

LOGIC MODEL for PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT and ASSESSMENT

Situation	INPUTS	OUTPUTS		OUTCOMES – IMPACT		
		Activities	Participation	Short	Medium	Long Term
<p>Millions of acres of forested lands in the Southwest are threatened by bark beetles and wildland fire.</p> <p>Forest restoration treatments create large quantities of <i>Ips</i> host materials, creating ideal conditions for outbreaks.</p> <p>Currently, there is no treatment that has been proven to keep <i>Ips</i> species bark beetles out of logging slash.</p>	<p>Staff – 1 research technician, 1 extension specialist, 3 student technicians</p> <p>Staff Time – 712 hours</p> <p>Money - \$15,130</p> <p>Materials – Field supplies</p> <p>Equipment – vehicle and saws</p> <p>Partners – 2 US Forest Service Entomologists</p>	<p>Establish and carry out verbenone slash treatment experiment.</p> <p>Project meetings.</p> <p>Prepare manuscripts for submission to peer reviewed journal and extension bulletin.</p> <p>Transfer knowledge to other forest health protection personnel.</p>	<p>Extension specialist, research technicians</p> <p>Extension specialist, research technicians, US Forest Service Entomologists</p> <p>Extension specialist, research technicians</p> <p>Extension agents, State Forest Health Specialist, and US Forest Service entomologists</p>	<p>Gain an understanding of the utility of this technology.</p> <p>Determine the economic feasibility of treatment.</p> <p>Increase land managers knowledge of potential problems in slash creation.</p>	<p>Overall awareness of slash treatments will be raised.</p> <p>Dramatic rises in <i>Ips</i> populations will be avoided through the potential use of verbenone treatments and increased knowledge of the problem.</p>	<p>Restoration treatments will be able to proceed at the necessary rate without acerbating bark beetle populations</p> <p>Increased landowner knowledge of bark beetles will lead to better forest management, with more consideration of forest health issues</p>

Assumptions:

- 1) The structure of the ponderosa pine forest is overly dense and in light of the long-term drought is in a stressed condition.
- 2) Bark beetles are a natural disturbance factor affecting forest density.
- 3) Thinning overly dense stands is increasing in response to state and federal management plans.
- 4) As thinning increases bark beetle populations will increase without the implementation of improved slash management guidelines.
- 5) Anti-aggregation pheromone technology has been used as part of IPM programs to reduce the effects of bark beetles in stands at risk.

Environment:

- 1) The federal government has budgeted millions of dollars for thinning to occur in the WUI in the Southwest.
- 2) Most regional/global climate change models indicate that the Southwest will be drier and warmer.
- 3) The public is looking to the public universities and the forest services to find answers for managing bark beetle outbreaks.
- 4) The University of Arizona Forest Health Program is well positioned to conduct research to solve applied problems.