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Talking points – EAB Quarantine Revision
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- Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) is revising its Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine to protect Great Lakes islands and to adjust Quarantine Level boundaries in several counties in the Upper Peninsula. The quarantine revisions are effective immediately.
- The quarantine revisions are being made following survey work conducted by MDA, conservation districts, and Michigan Technological University in 2010.
- Some of the revisions include:
 - Keweenaw County, in its entirety, is now designated as Quarantine Level II.
 - The townships of Ensign, Masonville and Bay De Noc are now designated as part of the Quarantine Level II area in Delta County.
 - The townships of Hiawatha and Manistique, as well as the City of Manistique, are now designated as part of the Quarantine Level II area in Schoolcraft County.
- A Quarantine Level II area includes the townships, within a quarantined county, that contain and adjoin a known EAB infested site. A Quarantine Level III area includes the balance of the townships within that county, or in the case of Luce County, where EAB is not known to exist, an entire county that is surrounded by other Quarantine Level II areas.
- The U.P. counties currently under quarantine are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Houghton, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft. The Lower Peninsula continues to be quarantined in its entirety and is designated as a Quarantine Level I area.
- The revised quarantine impacts a number of islands in the Great Lakes:
 - Regulated articles may not be moved from any area in Michigan to the following areas without a compliance agreement:
 1. Beaver Island Archipelago (Including North Fox Island and South Fox Island) in Lake Michigan
 2. Big Charity Island and Little Charity Island in Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron
 3. Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior
 4. North Manitou Island and South Manitou Island in Lake Michigan, which are part of the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore.
- Though people can freely move firewood throughout the Lower Peninsula and some parts of the Upper Peninsula, we are urging them not to as other invasive insects such as Asian Longhorned Beetle, Beech Bark Disease, Gypsy Moth and Sirex Woodwasp - that can hitch a ride on it.

- Travelers should continue to only use local sources of firewood, burn all you buy, and don't take any unused firewood back home or to the next location.
- The ban on moving hardwood firewood north across the Mackinac Bridge remains in effect and quarantine violators can still face fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years.
- First discovered in 2002, EAB is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 35 million ash trees in the Lower Peninsula.