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*I wanted to keep you updated on the trapping progress of Ambrosia beetle and other exotic wood borer species found here in The Dalles over the last few years. As you know the ODA sprayed the Amerities plant and the area surrounding the plant both last year and this year. The progress on the trapping is reported below. So far, so good.*

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The most recent complete sample period for all the traps in The Dalles ended April 28, 2006. Up to that date, a total of 691 specimens had been processed. None of those were *Xylosandrus crassiusculus* nor any of the other exotic southeastern species found at The Dalles last year. The sample period from April 28 to May 12 has been partially processed, adding another 1,954 specimens, also without any target species being found.

This is promising. By April 26 last year, a single individual of *Xylosandrus crassiusculus*, 3 *Monarthrum fasciatum*, and 3 *Monarthrum mali* had been trapped at The Dalles. By May 12, 39 *Xylosandrus crassiusculus*, 8 *Monarthrum fasciatum*, and 14 *Monarthrum mali* had been trapped. These data should be regarded with caution. Based on trap data for the most commonly trapped ambrosia beetle at The Dalles, *Xyleborinus saxesenii* (a long-established exotic species that normally does little damage), the local season may be retarded by more than a month. In 2005, significant numbers of this species were trapped by early to mid-March. This year, significant numbers of this species were first found in traps from April 24-28. We don't know the life cycle of *Xylosandrus crassiusculus* in this region well enough to know how closely that species responds to the same climatic factors that influence *Xyleborinus saxesenii*.