

National Gypsy Moth Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

USDA Forest Service
Northeastern Area
State and Private Forestry



Description The gypsy moth, a nonnative invasive insect pest brought to the U.S. 130 years ago, causes millions of dollars in environmental and economic damage every year. Northeastern Area (NA) staff members are writing a national gypsy moth supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS), a project begun in FY 2004. The SEIS will continue the treatment options listed in the final 1995 EIS, which included: *Bacillus thuringiensus* var. *kurstaki* (Btk), diflubenzuron, nucleopolyhedrosis virus (Gypchek), mass trapping, mating disruption, and sterile insect release. In addition, the SEIS will consider adding the option to use tebufenozide (Mimic), and will provide a means to add new treatments to the gypsy moth management toolbox.

Key Issues

- Protect Federal lands and assist States and other cooperators in protecting non-federal lands from gypsy moth damage.
- Develop effective gypsy moth eradication, suppression, and slow-the-spread programs in cooperation with States and other cooperators.
- Provide an SEIS to serve as the basis for cooperators to develop local environmental analyses.

Accomplishments

- Completed final technical review and editing of the draft SEIS.
- In process of printing draft SEIS.

Budget History

National Gypsy Moth Supplemental Impact Statement (\$ Thousands)				
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Totals	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$200,000	

Future Direction

- Complete comment analysis for the SEIS.
- Complete technical review and editing for the final SEIS.

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