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The Great Lakes Silviculture Library: A tool to link management practices for EAB within the region

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The continued expansion of the emerald ash borer (EAB) within the Great Lakes Region is and will continue to challenge natural resource managers to develop and test different silvicultural prescriptions. Each silviculture prescription and subsequent treatment is an experiment. These experiments shape the career of the individual foresters and his or her employer and have the potential to contribute to important local knowledge and institutional memory. However, these experiments are often not shared across agencies which limits our capacity to manage for new threats. The Great Lakes Silviculture Library was developed to fill this void and enhance the collective institutional memory of the Great Lakes forestry community. The Library is populated with “case studies” composed of text, HTML links, maps, and geographic data, photographs, and supplemental documents. Anyone with direct experience managing forest land in the Great Lakes is welcome to submit a case study. These studies highlight not only the successes of management but also when silvicultural treatments did not meet the desired objectives. As such, these successes and failures can help land managers identify new silvicultural approaches as they plan new treatments, especially for invasive species like EAB. Case studies can also build learning networks by connecting land managers across agencies and locations. Currently there are two case studies on EAB and ash management from the Wisconsin DNR and Chippewa National Forest. We are actively increasing content in this area and welcome new submissions.

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