

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Forest Health and Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring Agreement With Iowa State University Department of Entomology

Commission approval is requested for a \$30,000 contract (\$12,000 for continued and expanded forest entomology education and technical assistance and \$18,000 for expanded emerald ash borer monitoring, education, and technical assistance) between Iowa State University Department of Entomology and the Iowa DNR. The agreement is required for the Forestry Bureau to receive Federal Forest Health Program funding.

The Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau Forest Health Program is closely coordinated with the USDA Forest Service (USFS) Forest Health Program. Through a cooperative agreement with the USFS, Iowa DNR Forestry provides technical forest health monitoring and direct technical assistance to public/private forest landowners and to Iowa communities. The Iowa Forestry Bureau is receiving \$142,000 from the USDA Forest Service for forest health activities during Federal Fiscal Year 2008. As a condition of this funding, the Bureau must either have a Forest Entomologist or Forest Pathologist on staff or contract with an outside entity to have this expertise on retainer.

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