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South Hill Mall gypsy moth environmental documents ready for review
Comments due April 7 for proposed project in Puyallup

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is accepting public comments on a proposed plan to eradicate an infestation of gypsy moth on a 29-acre site at the South Hill Mall in Puyallup. There are no residences at the site.

Before a proposed treatment is approved or disapproved, state and federal law requires WSDA to prepare two environmental documents assessing the impact of the treatment on the environment, then make the documents available to the public for review and comment.

Documents available for public review are a completed State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist approved by WSDA, and a draft environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Documents are available on-line at <http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/InsectPests/GypsyMoth/>.

Copies may also be reviewed at the Washington State Library, Point Plaza East, 6880 Capital Blvd., Tumwater and at the Puyallup City Library, 324 S. Meridian in Puyallup.

Deadline for submitting written comments to WSDA on the proposed treatment is April 7.

A reproducing population of the destructive gypsy moth was detected in the northwest corner parking lot of the South Hill Mall last summer. WSDA trappers caught seven moths at the site and found other evidence of gypsy moth activity. If approved, treatments will begin in April or early May. Three to five applications of a biological insecticide would be applied during late night hours, three to 14 days apart.

For more information, call the WSDA toll-free hotline at 1-(800)-443-6684.

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