

**File Code:** 6270; 2400**Date:** JUL 26 2019**Route To:****Subject:** Eastern Region Farm Bill Insect and Disease Treatment Area Designation**To:** Regional Forester, Eastern Region

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2019, requesting the designation of additional landscape-scale areas on the Shawnee National Forest to address insect or disease threats under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003.

The areas that you requested to be designated must meet one or more of the following criteria under Section 602:

- The area is experiencing a decline of forest health based on annual forest health surveys;
- The area is at risk of substantial tree mortality over the next 15 years based on the National Insect and Disease Risk Map; or
- The area is one in which hazard trees pose imminent risk to public infrastructure, health or safety.

Based on this determination, I hereby designate an additional 116,873 acres on the Shawnee National Forest. The discrepancy in acres between what was requested (118,462 acres) and designated (116,873 acres) is due to matching requested areas to the proclaimed National Forest boundary. These designations exclude Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and non-Forest Service inholdings. This letter of designation and the enclosed map of the designated areas will be posted at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/farmbill/>.

Designation under Section 602 allows us to further evaluate these landscape areas for potential treatments to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation.

Again, thank you for your concern with the declining forest health in your region. If you have any questions about the designation, please contact Christopher French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, at (202)-205-1523 or [chris.french@usda.gov](mailto:chris.french@usda.gov).

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Enclosure







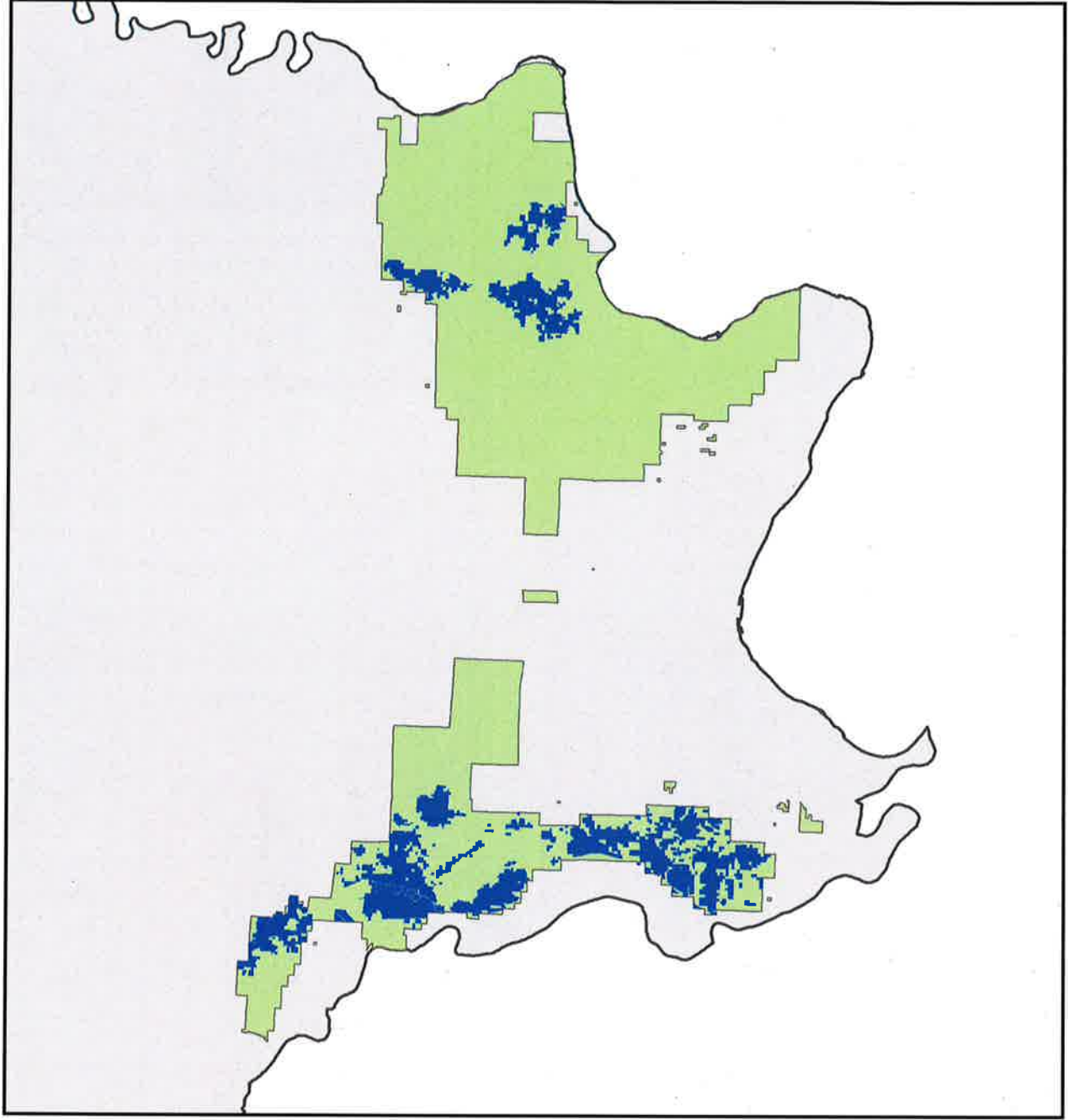
# National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Illinois



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**Lands Within the National Forest Boundary**

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