Emerald Ash Borer Workshop Scheduled for June 18

Warren, Pa. (May 26, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest and the National Wild Turkey Federation are hosting an informational workshop about the emerald ash borer. The workshop will be held on June 18, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Allegheny National Forest Supervisor's Office, 4 Farm Colony Dr., Warren, Pennsylvania.

Emerald ash borer is an exotic, wood boring beetle native to Asia that attacks all species of North American ash trees. It has killed an estimated 50 million ash trees in the United States and Canada since 2002. “This workshop is designed to help area landowners learn about this invasive pest that is devastating all North American ash species, and has established infestations across much of the ANF region,” said Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist.

Several EAB experts will present information on a broad range of topics regarding EAB, including:

- Emerald ash borer biology, history introduction and spread (Dr. Houping Liu, Entomologist, PA DCNR)
- Pennsylvania Ash Management Plan (Dr. Donald Eggen, PA DCNR)
- Long-term ash conservation/seed collection protocols (Robert Karrfalt, USFS National Seed Laboratory)
- EAB impacts on forests; survivor ash; resistance breeding program; and recommendations for landowners (Dr. Charlie Flower, University of Illinois at Chicago)

For more information about this workshop, please contact:

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The Allegheny National Forest is also planning two projects regarding the study and treatment of the emerald ash borer. Information about these projects can be found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/allegheny/landmanagement/projects

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