# **FOCI** Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative





### Maine and New Brunswick confirm presence of emerald ash borer

Last month this newsletter discussed how the first known location of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Vermont was determined to be a cluster of locations as the initial detection prompted additional nearby discoveries. It looks like the exact same process applied to the discovery of EAB first in Edmundston, New Brunswick, and then right across the river and international border in Madawaska, Maine. And while last month we talked about tree canopy diversity, strategic replanting, and preservation of important urban trees, this month we'll remind you about two other important concepts: seed banking, and the retention of potential survivor trees.

Visit USFS National Seed Library Ash Page >> Learn about Lingering or Survivor Ash >>

### Celebrate the beauty of moths

Volunteer retention can be tough with invasive species. Consistently engaging the public when you are generally not finding what you are looking for gets really hard over time. In late July there is a fun international event, National Moth Week, that lets you break up this pattern- instead, you'll be interacting with the public while doing really amazing things... learning about native insects! exploring nighttime habitats! honing skills on species identification!... while creating learning opportunities that clearly crossover to early detection of invasive species as well.

Learn about National Moth Week >>

Visit the Don't Move Firewood National Moth Week Toolkit >>

## Tree Check Month is in August!

Don't get caught off guard by how fast this summer will go! In July, you'll want to get your August plan ready to encourage the public to check trees for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle. To help everyone compile their own interesting and engaging set of materials for August, the Don't Move Firewood site has a list of free online resources that you can download or link to on your poster, website, brochure, or facebook posts.

See the Tree Check Month Resource Listing >>

## Plan now for Firewood Workshops next year

There are several states that hold firewood producers workshops pretty consistently each year. While it is too late to attend these 2018 workshops now, mark your calendars and set reminders so you are ready for opportunities that emerge in 2019!

National Firewood Workshop - MI Heat Treated Firewood Workshop - TN Photo of the month: Simple range maps of tree species that cross international borders can be surprisingly tough to find. For general education and reference, the website PlantMaps.com can be really helpful when other sources fail to provide the information you need. This map is featured in our map quiz below.

# Infestations and Regulations

## Map Quiz: Northern Range of What?

The header of this email shows the northern portion of the range of... what? Here are your hints: this tree's range follows the canyons, draws, and chaparral habitats of the American southwest. It is a smaller tree that is also sometimes described as a shrub. The discrete contiguous range throughout the area pictured- which contains the most well visited cluster of National Parks in the country- puts it at tremendous risk from the movement of firewood. What is it?

Here's the answer >>

Want to see the full map? >>

And here's why this species is very relevant >>

# Don't Move Firewood Campaign

#### How to order emerald ash borer tattoos

Good news, everyone! Despite the fact that the Don't Move Firewood campaign has run out of emerald ash borer temporary tattoos until later this summer, the great folks at USDA APHIS currently have stock that they can send you! Please email your name, agency/affiliation, shipping address, and desired quantity of EAB tattoos (up to 500) to Sharon Lucik at Sharon.E.Lucik@aphis.usda.gov Tell her the FOCI Newsletter sent you!

### Will we see you in Irvine California?

The issue of firewood is always an important part of the annual meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases. This year, we'll be covering how California and other nearby states are dealing with forest pests that are not regulated- the challenges, the successes, and the plans for the future. Join us for a great meeting covering a wide variety of forest pest topics.

Find the meeting information here >>

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#### In the News

Proposals and abstracts wanted for upcoming ESA issue on the prevention and control of invasive insects.

June 19 2018

Emerald ash borer could come with \$11.5M price tag for Sioux Falls taxpayers

June 12 2018

Spotted Lanternfly Found in Virginia Grapes
June 5 2018

Long-term study reveals one invasive insect can change a forest bird community
May 23 2018

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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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