

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION  
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SUBJECT: Establishment of Domestic Quarantine Areas in Monroe and Iron Counties, and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (island units only) and Madeline Island area of Ashland County, Wisconsin, for Gypsy Moth (GM) (*Lymantria dispar*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed that the population levels of (GM) in Monroe and Iron Counties, and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (island units only) and Madeline Island area of Ashland County, Wisconsin, have reached the threshold levels to trigger the establishment of quarantine areas. The GM populations in these regions of Wisconsin reached this level in late 2008.

The Federal Order is attached establishing quarantine areas for these infested areas in order to prevent the further spread of GM. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of GM regulated articles from Monroe and Iron Counties, and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (island units only) and Madeline Island area of Ashland County, Wisconsin, must be done in accordance with the attached Federal Order. Federal quarantine areas established in less than the entire state are possible when the state establishes an intrastate regulation that mirrors Federal requirements for interstate movement.

GM is an introduced highly destructive insect of approximately 300 species of trees and shrubs. The GM program prescribes conditions for the interstate movement of regulated articles from GM quarantine areas. This Federal-State partnership has worked successfully to prevent establishment of GM outside of the quarantine area due to human-assisted movement of the pest.

For more information about the GM program and Federal GM regulations, you may contact JoAnn Cruse, APHIS State Plant Health Director, at (608) 231-9553, or Weyman Fussell, GM National Program Manager, at (301)734-5705.

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