



# Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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## Emerald Ash Borer Detected on Fond du Lac Reservation

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Cloquet, Minnesota (May 17, 2024) – The Fond du Lac Resource Management Department has confirmed the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within the Fond du Lac Reservation boundaries. EAB is an invasive forest pest known for its devastating impact on ash trees.

The detection occurred on the North side of Houle Road on the eastern edge of the Reservation. Although the infestation is currently small, with only a few individual trees showing signs of infestation, it is likely that there are more affected trees in the area that have yet to be detected.

To address this issue and mitigate the spread of EAB, the Fond du Lac Resource Management Department is taking immediate action, including continued surveillance to slow the spread of EAB and implementing other management strategies. **It is important to not cut infested ash during the flight season of the beetles (May 1st - October 31st) to prevent further spread.**

While EAB eradication is virtually impossible to eradicate once established in an area, the Fond du Lac Resource Management Department is implementing various strategies to manage the infestation, including fall sanitation of confirmed infested trees, continued surveillance, planting of replacement trees, and potential use of insecticides and biocontrol methods, pending approval.

Community members are encouraged to take the following precautions to prevent the spread of EAB:

- 1. Do not transport firewood:** Avoid moving firewood from one location to another, as this can spread EAB and other invasive pests. Use locally sourced firewood instead.
- 2. Report signs of infestation:** If you notice signs of EAB infestation, such as D-shaped exit holes in ash trees, serpentine-shaped tunnels under the bark, or dieback of the canopy, report it to the Fond du Lac Resource Management Department immediately.
- 3. Follow quarantine regulations:** Adhere to quarantine boundaries and regulations to prevent the unintentional spread of EAB to new areas.
- 4. Support ash tree management:** Participate in efforts to manage ash trees on your property, such as sanitation of infested trees and planting of replacement species.

Community members are encouraged to stay informed about EAB and quarantine regulations by visiting the Fond du Lac Resource Management website and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website.

For more information about EAB in Minnesota, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website at [<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab>].

Updates and information will also be posted on the Fond du Lac Resource Management - Invasive Species webpage at [[Fond du Lac Resource Management - Invasive Species - Land-based \(fdlband.org\)](https://www.fdlband.org/)].