

**32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FOREST HEALTH REVIEW, October 30, 2008**

You are cordially invited to attend the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Forest Health Review for Ontario. It will be held Thursday, October 30, 2008, in Orillia, Ontario at the Highwayman Inn, 201 Woodside Drive (Coldwater Road exit off Highway 11, (705) 326-7343).

This meeting addresses the current state of forest health conditions of Ontario's forests, and highlights the major factors affecting the health of Ontario's forests.

This year includes an update on emerald ash borer, with presentations on the status of the invasive insect in Ontario, techniques for surveying trees for early stages of infestation, and other current research results. There will also be information on the current status of the European woodwasp, on surveys for butternut canker, and regarding recent gypsy moth control programs. Other major forest disturbances will be covered, such as ongoing insect infestations and important weather events. In addition, the Ministry of Environment will provide an update on the provincial ban on cosmetic use of pesticides.

The information presented is for forest companies, resources managers and related industries, pest management companies, Conservation Authorities, stewardship councils, researchers and educators, media, private landowners, consultants, woodlot and cottage associations, and the public.

The meeting is hosted by the North Simcoe Private Land Stewardship Network, the Dufferin/South Simcoe Stewardship Council, and the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network.

There is no cost to the meeting and lunch is provided. If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Al Winters [Al.Winters@Ontario.ca](mailto:Al.Winters@Ontario.ca) to give us an idea of anticipated attendance and requirements for lunch.

Thank you

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