

## CRB Response Update

March 1 - 7, 2014

- The USDA Incident Command Emergency Alpha Team departed for the mainland this week leaving the project to locally-based USDA APHIS and HDOA staff. The local staff received ICS training under Delta Team over the past week and will maintain the incident command structure for the response.
- The Navy will begin testing in-vessel composting next week to dispose of large amounts of mulch on base that are infested or potentially contaminated. If successful, this method will be used for decontaminating infested mulch found in the future.
- This week 44 miles were surveyed for visual damage and 160 new traps were deployed. A total of four beetles were trapped, two of which were found outside Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: one at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park and one on Mokauea Street near the DOA office. This slightly expanded the buffer area where surveys are concentrated.
- Friday morning (3/7/14) a new mulch pile was found to be infested with CRB grubs at the Par 3 Golf Course, about 1.5 miles from the infestation at Mamala Bay Golf Course. The pile is being covered with netting to deter adult beetles from escaping should they emerge. Further interim mitigation may include grinding the mulch and/or steaming.
- A team of University of Hawaii students with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources National Resource and Environmental Management Program started a project to facilitate public reporting of CRB damaged coconut trees. The UH "Beetle Buster" team has set up a webpage on the Project Noah website and smartphone app for people to upload photos of damaged trees as part of their 'capstone' project. You can join the mission at <http://projectnoah.org/missions/182566002>