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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director

This letter announces fiscal year 2007 funding for the Forest Service Pesticide Impact Assessment Program (FSPIAP) studies. The program received five new proposals for study projects. All proposals were evaluated by a study review committee comprised of subject matter experts from Forest Health Protection, Vegetation Management and Protection Research, National Forest System Forest and Range Management staffs, and United States Department of Agriculture Office of Pest Management Policy. Studies were selected by a competitive process which considered responsiveness to national study priorities, technical quality, and cost-effectiveness. Two of the new proposals were highly rated and selected for award of funds. Additionally, three studies begun in fiscal year 2006 reported satisfactory progress, and will receive continued funding through fiscal year 2007.

A total of \$180,000 will be allocated to field units by Forest Health Protection to support these five studies. You will be receiving the funds for the approved projects soon in the Program Budget Advice. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these recommendations, please call Gary K. Smith, FSPIAP Program Manager, Forest Health Protection, at 703-605-5342.

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