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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## **Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week starts the 21st!**

May 21st to 27th 2017 is Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week! We've got a toolkit to help you promote anything you feel is important to your area and is related to emerald ash borer, including: safer firewood choices, emerald ash borer signs and symptoms, the need to plant a more diverse urban canopy for the future, and so much more.

[View the Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week Toolkit >>](#)

## **Upcoming Webinar: Political Protests and Firewood Movement are a Tricky Combination**

The political protests that took place this past winter in North Dakota regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline were fueled, in the most literal sense, by thousands of cords of firewood from around the nation. Join the FOCI on May 18, 2017 at 3pm Eastern to listen to guest speakers Dave Hirsch (ND+SD USDA APHIS PPQ) and Charles Elhard (ND Dept of Ag) describe what North Dakotans experienced, and how they worked to minimize the threat of forest pests to the Dakotas' forest and tree resources.

[Get the full webinar details here >>](#)

[Did you miss the last one? The April FOCI webinar recording is here >>](#)

## **Save the Date! Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases Annual Meeting**

This newsletter is one of several Initiatives of the Continental Forest Dialogue - and the annual meeting of the full Dialogue will be November 9th and 10th in Savannah GA. We'll be discussing forest pest and pathogens issues from across North America. Plan to attend and mark it down on your calendars!

[Get details on the Continental Forest Dialogue meeting and more >>](#)

## **YES you will receive a FOCI newsletter this June**

Normally, the FOCI does not issue a newsletter in June (nor December). The schedule got rather tangled up this spring, so we've decided to issue one in June this year to make up for our absence in February and March. Please submit articles for publication in June's FOCI by June 1st preferably, June 5th at the very latest, by using the Submit Your Story button below!

Searching the Bugwood Forestry Images archives for *Agrilus planipennis* currently brings up 379 excellent images, including the one at the top of this email. Check out this great resource of carefully labeled images at <https://www.forestryimages.org>

## Infestations and Regulations

### Map Quiz! Pine shoot beetle

Did you know that pine (*Pinus spp.*) firewood with the bark attached is a regulated item with regards to the current pine shoot beetle quarantine? Sure you did! But let me ask you this- is Kentucky inside, or outside, the quarantined area? And what about Iowa- inside, or outside?

**Learn about pine shoot beetle and find the answers on the Quarantine Map >>**

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### New quick Don't Move Firewood videos

We've got three versions of a new, quick, and fun video that you can use to promote safer firewood choices. These promotional videos were originally created by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry through a multistate cooperative USDA Forest Service Redesign grant. The folks in Tennessee were kind enough to edit their videos into 15, 20, and 30 second versions without any Tennessee information- making them work on a national scale. Thanks again to the Tennessee Division of Forestry for that excellent adaptation of your materials!

**View all three versions of the videos here >>**

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## In the News

**Mississauga victims of Asian longhorned beetle may be eligible for compensation (Canada)**

6 May 2017

**Bringing back the American chestnut**

1 May 2017

**To save forests, cut some trees down, scientists say**

21 Apr 2017

**The trees that make Southern California shady and green are dying. Fast.**

19 Apr 2017

## 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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