



CONGRESSMAN GLENN 'GT' THOMPSON

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## **Thompson Announces Public Forum on Forestry in State College**

*Public Discussion on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid with Penn State's  
Department of Entomology and the U.S. Forest Service*

**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Representative Glenn 'GT' Thompson today announced a forum on the topic of forest management and invasive species. The discussion, which will focus on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and efforts to protect the health and sustainability of eastern hemlock, will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Penn State University.

Participating in this forum will be leading researchers at Penn State University, including entomologist and College of Agricultural Sciences Dean, Dr. Bruce McPherson. Also participating is Dr. Kurt Gottschalk of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (FS). Dr. Gottschalk is the FS Project Leader for Ecology and Management of Invasive Species and Forest Ecosystems.

"I am extremely pleased that my alma mater, Penn State, has wholeheartedly engaged in this event, sharing their expertise and research," **Representative Thompson stated.** "Also, because of their long record of performing important research on invasive species, and forestry in general, I am very happy that the U.S. Forest Service will also be participating and sharing their research."

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid was first recognized in Virginia in 1951 and has been found in the Eastern United States from Maine to Georgia. The species threatens the sustainability and health of the eastern hemlock - Pennsylvania's state tree and one of the most dominant species in the Commonwealth's forests, and forests throughout the Northeast.

"Holding discussions like this is beneficial for researchers, forest landowners and users, outdoor enthusiasts, and all others who enjoy and rely on Pennsylvania's forest lands. This is an opportunity for the experts and the community to come together, discuss and learn about these issues, and experience some of the great work going on right in our backyards," **Representative Thompson added.**

The forum will begin with opening remarks by Representative Thompson and a series of presentations on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid by Penn State and the Forest Service. At the conclusion of the presentations, there will be a Q&A session with the presenters and the public attendees.

Details for the Event:

**When:**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.

**Where:**

PSU School of Forest Resources  
112 Forest Resources Building  
University Park, PA 16802

**Who:**

[U.S. Representative Glenn 'GT' Thompson](#)

*Chairman, U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy & Forestry*

[Dr. Bruce McPheron](#)

*Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University*

[Dr. Kelli Hoover](#)

*Professor of Entomology, Pennsylvania State University*

[Dr. Kurt Gottschalk](#)

*Research Forester and Project Leader, United States Forest Service*

\*\*\*Public Encouraged To Attend\*\*\*

\*\*\*Parking is available in the East Parking Deck for \$1\*\*\*

For additional information on the event, please contact John Busovsky with Rep. Thompson's office at (202)-225-5121 or [John.Busovsky@mail.house.gov](mailto:John.Busovsky@mail.house.gov).

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