What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising identifying a locus near a growing site of a woody plant susceptible to damage from one or more species of termites and positioning a composite member at the locus, wherein the composite member includes a pesticide and a bait material palatable to the one or more species of termites.

2. A method, comprising:

identifying a woody plant actively infested by one or more species of insects;

forming an interrupted area in a pathway providing insect access to the woody plant; and

positioning a pesticidal bait member in the interrupted area.

3. A system, comprising a composite member positioned at a location near a growing site of a woody plant susceptible to damage from one or more species of termites, wherein the composite member includes a pesticide and a bait material palatable to the one or more species of termites.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the locus includes detecting a mud trail providing termite access to the woody plant and forming an interrupted area in the mud trail.

5. The method of claim 4, which includes positioning the composite member in the interrupted area.

6. The method of claim 4, which further includes at least one of applying a cover to at least a portion of the composite member and covering the composite member with fill.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the interrupted area is situated adjacent to a root of the woody plant.

8. The method of claims 1 or 2 or the system of claim 3, wherein the woody plant is an oil palm tree or a rubber tree.

9. The method of claim 1, which further includes forming a hole configured to receive the woody plant being transplanted from a second location, wherein the locus is in the hole and positioning the composite member at the locus includes placing the composite member in the hole.

10. The method of claim 9, which further includes placing the woody plant in the hole over the composite member.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the composite member is disk-shaped.

12. The method of claim 1 or the system of claim 3, wherein the composite member includes an extruded mixture of the pesticide and bait material.

13. The method of claim 2, wherein the pesticidal bait member includes an extruded mixture of a pesticide and a bait material palatable to the one or more species of insects.

14. The method of claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the pesticide is selected from the group consisting of noviflumuron, hexaflumuron, lufenuron, flufenoxuron, diflubenzuron, bistrifluron, sulfuramid, novaluron and hydramethylnon.

15. The method of claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the bait material comprises alpha cellulose.

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12. The method of claim 2, wherein the pesticidal bait member includes an extruded mixture of a pesticide and a bait material palatable to the one or more species of insects.

13. The method of claim 1, claim 3 or claim 12, wherein the pesticide is selected from the group consisting of noviflumuron, hexaflumuron, lufenuron, flufenoxuron, diflubenzuron, bistrifluron, sulfuramid, novaluron and hydramethylnon.

14. The method of claim 1, claim 3 or claim 12, wherein the bait material comprises alpha cellulose.