



Proposed Gypsy Moth Treatments Information for Veterans

Background

Gypsy moths are the worst forest insect pest ever introduced in the United States. The gypsy moth destroys millions of acres of trees where it is established in Eastern and Mid-Western states. Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has successfully prevented the gypsy moth from becoming established in Washington for almost 40 years.

Current Control Efforts

In 2019, WSDA is proposing to treat four sites for gypsy moths – two in Kitsap County, one in Snohomish County and one in King County.

The treatments will involve application of a naturally occurring soil bacteria, Btk, with helicopters or small planes over the sites. There will be 3 – 5 applications, each of which will be 4 – 10 days apart.

Potential Impact on Veterans

The noise from helicopters or low flying airplanes may be an issue for military veterans suffering from PTSD or other challenges. That is why WSDA would like to ensure veterans residing in the proposed treatment areas are aware of these plans.

Learn More and Sign Up for Notification

Veterans may visit agr.wa.gov/gypsymoth to learn more about the proposed treatment project, find maps of the proposed treatment areas, and sign up for e-mail, text message, or phone call alerts. Treatment alerts will be sent out shortly before each treatment.

WSDA Contact

For more information, please contact the Washington State Department of Agriculture at 1-800-443-6684 or gypsymoth@agr.wa.gov.