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## FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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### **Annual State Summary Review going on now!**

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 in-state representative. 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 for 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](mailto:LGreenwood@tnc.org). Thank you.

[Check your state on the Firewood map >>](#)

### **Don't let your forest pests visit North Dakota**

Did you know that North Dakota has trees? It does! For instance, it has 78 million ash trees, all of which are at risk of infestation by emerald ash borer. Large loads of firewood from all over the nation are being brought into North Dakota, destined for the protest area surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline adjacent to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. As someone who cares about firewood and forest pests, you are highly encouraged to educate the public in your state about whether or not there are legal and/or ecological concerns with moving firewood from where you are, into North Dakota. Your messages need not be limited to emerald ash borer – others like gypsy moth and various pests of pine are also of concern. Learn more about North Dakota's firewood messaging approach to this situation at these links:

[North Dakota on the lookout for emerald ash borer \(AgWeek\) >>](#)

[Take Precautions with Firewood Transportation \(ND Dept of Agriculture Press Release\) >>](#)

### **2017 National Invasive Species Awareness Week**

The week of February 27th to March 3rd will be chock full of informative webinars, sessions, receptions on Capitol Hill, and other online events pertaining to professional education on invasive species around the USA. The event schedule is not yet up, but it will be available very soon.

[Bookmark NISAW.org today >>](#)

### **Alert! Upcoming Webinar on January 25th!**

The Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative is partnering with the folks at Southern Regional Extension Forestry to co-present the webinar: **The People Have Spoken: Using Forest and Firewood National Polling Data to Promote Forest Health**, on January 25th 2017, at 1pm Eastern. CEUs are available.

[Learn more and register here >>](#)

The featured image this month is from a recent National Public Radio news story on the protest area surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline. In the photo, two people are splitting firewood for use at the camp. Photo credit: Amy Sisk, Inside Energy. Read the whole article here: [Dakota Pipeline Protesters, Nearby Residents Brace for 2017](#)



### Map Quiz! Asian longhorned beetle across the pond

The USA and Canada are not the only places in the world where the Asian longhorned beetle has been declared an invasive species. There are eight countries in Western Europe that also have discovered infestations within their borders. Which one country in each of these two triads has an ALB infestation?

- Norway, Sweden, or Finland?
- Portugal, Spain, or France?

[Find the answers \(and more\) here >>](#)



### New website, new graphics, happy new year!

The Don't Move Firewood website has been in desperate need of an upgrade for a while now, leading to chronic problems with our Resource Library, Blog, and more. Thankfully, our brand new site is nearly ready- and we're really excited to show it to you very soon. Along with the new site, we'll also be releasing new complimentary poster, brochure, postcard, and billboard designs. Don't worry, we're keeping a lot of the same look and feel (and messages) so that our materials remain as recognizable to the public as always. Stay tuned, and THANK YOU for your patience as we hope to launch all the new materials in late January and early February.



**An ecological invasion mimics a drunken walk**  
9 Jan 2017

**USDA Provides \$57.8 Million to Protect Agriculture and Plants from Pests and Diseases**  
14 Dec 2016

**Geneticists on cutting edge of effort to save ash trees**  
21 Nov 2016

**Ireland is losing its battle to save ash trees from killer fungus**  
21 Nov 2016

**Biomass power production, wood heating to increase in 2017**  
10 Nov 2016



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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