What: Pathologists and Entomologists will be available to ID your specimens of insects, pathogens, and/or associated damage, including abiotic damage.

When and Where: The experts will be available during the Poster Session/Social from 3:30-4:30 pm on November 17. If you have not yet signed-up for the annual meeting, the registration form and agenda are posted at http://caforestpestcouncil.org/

How: Bring your specimens and photos. The easiest way to transport most insects is in a vial of alcohol. More delicate insects can be killed by freezing and placed in a vial or small box with tissue paper. Other specimens should be bagged or boxed and kept relatively cool and dry during transport. Paper bags and boxes are generally better than plastic, which can cause condensation. The fresher the specimen the better, and try to include healthy tissue along with the damaged. If you collect a specimen well beforehand, keep it dry and store in a refrigerator if necessary. Photos can be paper or digital (on a jump drive). If you bring specimens, it may also be helpful to bring photos of tree and stand conditions.

Caution: Be careful not to transport unwanted pests, for example live specimens of exotic bark beetles and wood borers or the pathogens that cause sudden oak death and pitch canker. Dead insects or photos of suspected quarantine pests are fine.

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