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USFS Eastern Region Update
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New Administration

- Secretary Vilsack
- Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment - Homer Lee Wilkes
- Deputy Undersecretary – Jay Jensen

- Interim Period – things are required to be sent through the department (grants/agreements, MOU's etc)

New (recent) R9 Leadership Additions

- Deputy Regional Forester Lee Nightingale
- Deputy Regional Forester Logan Lee
- Deputy FS Mark Hummel – Superior NF

Eastern Region Activities

- I'll mention a few things that are beyond the “normal” program of work in the Region to help create some context:

Forest Certification Update

Contractors work to be presented to Chief and Staff
Regarding outcome of phone interviews and analysis

Will be used in developing recommendation
to Chief for eventual policy

Special Forest Products Rule

36 CFR Parts 223 and 261

White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in Bat Populations

Region-wide Closure Order on Caves and Mines

Implications To Forest Plan Implementation
And Project-level Implementation

Close work with Federal and State Agencies
and Conservation Organizations such as Bat Conservation International

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Bat White Nose Syndrome (WNS)

Occurrence by County*

○ Feb. 2006: 1st detected in Schoharie Co., NY

■ Mortality- Winter 2006/07

■ Confirmed in 2007/08

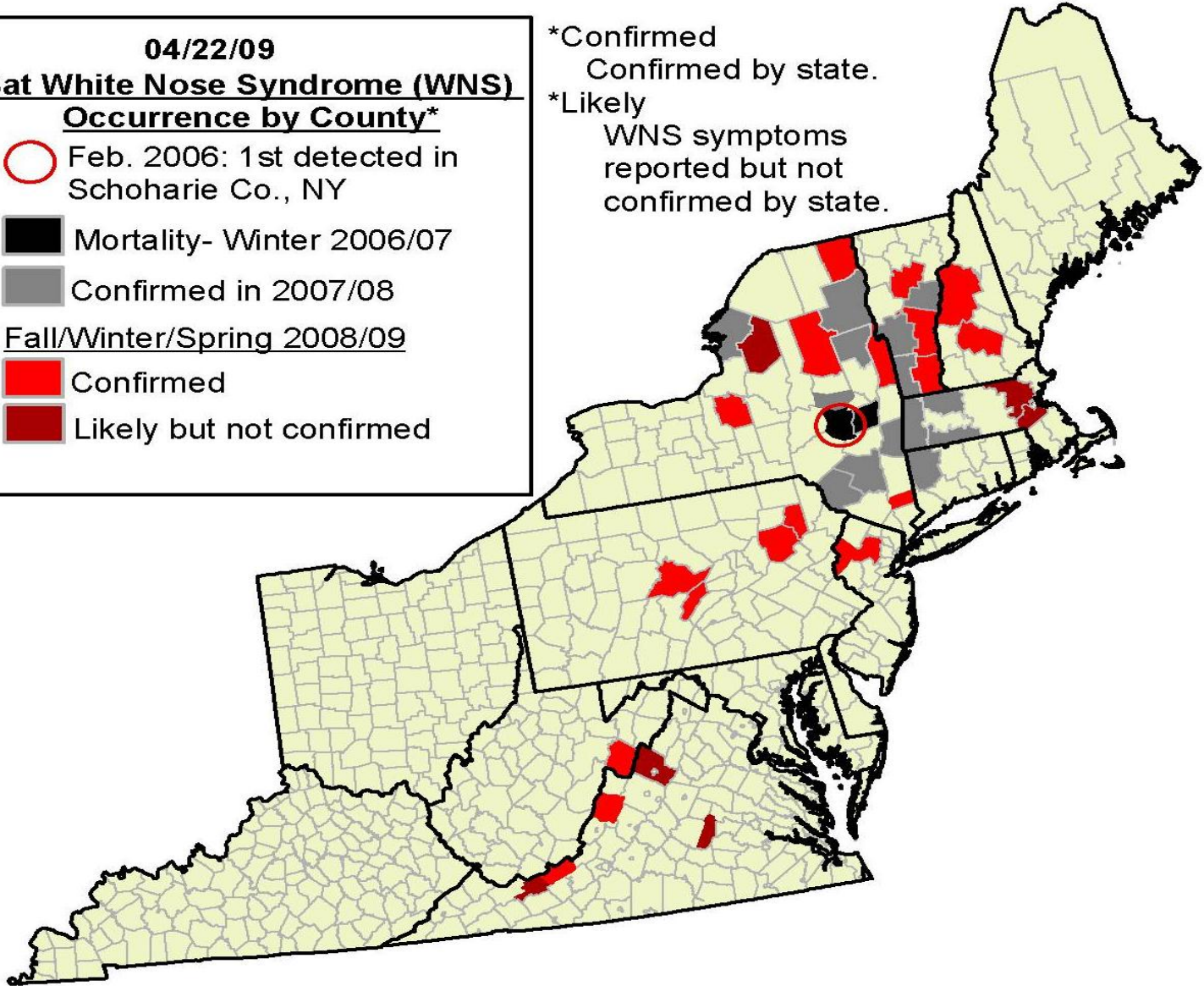
Fall/Winter/Spring 2008/09

■ Confirmed

■ Likely but not confirmed

*Confirmed
Confirmed by state.

*Likely
WNS symptoms reported but not confirmed by state.



Forest Products Program

- Markets
- Bidders
- No-bid sales
- Minimum rates
- Trust fund collects
- Farm Bill – readjusted nearly 200 contracts, returned over \$20,000,000 to purchasers
- 2010 outlook – down 3%

Other:

- Climate Change
- Landscape scale Initiatives
- Partnerships – e.g. Mississippi River, Great Lakes
- ARRA – economic stimulus

Thanks Everyone!

Questions or Comments?