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### Southern Pine Beetle Outbreak in Southwest MS

*Brookhaven, MS* - Southwest MS has been very fortunate not to have had any massive outbreaks of Southern Pine Beetles (SPB) since 1996. However, it seems that SPB populations in Southwest MS are on the rise. The SPB is a borer beetle that attacks and kills living pine trees.

During late May and June, U.S. Forest Service foresters on the Homochitto National Forest in Southwest MS have been reporting a growing number of active SPB spots. During two surveys on the Homochitto National Forest, more than 250 active spots were found on and around the National Forest. This elevated activity may be a precursor to an upcoming major outbreak incident. Dr. John Riggins, Assistant Professor of Forest Entomology at MS State University, recently visited some of the spots on the Homochitto National Forest and found them to be very active. Some spots were also found to be rapidly expanding.

Landowners in Franklin, Amite, Wilkinson, Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln and Copiah counties are urged to be diligent and conduct inspections of their lands to determine if SPB activity is present. The MS Forestry Commission (MFC) recently flew a detection flight on 7/3/2012 to help pinpoint active SPB activity on private lands and Board of Education lands. The latitude / longitude of the spots we logged, along with the section / township / range of the spot. This information is listed below to show the location of the known spots.

Maps of these spots, along with the plotted spots reported to us by the U.S. Forest Service, are available for inspection at the MFC offices in Liberty, Meadville (open 8am-12pm, Mon-Fri) and the Southwest District office in Brookhaven.

For more information about the Southern Pine Beetle, or this potential outbreak, please contact your local MFC Service Forester. You may also visit our website at [www.mfc.ms.gov](http://www.mfc.ms.gov).

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## Latitude/Longitude of Known SPB Spots

<b>DD_X</b>	<b>DD_Y</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>STR</b>	<b>SubClass</b>
-91.1634980	31.4322140	Adams	2 5N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1726600	31.3812220	Adams	31 5N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0352690	31.3259050	Amite	9 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0529850	31.2880210	Amite	33 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9824060	31.3056450	Amite	17 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0214670	31.3007820	Amite	24 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0511540	31.2701740	Amite	34 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0191350	31.2334630	Amite	9 3N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9201870	31.1525060	Amite	9 2N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7048720	31.5990940	Franklin	4 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7339930	31.5995220	Franklin	5 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7515290	31.6044690	Franklin	6 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7638510	31.5929070	Franklin	12 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8119370	31.6042340	Franklin	4 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8443570	31.5858030	Franklin	7 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8960660	31.5938010	Franklin	10 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9178240	31.5748390	Franklin	16 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8384150	31.5704720	Franklin	18 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8244840	31.5841020	Franklin	8 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7534770	31.5518060	Franklin	30 7N 5E	Not Determined
-90.7223580	31.5702610	Franklin	17 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.6986710	31.5768530	Franklin	15 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7438590	31.5582750	Franklin	19 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8013500	31.5686610	Franklin	15 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8209460	31.5279850	Franklin	33 7N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8551300	31.5362430	Franklin	36 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8778990	31.5379830	Franklin	26 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8882160	31.5250140	Franklin	35 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8885330	31.5162140	Franklin	2 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9512500	31.5232970	Franklin	31 7N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9573910	31.5233300	Franklin	45 7N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9616260	31.5233810	Franklin	45 7N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0484140	31.5357440	Franklin	38 7N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0447730	31.4987520	Franklin	11 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9851530	31.4990080	Franklin	15 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9774980	31.5044320	Franklin	15 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9562110	31.4931250	Franklin	22 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8512540	31.5072510	Franklin	7 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle

-90.7776930	31.5127850	Franklin	2 6N 4E	Not Determined
-90.7474300	31.5306620	Franklin	31 7N 5E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7949840	31.4772120	Franklin	22 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8357860	31.4929570	Franklin	17 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8536860	31.4907530	Franklin	18 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8951290	31.4784740	Franklin	29 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9018050	31.4792300	Franklin	19 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9100930	31.4820570	Franklin	20 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9329890	31.4666150	Franklin	25 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9482620	31.4803920	Franklin	22 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9732370	31.4683320	Franklin	33 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9685020	31.4703720	Franklin	33 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9865490	31.4879240	Franklin	21 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0022700	31.4727610	Franklin	31 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0162500	31.4894900	Franklin	25 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0488180	31.4896490	Franklin	27 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0554080	31.4764330	Franklin	28 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0582270	31.4737740	Franklin	28 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0488410	31.4759560	Franklin	28 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0971390	31.4870230	Franklin	22 6N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1553090	31.4318730	Franklin	12 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1127280	31.4372580	Franklin	43 6N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0505600	31.4349580	Franklin	6 5N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0558950	31.4612020	Franklin	39 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0274510	31.4562350	Franklin	38 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0202150	31.4452440	Franklin	42 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.9375350	31.4638360	Franklin	36 6N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8152970	31.4506830	Franklin	33 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7820200	31.4693600	Franklin	23 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.7544870	31.4633830	Franklin	25 6N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.8912250	31.4323100	Franklin	4 5N 3E	Not Determined
-90.9476810	31.4345640	Franklin	9 5N 3E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0215110	31.4405420	Franklin	42 6N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0332860	31.3999740	Franklin	17 5N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1394280	31.3839400	Franklin	29 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1398870	31.3863830	Franklin	29 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1122680	31.3837940	Franklin	32 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1061630	31.3821670	Franklin	33 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0826330	31.3776080	Franklin	37 5N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0424880	31.3761050	Franklin	31 5N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0417250	31.3820970	Franklin	19 5N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0314190	31.3810580	Franklin	20 5N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle

-91.0196980	31.4054780	Franklin	16 5N 2E	Not Determined
-90.9460280	31.3829070	Franklin	39 5N 3E	Not Determined
-90.8476130	31.3812840	Franklin	19 5N 4E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0243420	31.3412930	Franklin	4 4N 2E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0950180	31.3443400	Franklin	4 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-90.5327400	31.1900970	Pike	30 3N 7E	Not Determined
-91.1364750	31.3097910	Wilkinson	23 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1500460	31.3167050	Wilkinson	24 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1475980	31.3165400	Wilkinson	24 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1691260	31.3211720	Wilkinson	17 4N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.2246310	31.2945720	Wilkinson	26 4N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1678610	31.2667790	Wilkinson	41 4N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1339370	31.2748730	Wilkinson	38 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1121440	31.3040160	Wilkinson	27 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0976410	31.2862310	Wilkinson	33 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0714180	31.2691090	Wilkinson	42 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0940470	31.2896840	Wilkinson	33 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1295150	31.2808890	Wilkinson	35 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1231310	31.2698850	Wilkinson	39 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1212470	31.2702870	Wilkinson	39 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1991400	31.2607510	Wilkinson	39 4N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.0979060	31.2744630	Wilkinson	40 4N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1183440	31.2281420	Wilkinson	16 3N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1409790	31.2294790	Wilkinson	18 3N 1E	Southern Pine Beetle
-91.1829450	31.2361380	Wilkinson	11 3N 1W	Southern Pine Beetle