

# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Outreach and Updates



### About this Newsletter

The Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative (FOCI) of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases is starting this newsletter in the hopes of streamlining and facilitating communications with the very wide variety of firewood outreach professionals and stakeholders. The FOCI is expecting to publish ten editions of this newsletter annually, with articles being written about any subject of direct pertinence to firewood outreach, phytosanitary measures and standards for firewood, or other developments. The FOCI is funded by a cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy and USDA-APHIS.

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### California Firewood Task Force's 2013 Outreach

Made up of 11 California and federal agencies and organizations, the [California Firewood Task Force](#) is in its third year of working with the national Don't Move Firewood campaign. This year, it's producing English and Spanish-language versions of Don't Move Firewood's most popular posters, customized with California-specific information, pests, and logos. State staff and partners will be distributing materials statewide and attending at least four outreach events, including the State Fair. California also recently finished up a new deck of invasive plant and pest playing cards.

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### Tennessee's Audio PSAs

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's forest health management program is actively working to minimize resource losses from forest insects, disease, vertebrate pests, or other sources impacting growth. Its four major threats to forest health are the gypsy moth, southern pine beetle, oak decline and dogwood anthracnose. In a recent effort to spread awareness about this issue, the Division of Forestry made three PSAs, including a 60-second radio piece titled "Backyard Trees," in partnership with the USDA and The Nature Conservancy.

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit the [www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources).

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### In The News

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[New Jersey Wins Fight Against a Tiny Invader](#)

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## Infestations and Regulations



### Firewood Heat Treatment and Labeling Standards

AFPDA Working on Voluntary National Standards

The American Firewood Producers and Distributors Association (AFPDA) is working to finalize a set of voluntary national standards for firewood heat treatment levels and labeling, which will include a process-verified certification program. Two levels of certification are currently being considered – Silver (160°F for 75 minutes) and Gold (160°F for 90 minutes, exceeding ISPM 15). AFPDA has been working with USDA-APHIS and the Agricultural Marketing Service to ensure the standards will fit as many needs within the phytosanitary community as is feasible.

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## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



### Firewood Buddy

iOS App to Find Local Firewood  
Have you heard of Firewood Buddy? It's a free iPhone and iPad app created by the [Oregon Invasive Species Council](#) to help users find sources of local firewood near campgrounds in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Northern California. The app

also features tips about making campfires, camping - and even campfire recipes! This year, Don't Move Firewood is teaming up with the makers of Firewood Buddy to transition the app to a national model and allow any state to add information on where to buy firewood locally. Questions? Email Leigh Greenwood at [L.Greenwood@tnc.org](mailto:L.Greenwood@tnc.org).  
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### [Protect Ash Trees: Don't Move Firewood!](#)

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[New York Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine to Be Expanded](#)

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[CBP Catches Asian Gypsy Moths at Port of Tacoma](#)

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[New Documentary On Tree Pests To Be Offered To National Educational Telecommunications Association Members](#)

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## Submit Your Story

This is the new Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of 120 words or less and we'll try to include it.

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