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To: **PINE STOCK GROWERS ONLY**

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From: Kevin Bailey, Nursery and Christmas Tree Program Manager

Subject: EUROPEAN PINE SHOOT MOTH (EPSM) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Note: DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME

California and Montana require all *Pinus sp.* to be certified free of European pine shoot moth (EPSM). Certification is based on pheromone trapping at pine growing grounds and/or by chemical treatment of nursery stock (see summary below). Any person who anticipates shipping pine to California, Montana, either directly or through a broker, on the basis of the trapping program, must have all of their pine growing grounds (fields) trapped for EPSM. Generally, pine growing locations trapped and found free of EPSM may be eligible for certification. The Nursery and Christmas Tree Program provides this certification service to licensed Christmas tree and nursery stock growers on an individual request basis. **A basic fee for each licensed nursery or Christmas tree grower requesting EPSM trapping has been established at \$85 per location (field) per year.**

Enclosed is an application form which must be submitted to request EPSM trapping by the Department of Agriculture at your pine growing location(s). Placement of traps will not begin until the signed request form is returned. Please return the signed request form today. **REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OREGON DEPT OF AGRICULTURE BY May 15, 2024.** No money is due at this time, you will be invoiced for EPSM trapping when the growing season is over.

SUMMARY OF THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENT OF PINE TO:

CALIFORNIA – To be eligible for certification your growing location (field) must meet one of the following conditions:

- 1) The location has been trapped by the ODA and found free of European pine shoot moth during the previous and current seasons.
- 2) No more than two moths were trapped during the previous and current seasons and the area was effectively treated during each season using an approved insecticide and accurate records of applications have been kept. Such record will include Application date, Insecticide name, EPA number, Insecticide concentration and Applicator's name. Contact your local supplier to determine what products are registered for control.
- 3) Pines from locations trapped and found positive are fumigated with methyl bromide.

MONTANA - To be eligible for certification your growing location must have been found free of European pine shoot moth.

Use application timing information provided by OSU Extension:

<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/EPSM.htm>

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