

Guidance - Management of Beech Bark Disease in Wisconsin  
Summary of Comments

Thank you for reviewing and providing feedback to the Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) proposed guidance titled “Management of Beech Bark Disease in Wisconsin”. One email comment was submitted to the Department during the public comment period. The majority of the suggestions were to make minor changes to clarify the meaning of the sentences. Other suggestions were to include important points in the management of emerald ash borer in the document. The use of more current FIA data was also suggested. Details of the suggestions and our responses to each suggestion were listed below. Changes were made accordingly, and the final guidance was issued on December 18, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyoko Scanlon at (608) 275-3275 or [Kyoko.Scanlon@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kyoko.Scanlon@Wisconsin.gov).

Page #	Original document	Suggestions	Change to the final guidance
1	“Since then, beech scale has been found across the range of American beech...”	“...across <u>most of</u> the range of American beech...”	Changed
1	“...we expect the same will occur as scale populations build.”	“...we expect the same will occur <u>in Wisconsin</u> as scale populations build.”	Changed
1	“There are an estimated 17 million beech...”	“There are an estimated <u>18</u> million beech...”	Changed
1	“...beech volume is estimated at 34 million cubic feet...”	“...beech volume is estimated at <u>37</u> million cubic feet...”	Changed (Note: acreage of maple-beech-birch group was also updated to 3.9 million acres)
2	“Beech scales, tiny, soft-bodied insects, contribute to BBD...”	“Beech scales are tiny, soft-bodied insects that contribute to...”	Changed
2		Move two sentences starting “Adult scales are immobile..” to the end of the paragraph	Changed
2	“...through the feeding wounds of the scale insect and kill areas...”	“...through <u>the scale insect’s</u> feeding wounds and <u>then</u> kill areas...”	Changed
2		Remove “Spores of Neonectria are spread by the wind.”	Not changed because it was considered useful information

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2	“Neonectria infections...”	“ <i>Neonectria</i> infections...”	Changed
3	“...diseased trees that are declining but not dead...”	Remove “that are declining but not dead”	No changed to maintain the emphasis of tree characteristic
3	“... <i>Neonectria</i> infection is killing beech.”	“... <u>beech bark disease</u> is killing beech.”	Not changed to maintain the emphasis of the fungal aspect of the disease
3	“...beech scale has been detected across the range of American beech...”	“beech scale has been detected across <u>most of</u> the range of ...”	Changed
3	“Retain vigorous trees...”	“Retain vigorous <u>beech</u> trees...”	Changed
3		Under “If beech is more than 20% of a stand’s basal area, add a sentence “It may be appropriate to coordinate harvesting activities to manage emerald ash borer and BBD at the same time.”	Changed
3		After “Promote species diversity within the stand...,” add “but do not encourage the growth of ash regeneration.”	Changed
3	“Identify and report beech that may be resistant to the beech scale.”	“Identify and report beech that remain alive with low scale population and/or an intact crown.”	Changed to add a sentence “(see the section “Resistant trees” for more information)”
4	“...at least 40 potential crop trees of any species...”	“...at least 40 potential crop trees of <u>non-ash</u> species	Changed
4	“...scales have remained scarce...”	“... <u>scale populations</u> have remained <u>low</u> ...”	Changed