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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Come to the Continental Forest Dialogue meeting!

This newsletter is one of the initiatives of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases - and the annual meeting of the Dialogue is coming right up! Please join us November 9 – 10, 2017 (with optional field trips on the 8th), in Savannah Georgia. We'll be talking about complicated issues of forest pests and pathogens that affect trees all across North America- and we'll work on partnerships and collaboratives that can provide solutions! Remember, the meeting includes speakers on the issues of: the complexities of firewood regulations, dealing with a lack of firewood regulations, and the ramifications of pest deregulation on firewood. **Registration is open now.**

[Register, view the meeting agenda, and more >>](#)

Say something about hurricane debris

In the days, weeks, and months that follow extreme weather events, the public will be looking for information on how to properly get rid of huge amounts of dead trees, limbs, leaves, and brush. In the core of damaged areas, there is often a municipal curbside pickup system in place- so that isn't necessarily where you'll need to focus your public outreach and education energy. Instead, the neighboring areas are the real trouble spots- places where wind and rain dropped limbs and toppled a few unhealthy trees, but no formal storm cleanup was initiated by the town or county. Are you in a place that got mild to medium damage from a storm this year? Click on the link below to read our example blog for outreach inspiration.

[Cleaning up tree debris in hurricane damaged areas >>](#)

Firewood Month is almost here

This October is the second annual Firewood Awareness Month, a partnership between Hungry Pests and Don't Move Firewood to create a month full of firewood outreach opportunities. Each week in October will have an optional theme to help spur ideas and connect to different groups- and your organization can promote any firewood related messages that work for you during the month of October.

[Start here to be a part of Firewood Month >>](#)

Thanks for forwarding this email

Last month we asked everyone to forward this email to five friends- and we'd like to thank everyone that came through for us. **We saw twice as many new signups as in a typical month-** a definite success! If you didn't forward this email, and now you want to, here's the skinny. Just

send it along and mention this link to subscribe: <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/newsletter-signup/>

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The Miami Herald wrote a great article this week on the scope of tree debris and damage from Hurricane Irma. This month's featured image is from [the article aptly titled "Those piles of dead trees outside aren't going away any time soon."](#)

Infestations and Regulations

Map Quiz! Find the new red dots

Since the start of August, new little red dots (initial EAB confirmed detection in a county) have appeared in six states and one province on the emerald ash borer infestation map. Only one of those states was an entirely new state for EAB detections- and which one was that? Hint: the dots are not yet encompassed by the federal quarantine boundary.

[View just the map >>](#)

[Cheat a little by looking it up here >>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Everyone loves the Bug Masks for Halloween!

One of the most enduringly popular items that Don't Move Firewood has ever created is our series of bug masks- emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, goldspotted oak borer, female adult gypsy moth, male adult gypsy moth, and walnut twig beetle. They come in colored in, pencil drawn, and French. Download them now for your October outreach!

[See all the available masks here >>](#)

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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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