

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for forest pest response.  
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **FOREST PEST RESPONSE; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund to the  
1.6 commissioner of agriculture to identify, prevent, and, in consultation with the Forest  
1.7 Resources Council, protect Minnesota forests by rapidly and effectively responding to the  
1.8 threat or presence of plant pests, including emerald ash borer. The commissioner of  
1.9 agriculture may transfer all or part of this appropriation to the commissioner of natural  
1.10 resources and shall award grants to local units of government or other entities.