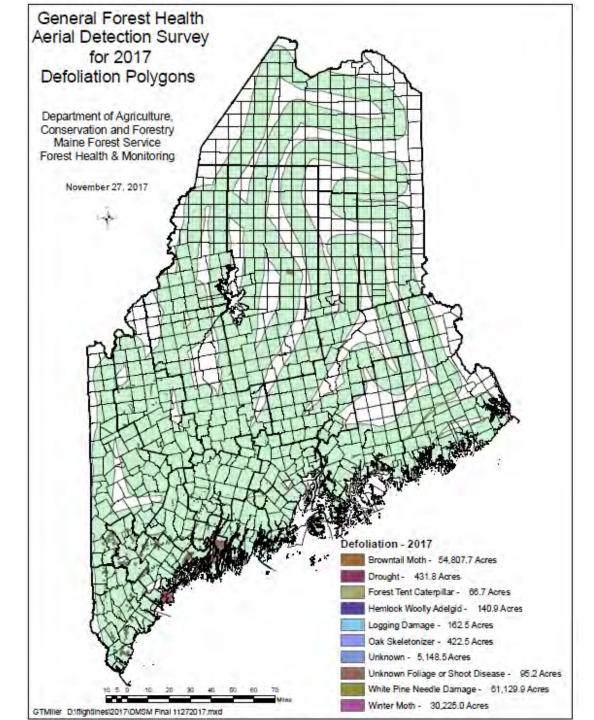
# Maine Forest Insect & Disease Update

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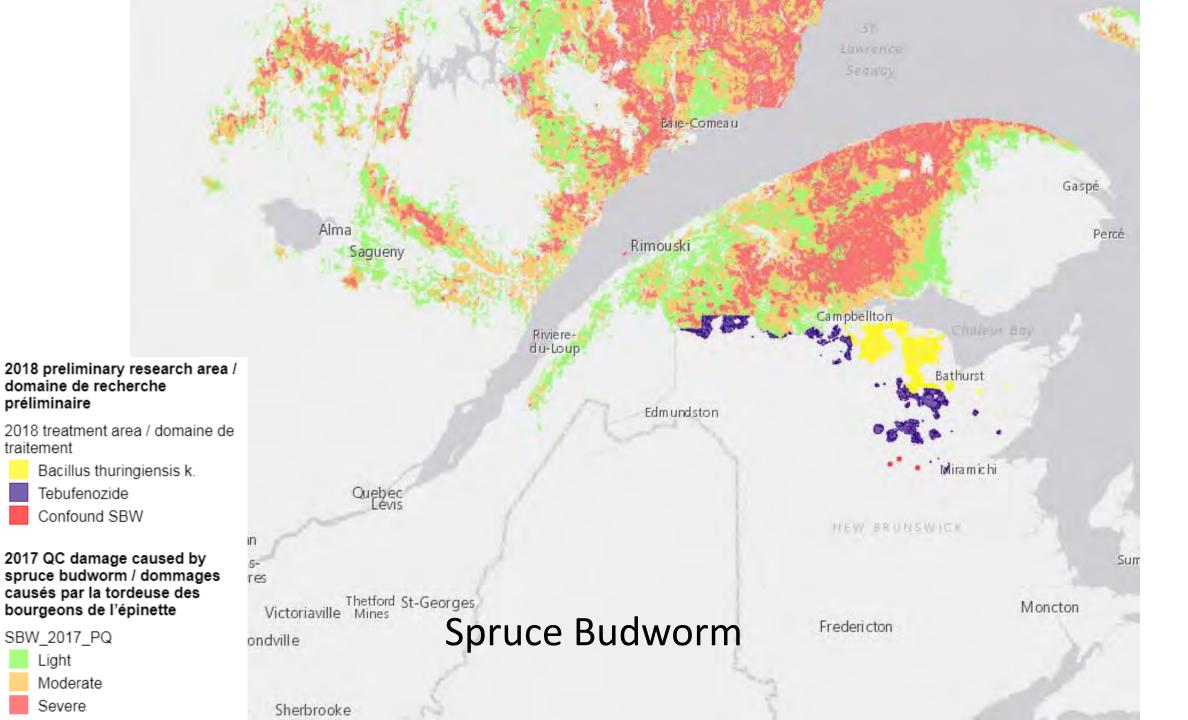
# 2017Aerial Survey

Damage Agents Acres Mapped (2016 numbers in Parentheses)

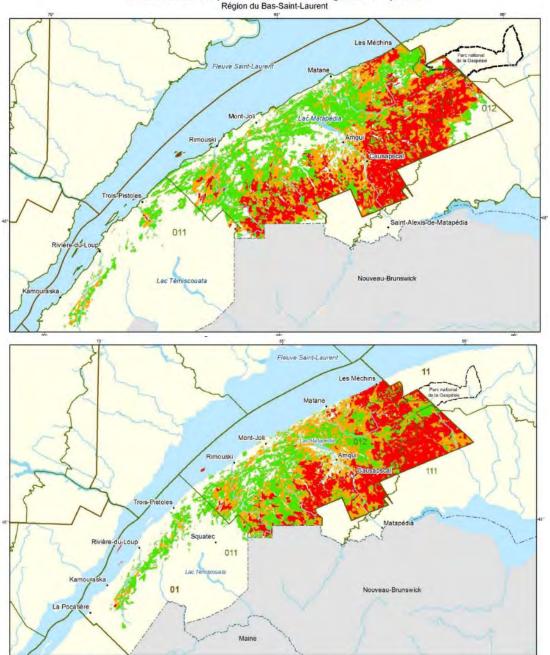
- WPND: ~61K (125K) 👃
- BTM: ~55K (25K) 1
- WM: ~30K (6K)1
- Drought: ~4301
- BPOLR:~420 (3K)
- HWA: 1401
- FTC: <70ac

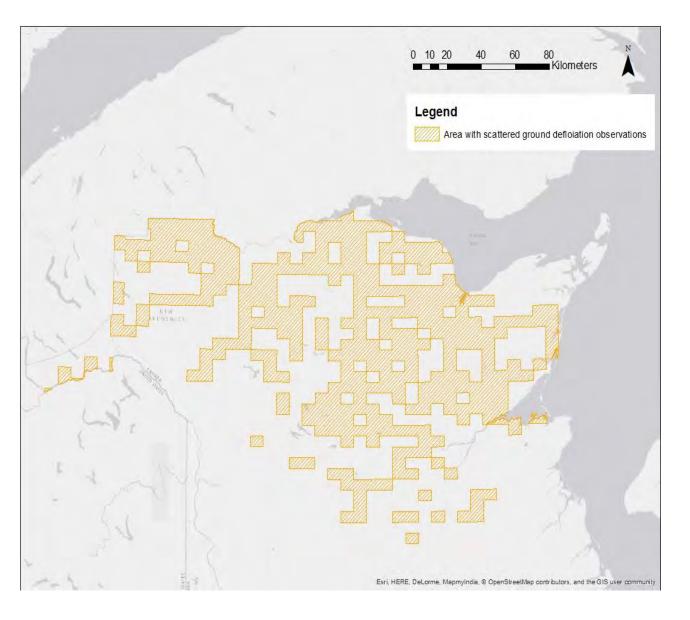


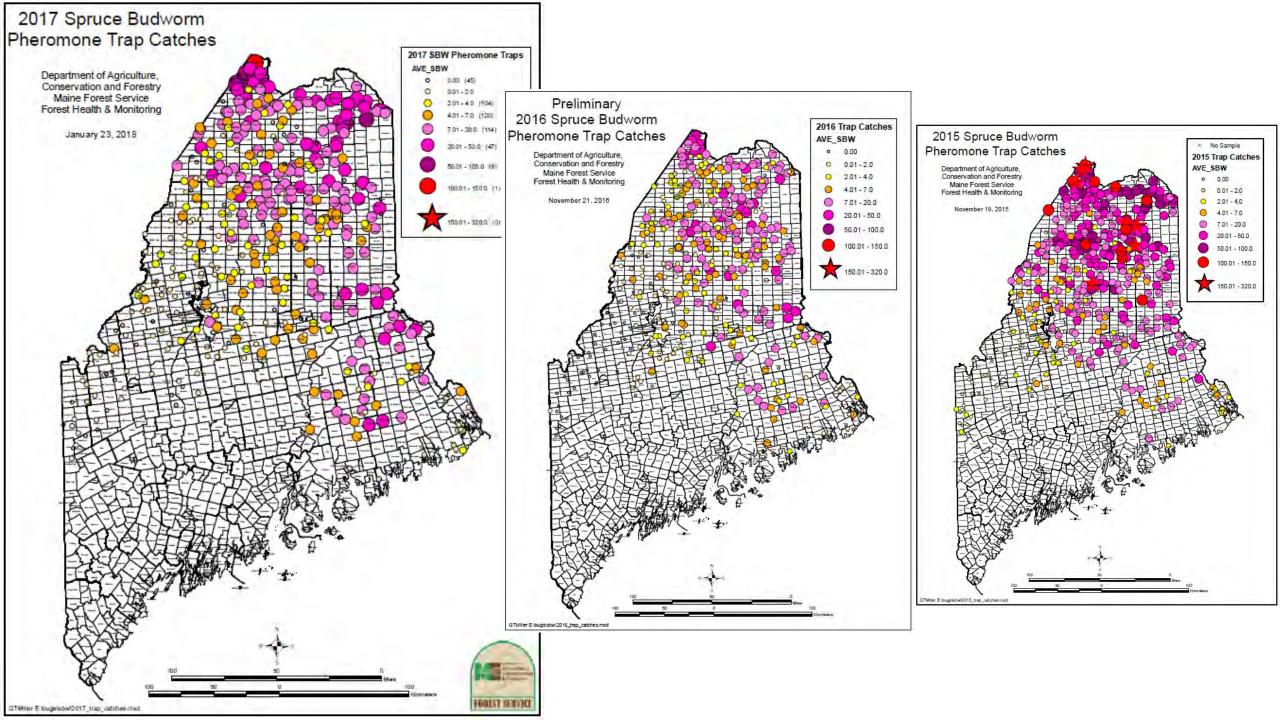
- Spruce Budworm Update
- Gypsy Moth Quarantine Expansion
- Browntail Moth Explosion
- Forest Tent Caterpillar
   Sightings

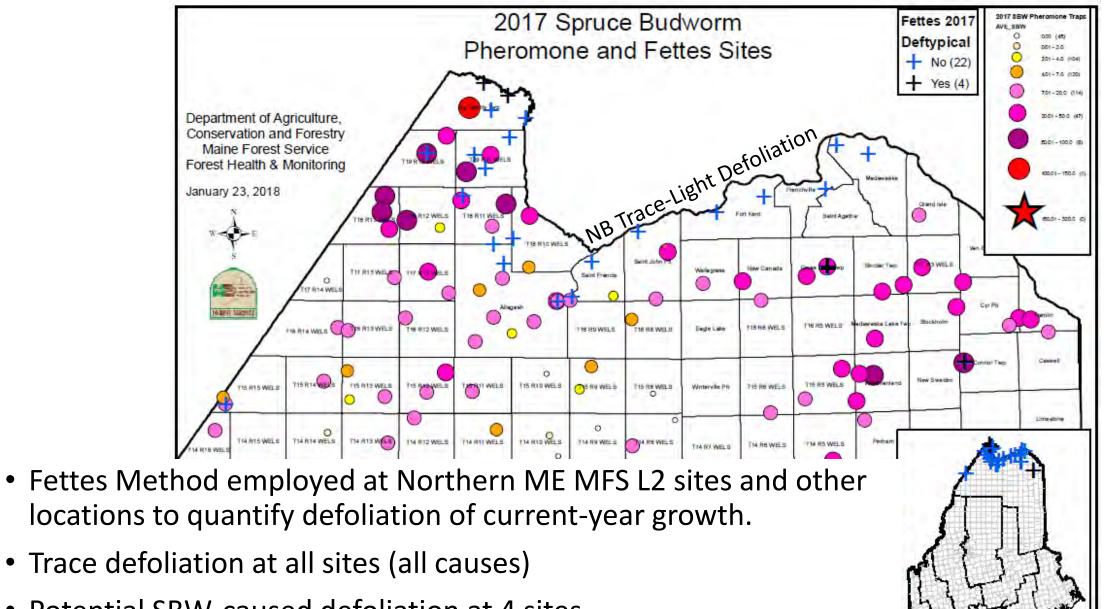


#### Défoliation causée par la tordeuse des bourgeons de l'épinette Région du Bas-Saint-Laurent









2017 SBW Fettes Sites

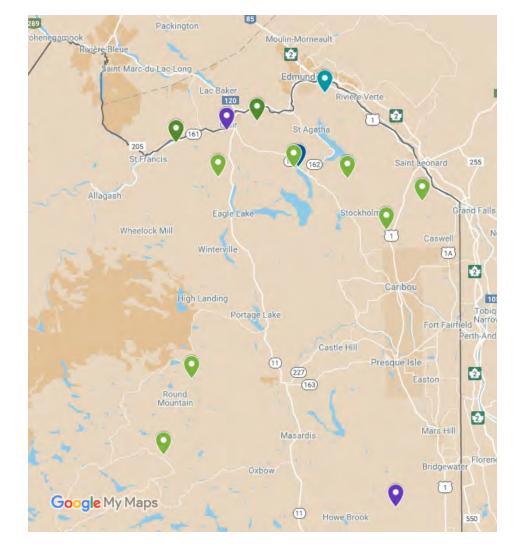
Trace defoliation at all sites (all causes)

 Potential SBW-caused defoliation at 4 sites (2 in Big 20 Twp, 1 in Cross Lake Twp, 1 in Connor Twp)

Revisit of all sites and other sites with higher catches in July 2018

# L2 Results -- 14 of 255 Sites Positive Max 2.3/30" Branch Total: 32

Connor Twp	Aroostook	MFS-CON	0.3
Cross Lake Twp	Aroostook	MFS-175	1.3
Cross Lake Twp	Aroostook	MFS-175-ALT	0.3
Fort Kent	Aroostook	MFS-FTK	0.7
Fort Kent	Aroostook	MFS-FTK-2	2.3
Hamlin	Aroostook	IRV-HML-48	0.3
Madawaska	Aroostook	MFS-MAD	1
Saint John Plt	Aroostook	MFS-SAJ	0.7
T11 R8 WELS	Aroostook	SI-118	0.3
T17 R4 WELS	Aroostook	IRV-174-56	0.3
T9 R9 WELS	Aroostook	SI-99	0.3
TC R2 WELS	Aroostook	IRV-TC2-05	2.3
Wallagrass	Aroostook	IRV-WAL	0.3



# European Gypsy Moth

- Outbreak Conditions in Southern NE
- Still no Defoliation in ME (Feeding with FTC in Blue Hill)

One to watch for; especially with dry

spring

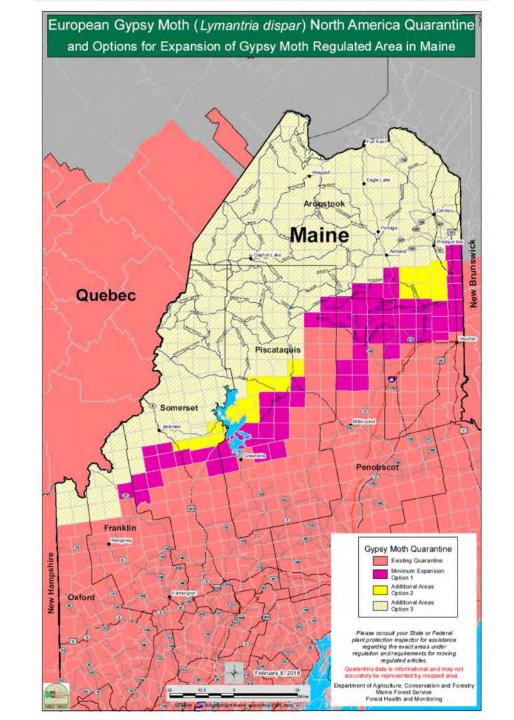


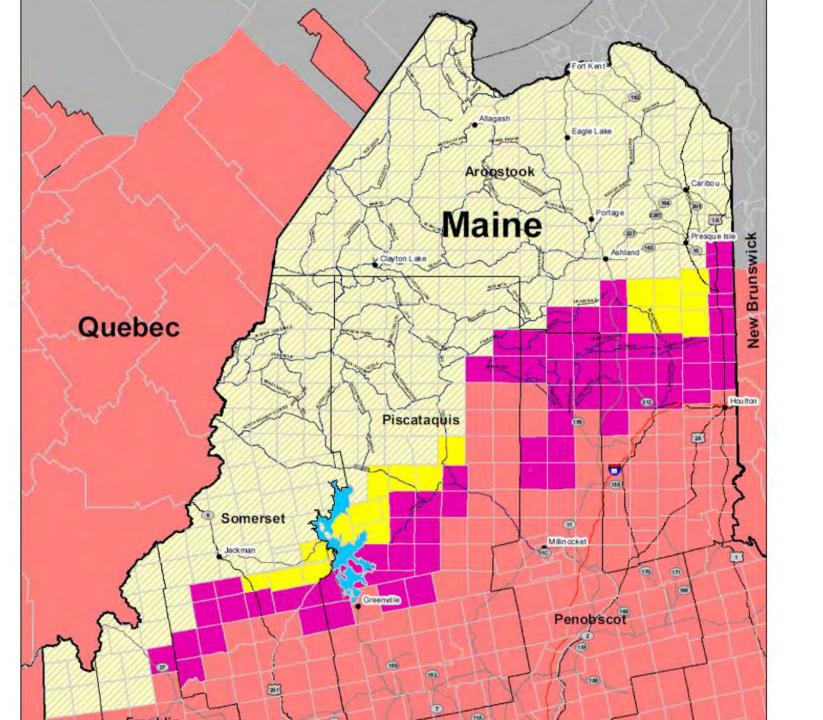


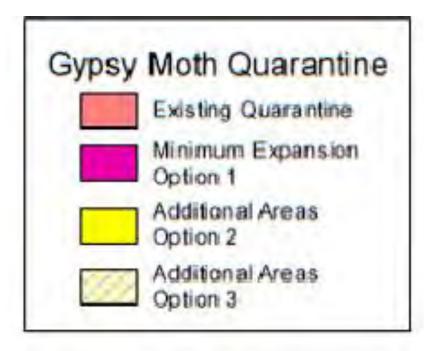


# European Gypsy Moth

- Not found in All of ME
- Partial State
   Quarantine
  - Expansion Overdue
    - Letter sent requesting feedback
    - Rulemaking process will happen this year.
    - No expansion is not an option



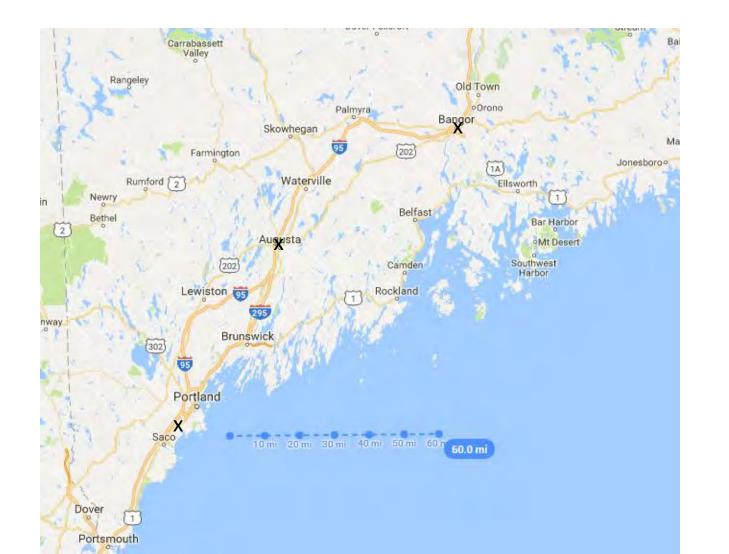




#### **Browntail Moth**

How far are we from the nearest:

**Current Detection** of BTM? <10, 10-20, 20-50, >50 Mi? 2017 **Mapped Defoliation**? <10, 10-20, 20-50, >50 Mi?



#### Heads up:

**Bigger Footprint of:** 

Web/Defoliation Detection

**Adult Moth Detection** 

This one causes rash and other human health problems

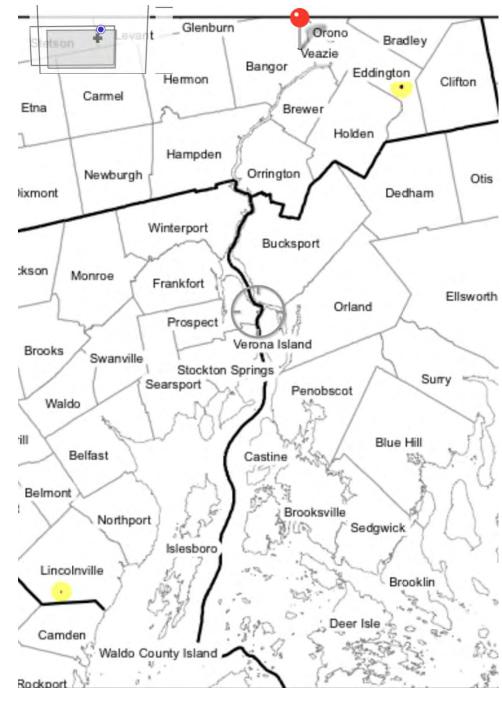


# Bangor: Both < 10

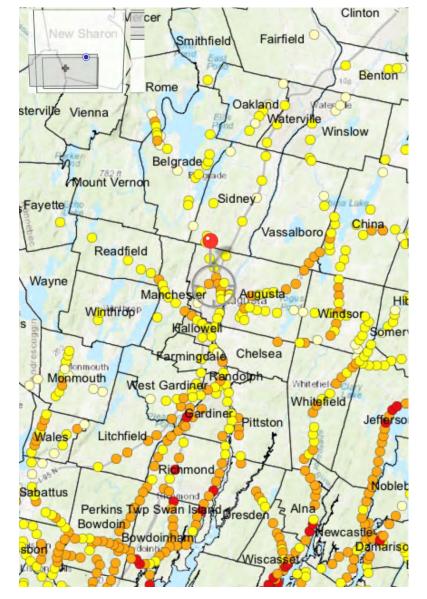






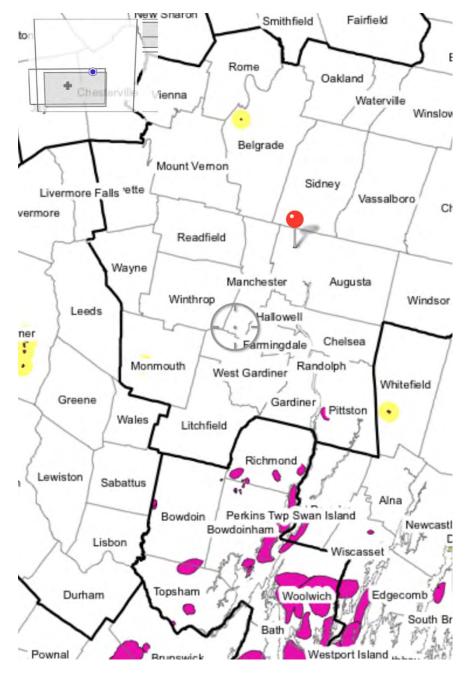


# Augusta Webs: 0, Defoliation <10

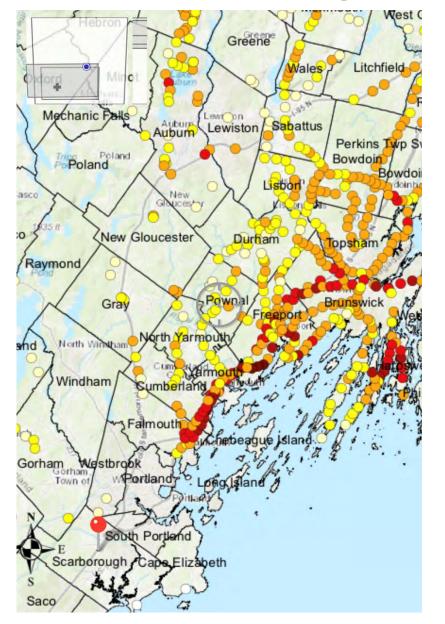






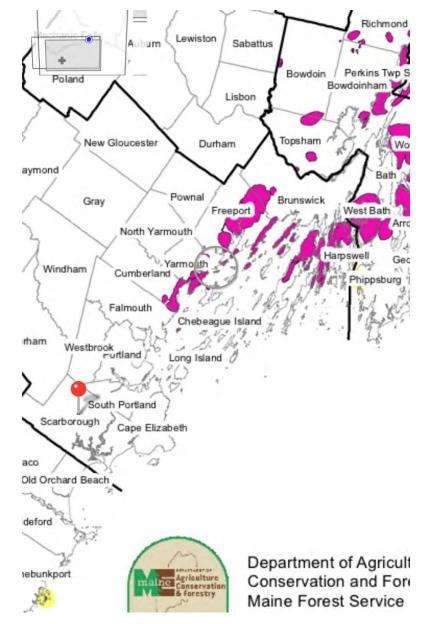


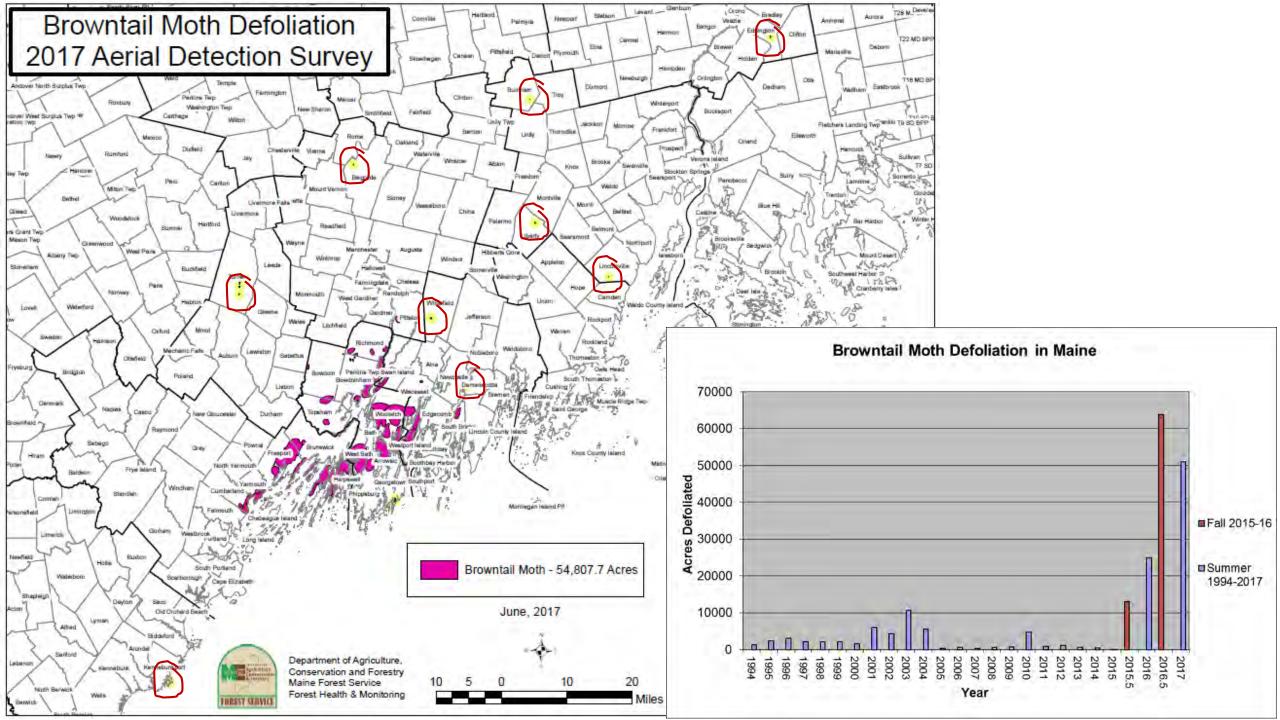
Scarborough Webs: <10, Defoliation 10-20 (<12)

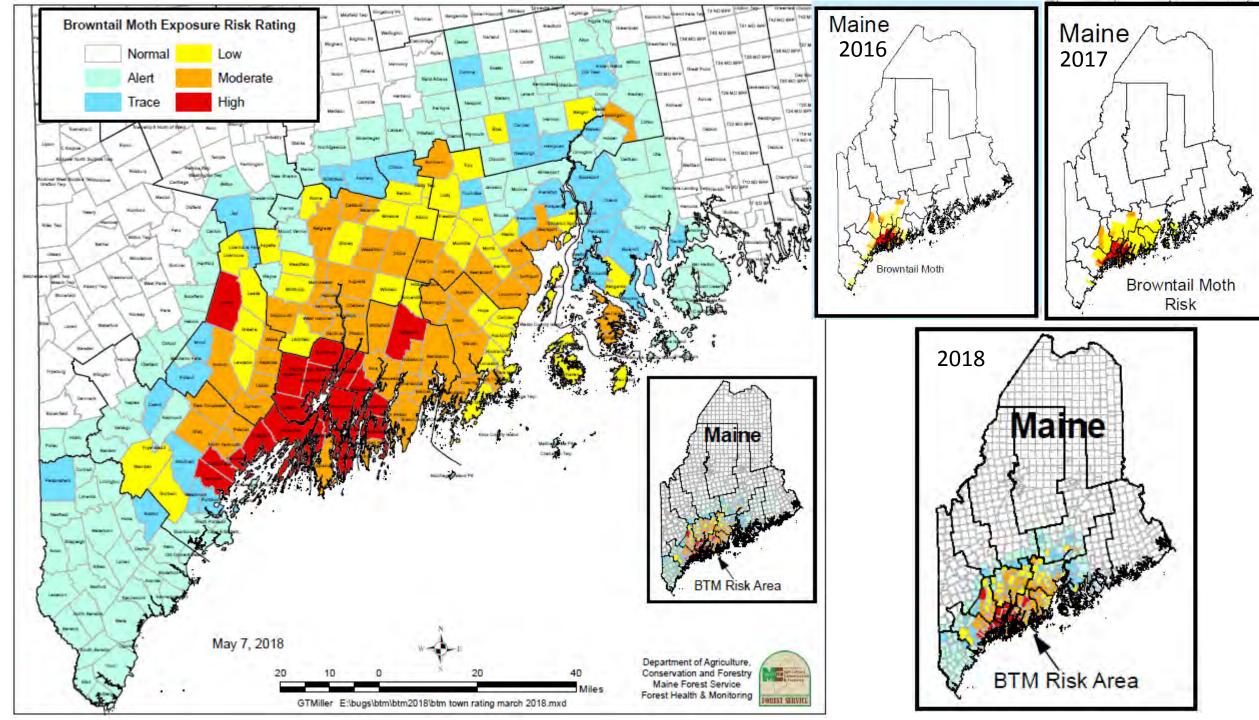












#### Browntail Moth Timeline

Survey, Clip and Destroy Webs,

<u>Line up</u>
<u>Insecticide</u>
<u>Treatment</u>

Insecticide
Treatment
BEFORE June,
Personal
Protection
Precautions

Personal Protection Precautions Personal Protection Precautions, Limit Outdoor Lights

Insecticide Treatment (Newer Approach)

\*

Toxin in hairs is extremely stable (3+ yr); exposure most likely in dry conditions

Winter Webs

Feeding Larvae

Larvae Pupae
Highest Exposure Risk for Hairs\*

Adults

Eggs

Feeding Larvae

Sept-April

April-June

June-July

July-Aug

July-Aug

Aug-Sept

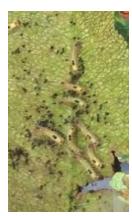












Photos by MFS except: Adult: Anne Burton, Egg mass: Bath Division of Forestry

Tent-makers		No lents	
Browntail Moth	Eastern Tent	Forest Tent	Gypsy Moth
Look for Overall brown color; White tufts along sides; Red-orange dots on tail-end  DANGER!!	Look for  White stripe down center of back Blue spots like the "eye" in peacock feather along each side of stripe	Look for White or off-white footprint-shaped marks down the center of the back Blue body coloration in later instars	Look for Prominent knobs with hairs on each side of head capsule. Five pairs of blue- and six pairs of red- spots along back (4th instar and later).



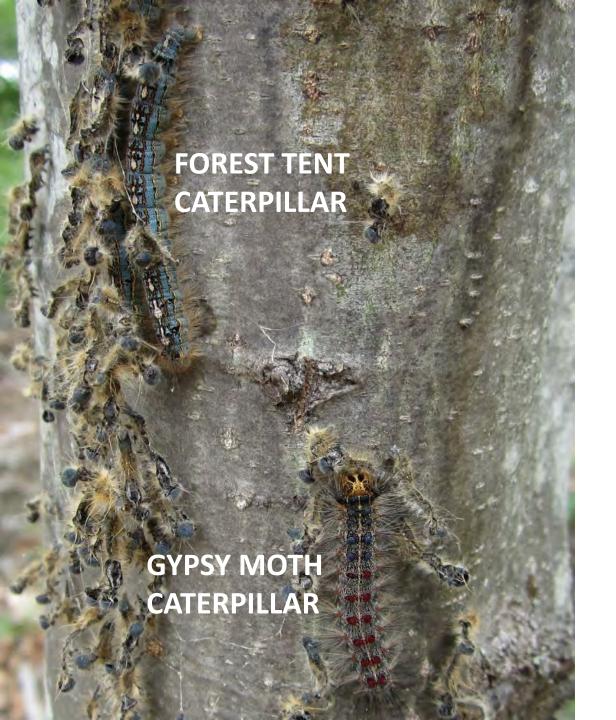
Native Mostly aesthetic impacts

Native Occasional outbreaks

Invasive Forest Health Impacts Quarantined pest



**BEWARE of HAIRS** (microscopic, 5/1000")



# More Fuzzy Caterpillars

- Forest tent caterpillar
- <70 ac
- Oaks stripped in Blue Hill
  - Also Gypsy moth
  - Also BTM in area
- Dry growing seasons could allow population growth

#### Winter Moth

 Defoliate hardwood trees and shrubs in early spring i.e. May

- Favored hosts:
  - oak
  - apple
  - maple
  - birch
  - basswood
  - blueberry
  - And others





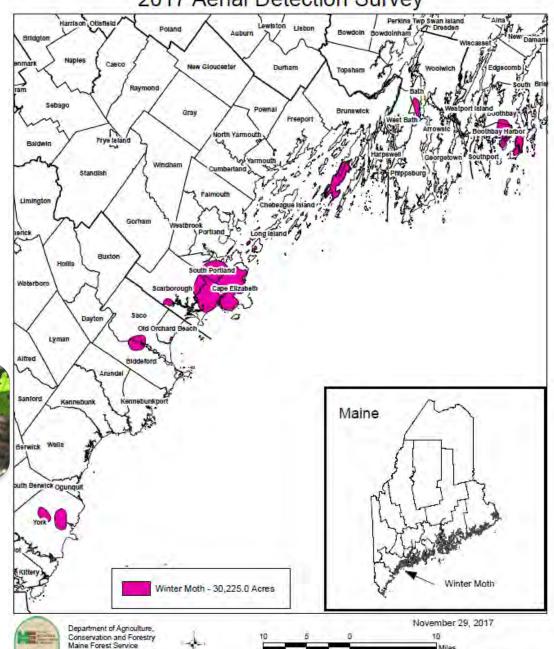


Photo: Maine Forest Service

One last lep...



Winter Moth Defoliation 2017 Aerial Detection Survey



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# Invasive Beetle Update

**Emerald Ash Borer** 

Asian Longhorned Beetle

Brown Spruce Longhorned Beetle

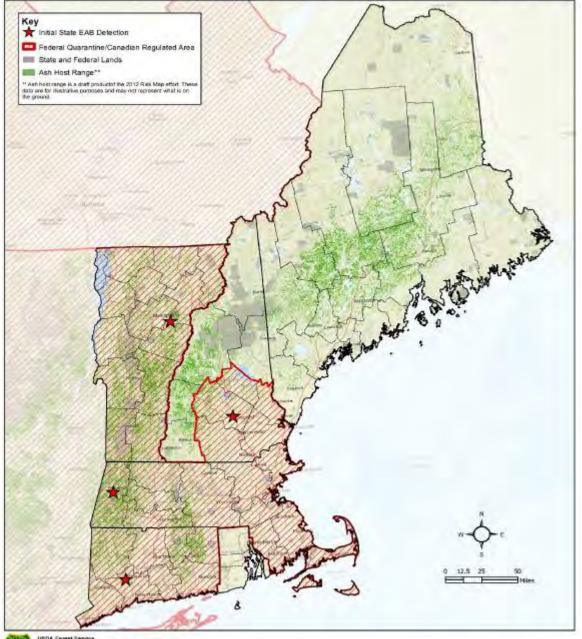


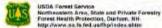
#### Emerald Ash Borer

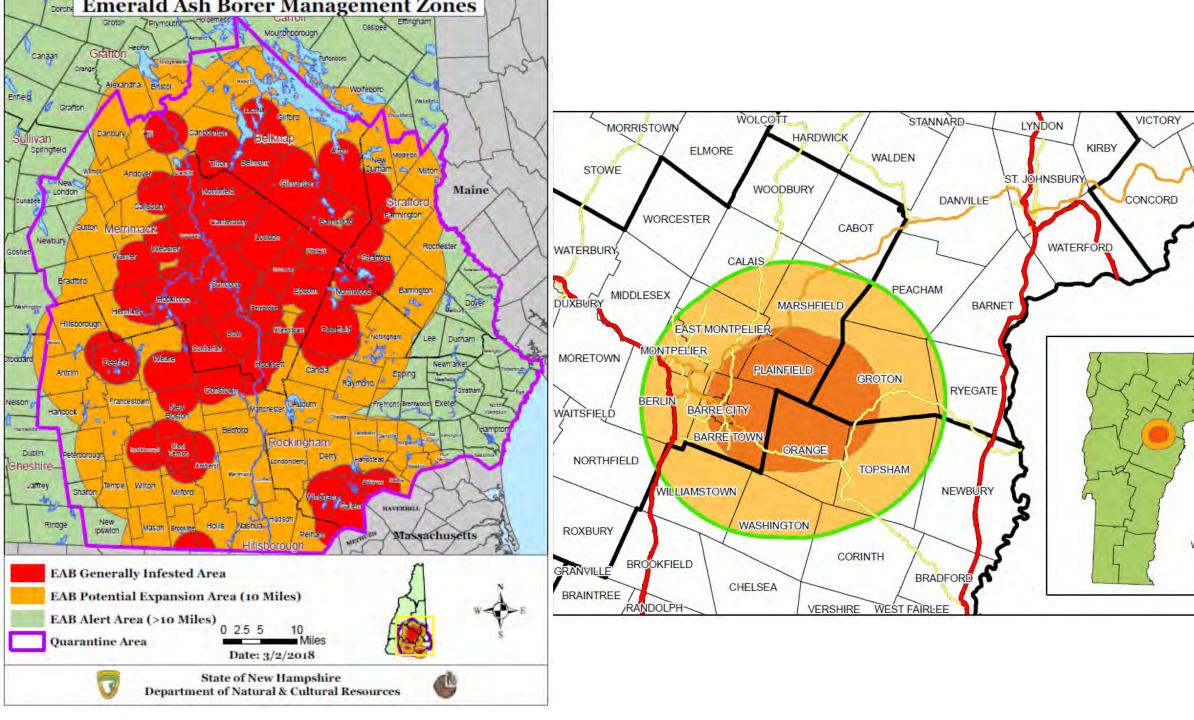
- Not found in Maine (Yet)
- Recent Detection in VT (entire state quarantined)
- Quarantine Expansion in QC
- 2018 Trap Surveys (~650) by Delta 21 (USDA Contractor) in SW ME and MFS in rest of state



#### Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine in New England







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# Asian Longhorned Beetle

- Eradicated from Chicago, Boston, NJ and Soon Queens/Brooklyn?
- Not found in Maine
- Out of state firewood still being brought upta camp
- Bugs stow away in firewood



Photo: Patricia Douglass, USDA APHIS-PPQ

# Brown Spruce Longhorned Beetle

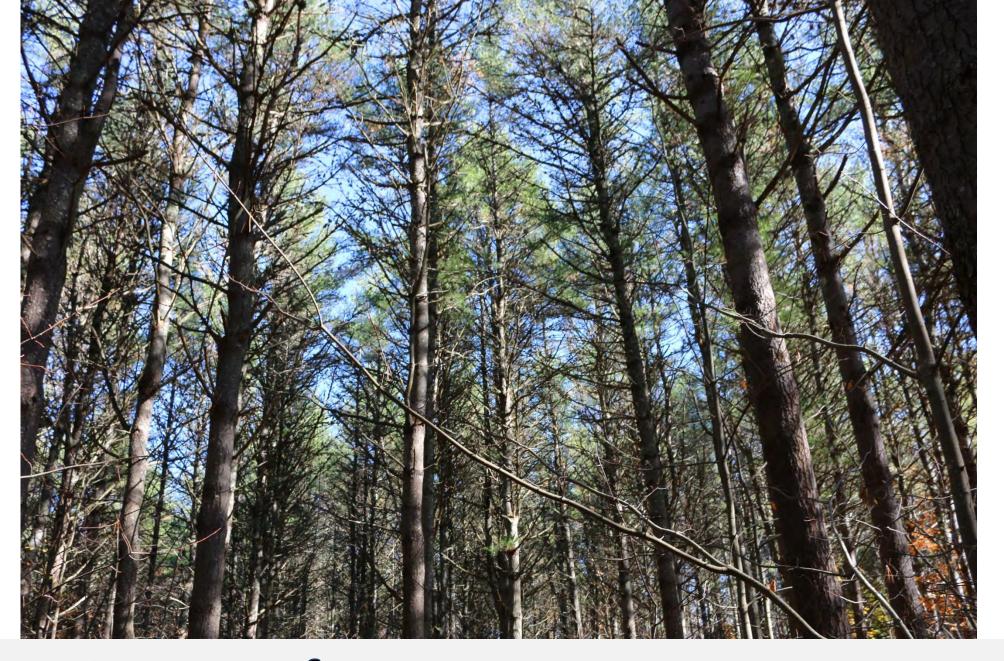
- Throughout much of Nova Scotia
- Established in Memramcook, NB
  - Not found outside of restricted area

Photos (L-R): Stanislaw Kinelski, Bugwood.org, Jon Sweeney, bugwood.org (Center,Right)









**Conifer Diseases of Concern** 

### White Pine Needle Diseases: Brown Spot Needle Blight & Others



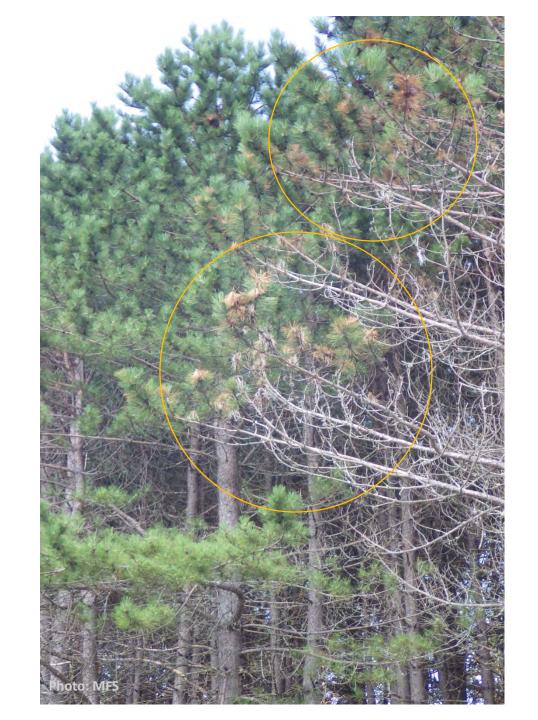
- Needles shed in July
- Thin crowns
- Mortality
- Same effects on regen., but more severe.





## Red Pine Issues: Diplodia Shoot Blight & Sirococcus Shoot Blight

- Scattered tip dieback in the lower crown
- Abnormal growth form at branch tips: 'Lions tailing'
- Occasional mortality
- Reduces growth and vigor
- Secondary pests may take advantage of weakened trees



#### Needle Cast Diseases of Spruce



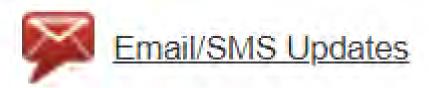
- Third-year needles are fully defoliated/absent
- Second-year needles are infected, show symptoms, partially defoliated

 Current-year needles are infected, but show no symptoms

#### Needle Cast Diseases of Spruce: Sign of the fungus

- Small, black spore-producing structures are seen in the gas exchange pores (stomata) on spruce needles.
- Stigmina: fuzzy looking with indistinct margins.
- Rhizosphaera: round with 'clean' margins.
- According to a 2-year survey of spruce trees in Maine, Stigmina is by far the most common causal agent.





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