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Dear researchers and other interested parties:

Enclosed find the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 2005 Request for Proposals for Sudden Oak Death/*Phytophthora ramorum*. Please forward this RFP to researchers that might be interested in applying for the approximately \$1 million to be awarded competitively in 2005. Through this RFP, we will fund research, nationwide and internationally, to increase the understanding of *Phytophthora ramorum*/Sudden Oak Death. The knowledge will be used to guide development and implementation of regulatory policies, monitoring programs, and management and treatment strategies, to minimize spread of this quarantine pathogen.

Proposals are due on or before **April 15, 2005**. Complete instructions for submission are provided on the enclosed RFP. For more information contact Susan Frankel, Acting Sudden Oak Death/*Phytophthora ramorum* Research Program Manager at sfrankel@fs.fed.us or 510-559-6472.

Sincerely,

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