

Outreach and Updates

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Leave firewood at home! Don't bring it with you for camping or traveling.



Annual State Summary Review has begun!

We need your help — each year, the staff of Don't Move Firewood compiles a state summary of every major landowning entities' firewood related policy and risks in each and every state, plus Canada and Mexico — and then fact checks it with at least one state agency staff (most often, the State Plant Regulatory Official as designated by the National Plant Board). This is an all-inclusive effort including: state parks, national parks, national forests, BLM lands, US Army Corps, you name it. The resulting map is an incredible resource for both the public, and forest professionals nationwide. **But we cannot do this without you.** Please open the map, click on your state, and send your changes and suggestions to LGreenwood@tnc.org. Thank you.

[Review your state on the map »](#)

National Invasive Species Awareness Week is in February

Do you like learning? Do you like invasive species? Keep an eye on NISAW.org, as the week of February 21st to 27th should be chock full of informative webinars, sessions, and other online events pertaining to professional education on invasive species around the USA. The webinar schedule is not vet up, but it will be soon.

[Bookmark NISAW.org today »](#)

Webinar Alert: Encouraging behavior change via social media outreach

Join us for an informative webinar on January 20th 2016 on how groups, organizations, and agencies can use social media to encourage behavior changes. We'll explore a few examples, work through some best practices, and encourage networking between social accounts administrators.

[Get the schedule, link, and more here »](#)

It is not too late to tell people to NOT dump their Christmas tree in their backyard.

[How to Dispose of your Christmas Tree](#) is still relevant this week. Some people don't take their tree down until the end of January! Remind them about best practices before they have tossed it tinsel and all into their backyard.

[Read the Xmas Tree Blog »](#)

The featured image this month is a sign made for Boulder County, Colorado. Learn more about how Boulder is limiting the spread of emerald ash borer within Colorado on our [Don't Move Firewood blog](#).

Infestations and Regulations

Vermont to prohibit the import of untreated firewood

Vermont is currently seeking public comment on their new firewood rule, which is scheduled to go into effect May 1st 2016. The rule, in short, bans untreated firewood from entering the state and requires heat treated firewood to be compliant with USDA APHIS standards. It is important to note that to date, neither the emerald ash borer nor the Asian longhorned beetle has been detected in Vermont, despite the proximity of the Green Mountain State to known infestations of both of these forest pests.

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A COLLEAGUE »**

In The News

12/30/15

**Vermont to enforce strict
imported firewood law in 2016**

12/26/15

**Gvbsv-moth spraving ured in
Oregon; Washington may follow**

[See the Vermont Information Sheet »](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Order your outreach materials today!

Will you need brochures, DVDs, tattoos, pest id wallet cards, or other materials in the spring? Help us distribute our materials ahead of time, to people that really need them — like you! Download our easy order PDF [here](#) and you can get a supply of our outreach materials for free, or for just the cost of the shipping (for larger items and larger quantities).

[Get the order form »](#)

Bird watchers are your best friend

The 2016 Great Backyard Bird Count is February 12th to 16th. We promise, this is the last FOCI edition until November that will remind you about our awesome handout, [Holes in Trees](#). Help local birdwatchers distinguish between native and typical woodpecker damage, as opposed to woodpeckers preying on invasive forest pests or holes from the forest pests themselves by downloading it today. Then, send it to your local Audubon chapter with a nice note suggesting they stock it in the visitor's center. and pat yourself on the back.

[Download the Birdwatcher's Guide to Holes in Trees »](#)

12/21/15

[Carving out a new life for ash-borer infested trees](#)

11/04/15

[Avocados in Florida Are in Trouble. But Drones Might Help Save the Guac.](#)

09/18/15

[Trans-national horizon scanning for invasive non-native species: a case study in western Europe](#)

Submit Your Story

This is the 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.

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