cole) Vegetables such as: Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collards, Kohlrabi	Hornworms	0.15-1.0
	Webworms, Loopers, Cutworms, Saltmarsh Caterpillar, Omnivorous Leafroller	0.5-1.0
	Diamondback Moth, Imported Cabbageworm, Green Cloverworm	0.3-1.0
	Armyworms*	0.5-1.8
	European Corn Borer	1.0-1.3
Ornamentals, Flowers, Bedding Plants	Armyworms*	0.5-1.8
	Azalea Moth, Diamondback Moth, Ello Moth (Hornworm), Io Moth, Loopers, Oleander Moth, Omnivorous Leafroller, Omnivorous Looper, Tobacco Budworm	0.3-0.5
Greenhouse and Outdoor Nursery Crops such as: Flowers, Brassica, Fruiting Groups, Herbs, and Leafy Vegetables	Armyworms*	0.5-1.8
	Heliothis spp, Loopers	0.3-0.5

Special Instructions

* Armyworm Control: Foray XG may be used to control small armyworms (first and second instar) when populations are light and full coverage sprays are applied. Repeat treatment as necessary. If late instar larvae or heavy populations are present, greater control can be achieved by adding a contact insecticide.

[1]Use the higher rates on advanced larval stages or under high density larval populations.

[2]In treating Gypsy Moth and Asian Gypsy Moth infected trees and shrubs in urban, rural, and semi-rural areas, exposure of non-target vegetation including, but not limited to, native and ornamental species and food or feed crops is permitted.

This product can be mixed and used with other pesticides only in accordance with the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions. This product cannot be mixed with any product containing a label prohibition against such mixing. No label dosage rates may be exceeded.

For smaller spray volumes mix the proper number of teaspoons of Foray XG from the following chart to attain the desired rates:

If the rate is:	Add this amount per gallon of mix:
0.15 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	½ teaspoon
0.3 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	1 teaspoon
0.5 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	1 ½ teaspoons
1.0 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	3 teaspoons
1.3 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	4 teaspoons
1.8 oz./1000 ft.^{2}	5 ½ teaspoons

9.0 STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal of waste.

Pesticide Storage: Store in a cool, dry place. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Store in temperatures above freezing and below 32˚C (90˚F).

Pesticide Disposal: Pesticide waste resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility in accordance with federal and local regulations.

Container Disposal: Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

Home Garden Use Disposal Instructions

Securely wrap original container in several layers of newspaper and discard in trash.

10.0 NOTICE OF WARRANTY

Seller makes no warranty, express or implied, of merchantability, fitness or otherwise concerning the use of this product other than as indicated on the label. User assumes all risks of use, storage or handling not in strict accordance with accompanying directions.

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BOND®

SPREADER STICKER
DEPOSITION AID

Principal Functioning Agents:

Synthetic latex and alcohol ethoxylate	55%
Constituents ineffective as spray adjuvant	45%
TOTAL	**100%**

CA Reg No 34704-50033
WA Reg No 34704-04003

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

CAUTION: Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Personal Protective Equipment: Wear Long-sleeved shirt and long pants, Socks, Shoes and Gloves.

First Aid: If on skin or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. **If in eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. **If swallowed:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have a person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. **If inhaled:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.

General: BOND is a very efficient sticker for agriculture and can be used in terrestrial or aquatic settings. BOND's adhesion properties increase initial deposition, reduces run-off and secures spray from rain or overhead irrigation. Apply sprays containing BOND at least one hour before an anticipated rain or overhead irrigation. Once the spray has dried, BOND will adhere the pesticides.

Directions for Use: SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE. Fill spray tank ½ full with water and begin agitation. Add pesticides as directed by the label while maintaining agitation and continue to fill. After pesticides are thoroughly mixed, continue agitation and add BOND at desired rate. Some pesticides have stated adjuvant use rates. In all cases, the pesticide manufacturer's label should be consulted regarding specific use recommendations and that rate followed. Do not add adjuvant at a level that would exceed 5% of the finished spray volume. For tank mix compatibility concerns, conduct a jar test of the proposed mixture to ensure compatibility of all components. Mix components in the same ratio as the proposed tank mix.

Suggested use rates: The sticking efficiency of BOND varies from pesticide to pesticide, so the usage rate will be association with the formulation being sprayed.

1 to 2 pints per 100 gallons
OR
2 to 4 fluid ounces per acre

Rinse tank and nozzles immediately after spraying. Observe the pre-harvest interval on the pesticide label when using BOND. No time limitations apply to non-food crops.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry place. Store in original container. Keep tightly closed. Do not reuse empty container.

Disposal: Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Wastes may be disposed of on-site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Triple rinse (or equivalent) adding rinse water to spray tank. Offer container for recycling or dispose of container in sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by appropriate authorities. Recycling decontaminated containers is the best option of container disposal. The Agricultural Container Recycling Council (ACRC) operates the national recycling program. To contact your state and local ACRC recycler visit the ACRC web page at www.acrecycle.org.

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FORAY® XG

MSDS# BIO-0009C
ISSUED 01/31/05

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

MATERIAL NAME: Foray® XG
EPA Reg. No.: 73049-46
Code Number: 11046, 12280, 34296
List Number: 60178, 60179, 60180
SYNONYMS:
Biobit® XL
DiPel 48A
Bactospeine XL
Foray 48BA
Foray 48B
MANUFACTURER:
Valent BioSciences Corporation
870 Technology Way, Suite 100
Libertyville, Illinois 60048
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Emergency Health or Spill:
Outside the United States: 651-632-6184
Within the United States: 877-315-9819

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME: Bacillus thuringiensis, var. kurstaki
CONCENTRATION: 17.19%
CAS NUMBER: 68038-71-1
OSHA-PEL
8HR TWA: N/L
STEL: N/L
CEILING: N/L
ACGIH-TLV
8HR TWA: N/L
STEL: N/L
CEILING: N/L
OTHER LIMITS
8HR TWA: N/A
STEL: N/A
CEILING: N/A
INGREDIENT NAME: Inert/Other ingredients - Proprietary Information
CONCENTRATION: 82.81%
CAS NUMBER: N/A
OSHA-PEL
8HR TWA: N/L
STEL: N/L
CEILING: N/L
ACGIH-TLV
8HR TWA: N/L
STEL: N/L
CEILING: N/L
OTHER LIMITS
8HR TWA: N/A
STEL: N/A
CEILING: N/A

3. HAZARDS INFORMATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: Product is non-toxic by ingestion, skin contact, or inhalation. May be irritating to skin and eyes.
ROUTE(S) OF ENTRY:
Skin: No
Inhalation: No
Ingestion: No
SKIN CONTACT: Mild irritant
SKIN SENSITIZATION: Possible mild sensitizer (unconfirmed)
EYE CONTACT: Mild irritant
TARGET ORGANS: N/D
CARCINOGENICITY RATING:
NTP: N/L
IARC: N/L
OSHA: N/L
ACGIH: N/L
None
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS: Direct contact with eyes or skin may cause mild irritation.
MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: N/D

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Remove from source of exposure. Flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation persists or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary.
SKIN: Remove from source of exposure. Flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation persists or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary.
INGESTION: Remove from source of exposure. If signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary.
INHALATION: Remove from source of exposure. If signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary.

5. FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES

FLASH POINT: N/A (Aqueous suspension)
FLASH POINT METHOD: N/A
LOWER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT(%): N/A
UPPER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT(%): N/A
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: N/A
FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Non-flammable and no explosive properties.
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Use appropriate media for underlying cause of fire.
FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Wear protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILL OR RELEASE PROCEDURES: Recover product and place in an appropriate container for disposal. Ventilate and wash the spill area.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: The usual precautions for handling chemicals should be observed.
STORAGE: Store in a closed container in a cool, dry place.
SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Keep impervious gloves on until all potentially contaminated personal protective equipment is removed.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Use local exhaust
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Not usually required. If necessary, use a dust/mist respirator meeting NIOSH standards of at least N-95, R-95 or P-95.
SKIN PROTECTION: Impervious gloves, clothing to minimize skin contact.
EYE PROTECTION: Not usually required. If necessary, use safety glasses or goggles.
OTHER PROTECTION: Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE/PHYSICAL STATE: Light brown aqueous suspension
ODOR: Pungent, musty odor
BOILING POINT: N/D
MELTING/FREEZING POINT: N/D
VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg): N/D
VAPOR DENSITY (Air=1): N/D
EVAPORATION RATE: N/D
BULK DENSITY: 1.12-1.2 g/cm3
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: N/D
SOLUBILITY: Readily mixable with water
pH: 4.1-4.8 as a 10% solution in water
VISCOSITY: N/D

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Not chemically reactive.
INCOMPATIBILITIES: Alkalinity inactivates product.
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Not known to occur.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Not known to occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity
ORAL LD50: N/D. > 5,000 mg/kg (rat) for a similar formulation. EPA Toxicity Category IV
DERMAL LD50: N/D. > 2,500 mg/kg (rabbit) for a similar formulation. EPA Toxicity Category III
INHALATION LC50: N/D. In a nose-only inhalation study with rats with a similar formulation, no lethality was observed at the highest attainable aerosol concentration of 6.81 mg/liter for 4 hours.
CORROSIVENESS: N/D. Not expected to have any corrosive properties.
DERMAL IRRITATION: Transient, slight or mild irritation noted in a dermal irritation study with a similar formulation. EPA Toxicity Category IV.
OCULAR IRRITATION: Transient, mild irritation was observed in test animals in a study a similar formulation. EPA Toxicity Category III.
DERMAL SENSITIZATION: N/D. The possibility of mild sensitization exists with this formulation, however, this has not been confirmed by actual experience.
SPECIAL TARGET ORGAN EFFECTS: N/D
CARCINOGENICITY INFORMATION: N/D. None of the components are classified as carcinogens.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION: Studies on non-targets have been performed without identifying any organisms at risk. The following species have been included in the testing: mammals (rats, rabbits); freshwater aquatic organisms (Daphnia magna, Rainbow Trout); birds (Mallard, Bobwhite); and non-target insects (Green Lacewing larvae, Ladybird Beetles, Honey Bee).

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS: Dispose of product in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT
STATUS: Not Regulated
PROPER SHIPPING NAME: N/A
HAZARD CLASS: N/A
UN NUMBER: N/A
PACKING GROUP: N/A
REPORTABLE QUANTITY: N/A
IATA/ICAO
STATUS: Not Regulated
PROPER SHIPPING NAME: N/A
HAZARD CLASS: N/A
UN NUMBER: N/A
PACKING GROUP: N/A
REPORTABLE QUANTITY: N/A
IMO
STATUS: Not Regulated
PROPER SHIPPING NAME: N/A
HAZARD CLASS: N/A
UN NUMBER: N/A
PACKING GROUP: N/A
REPORTABLE QUANTITY: N/A
FLASH POINT: N/A

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA STATUS: Exempt
CERCLA STATUS: N/D
SARA STATUS: N/D
RCRA STATUS: N/D
PROP 65 (CA): N/D

16. OTHER INFORMATION

REASON FOR ISSUE: Added alternate brand name (synonym) - Foray XG
APPROVAL DATE: 07/20/04
SUPERSEDES DATE: 06/11/04
Note: Combined and Replaced MSDS # BIO-0033 Rev 0.
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N/D = Not Determined
N/L = Not Listed
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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

BOND®

FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCY, SPILL, LEAK, FIRE, EXPOSURE OR ACCIDENT, CALL CHEMTREC - DAY OR NIGHT 1-800-424-9300

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

FORMULATED FOR:

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24-Hour Emergency Phone: 1-800-424-9300
Medical Emergencies: 1-800-301-7976
U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center: 1-800-424-8802

PRODUCT NAME: BOND®
CHEMICAL NAME: Carboxylated Synthetic Latex (combination of synthetic latex and primary aliphatic oxyalkylated alcohol)
CHEMICAL FAMILY: Mixture of surfactants (liquid detergent)
CALIF. REG. NO.: 34704-50033
WASH. REG. NO.: 34704-04003
MSDS Number: BND-04 **MSDS Revisions:** New **Date Of Issue:** 07/20/04 **Supersedes:** New

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. WARNING. Primary routes of entry are eye contact and skin contact

This product is a sticking agent with surfactant. This product is a white liquid with paint-like odor.

3. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Ingredients:	Percentage by Weight:	CAS No.	TLV (Units)
Synthetic Latex	45.00	Mixture	Not established
Primary Aliphatic Oxyalkylated Alcohol	10.00	Mixture	Not established
Inert Ingredients	45.00		

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air. If victim has difficulty breathing, seek medical attention.
Eye Contact: Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes; get medical attention.
Skin Contact: Wash with soap and water; remove contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
Ingestion: First aid is not normally required. If symptoms persist get medical attention.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT (°F/Test Method): >212°F / >100°C (PMCC)
FLAMMABLE LIMITS (LFL & UFL): Not established
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Dry chemical or carbon dioxide (CO_2), foam or water spray/fog.
HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear.
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: None.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (refer to Section 8). Pick up the material with absorbent material and place in a container for proper disposal in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.
ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS: Keep spills and cleaning runoff out of municipal sewers and open bodies of water.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: Keep out of reach of children. This material may cause eye and skin irritation. Wash thoroughly after handling.
STORAGE: Keep unused material in original container. Store in a cool dry place. Do not reuse empty container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Work in well-ventilated area. Local exhaust may be required if working in confined space.
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator for pesticide handling if necessary.
EYE PROTECTION: Chemical goggles or face-shield.
SKIN PROTECTION: Wear long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks.

	OSHA PEL 8 hr TWA	ACGIH TLV-TWA
For product	not listed	not listed

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE AND ODOR: White liquid with paint-like odor.
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Water = 1): 1.01 g/ml
VAPOR PRESSURE: Not established
PERCENT VOLATILE (by volume): Not established
BULK DENSITY: 8.43 lbs/gal.
BOILING POINT: Not established
EVAPORATION RATE: Not established
SOLUBILITY: Dispersible
pH: 7.4 (1% solution)
Note: These physical data are typical values based on material tested but may vary from sample to sample. Typical values should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis of any specific lot or as specification items.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable
CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None known.
INCOMPATIBILITY: Low pH (strong acidic conditions) will cause coagulation. Excessive free metallic ions may cause coagulation.
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Carbon monoxide from burning.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Oral LD_{50} (rat): > 5000 mg/kg
Eye Irritation (rabbit): Moderate eye irritant
Inhalation LC_{50} (rat): 4.73 mg/L.
Acute Dermal LD_{50} (rabbit): >2000 mg/kg
Skin Irritation (rabbit): Slight skin irritant
Skin Sensitization: Not a sensitizer.
Carcinogenic Potential: Not listed by OSHA, NTP, IARC, and ACGIH as a known human carcinogen

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

May be toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates.

Guppy: 96 HR LC_{50}: 12.7 mg/L – 96 HR No Effect: 5.8 mg/L. **Daphnia Magna:** 24 HR EC_{50}: 5.2 mg/L – 24 HR No Effect: 1 mg/L

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not reuse product containers. Triple rinse (or equivalent), adding rinse water to spray tank, then offer for recycling at an ACRC site (go to http://www.acrecycle.org/ for locations) or by reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities. Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Shipping Description: NOT REGULATED BY USDOT.
Freight Classification: ADHESIVES, ADJUVANTS, SPREADERS OR STICKERS (NMFC 4610; CLASS: LTL 60, TL 35)
Consult appropriate ICAO/IATA and IMDG regulations for shipment requirements in the Air and Maritime shipping modes.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

NFPA & HMIS Hazard Ratings:

NFPA		HMIS	
2	Health	2	Health
2	Flammability	2	Flammability
0	Instability	0	Reactivity
		H	PPE

0	Least
1	Slight
2	Moderate
3	High
4	Severe

SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting SARA Title III Hazard Category:

Immediate	Y	Fire	N	Sudden Release of Pressure	N
Delayed	N	Reactive	N		

Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA: Not listed
SARA, Title III, Section 313: Not listed
RCRA Waste Code: Not listed
CA Proposition 65: Not listed

16. OTHER

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Finding of No Significant Impact
For
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

2007 APHIS Cooperative Gypsy Moth Eradication Program
Site-Specific Environmental Assessment

The United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, (WSDA), proposes an eradication program to eliminate isolated infestations and/or introductions of the non-native Gypsy Moth, *Lymantria dispar*, (Linnaeus), in King county, Washington during the spring of 2007. Under the process described in the National Environment Policy Act, 1969 (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to analyze the effect of the proposed action at the site-specific level. The environmental consequences of this program are analyzed in the EA, which is supported by and tiered to the "Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: *a cooperative approach*, Final Environmental Impact Statement, November 1995," (FEIS). The USDA examined the six alternatives available in the FEIS and has selected the preferred Alternative 6, which consists of suppression, eradication, and slow the spread. Under Alternative 6, several treatment options are available for Gypsy Moth management. The treatment options analyzed included:

1) No action
2) *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk); a biological insecticide
3) Diflubenzuron; a chemical insecticide
4) Gypsy Moth nucleopolyhedrosis virus (NPV) or Gypchek; a biological insecticide
5) Mass trapping, Gypsy Moth traps with disparlure to attract male Gypsy Moths
6) Mating disruption, aerial application of disparlure
7) Sterile insect release, release of sterile of partially-sterile Gypsy Moth life stages

The potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures of these treatment options are descried in the FEIS and EA. The EA was prepared by the USDA and WSDA. The FEIS and EA are available for review at the following locations:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Office of the State Plant Health Director
22000 Marine View Drive S., Suite 201
Des Moines, WA 98198

Washington State Library
6880 Capitol Blvd. S
Tumwater, WA 98501

USDA-APHIS-PPQ
APHIS Library, 1st Floor
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737

A cooperative USDA/WSDA eradication project is selected. This cooperative program selects the preferred Alternative 6: specifically eradication, due to the geographic location of Washington State. The USDA/WSDA Gypsy Moth eradication strategy proposed for 2007 includes utilizing three to five ground applications of the biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, (Btk), applied to all foliage within the treatment areas. The insecticide may be mixed with the spreader-sticker Bond during ground treatments. The success of the applications will be monitored by intensive trapping in the summer of 2007.

All of the comments on the Draft EA have been reviewed. The issues raised in the comments are addressed in the FEIS and the EA. For more information on the implementation of this program, please refer to the site specific 2007 EA. Implementation of this program, with associated operating procedures and mitigation measure as identified in the EA, would ensure that no significant adverse environmental impact would occur to the human environment.

Reasons for the finding of no significant impact include:

A. Btk used as described in the Environmental Assessment presents minimal risk of significant impact on human health.

B. It is not anticipated that any non-target animal or plant populations would be adversely affected due to the limited size of the treatment areas. Any detrimental effects on susceptible non-target organisms would be transient and these populations would recover as individuals from nearby untreated areas re-colonize the treatment areas.

C. No threatened, endangerered, or sensitive species would be aversely affected by this eradication project.

D. No detrimental effects on vegetations, water, or soil are known or anticipated due to this eradication project.

E. No cumulative effects are known or anticipated.

This EA is consistent with Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." The implementation of this cooperative USDA/WSDA eradication project will not result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on any minority populations and low-income populations. As required by the Executive Order of the President, opportunities for full participation in the NEPA process by such populations have been provided.

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