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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## **GOOD NEWS: Outreach Items Ordering still available!**

Our spring 2020 bulk outreach items are still available for you to order! First come first served, you can order between 50 and 1000 of each sticker, tattoos, postcard, brochure, and poster that we've got in bulk inventory. So far, we've packed up a total of 62,850 items for outreach professionals from Alaska to California, Florida to New York, and twelve more states in between. If you need more than 1000 of a given item, or if you can't open the order form link below, please email Leigh at [Lgreenwood@tnc.org](mailto:Lgreenwood@tnc.org) to discuss. Yes, we are taking orders despite... (see next paragraph)

[Open the Order Form here >>](#)

## **BAD NEWS: Outreach Item Shipping Delay Until Further Notice**

Bulk outreach items for the first 30 orders have been packed up in full, taped shut, and... now they cannot be shipped due to a mandated office closure. Of course, many of you recipients out there might also not be able to receive them at the location as addressed due to work-at-home requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic! And lastly, the outreach events themselves are all likely on hold, too. Therefore, all outreach bulk items **outgoing shipments** are on hold. We will reach out when we get the all-clear to return to the office. At that time, we'll also work to verify addresses are still OK for receiving. Thank you for your patience.

## **Plant Protection Act Section 7721 FY20 Spending Plan Released**

Congratulations to the 25 states that have forest pest outreach and/or forest pest first detector projects in the Fiscal Year 2020 spending plan! Wondering if there was an accepted suggestion for

a cooperative agreement in YOUR state? Download the full list at the link below, and then call your local State Plant Health Director for more information:

[Plant Protection Act Spending Plan FY2020 >>](#)

## Fewer meetings = Newsletters are more important

Look, we're not trying to say that firewood is the most important thing going on the world right now, but with the cancellation of the vast majority of professional meetings for the next few months, newsletters are going to be increasingly important to stay connected. **Please, forward this email to your colleagues in the world of firewood and forest pest outreach**, and ask them this- have you signed up for this newsletter? Tell them it's useful, short, and only once a month- and they should sign themselves up.

[https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/newsletter-signup/ >>](https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/newsletter-signup/)

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Photo of the month: The apples above have been damaged by feeding from brown marmorated stink bug. As you can see, this damage reduces or destroys the marketability of affected fruit. This really great illustrative image is from a 2017 Canadian Broadcasting Company article, [Invasive stink bug makes province's apple growers nervous](#)

## Infestations and Regulations

### Where isn't the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug?

It's been a long time since we quizzed you about the whereabouts of brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), a significant invasive agricultural pest. BMSB can be easily transported in cut firewood due to its habit of sheltering and overwintering in small spaces and cracks, like the narrow spaces that form between bark and heartwood when you properly season firewood. So here's your quiz! What three states (pick from contiguous USA only) have "No Interceptions" of BMSB as of early 2020?

[Find the answer here >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

## Webinar Recording: Regulations that

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### In the News

[The great conundrum of Pablo Escobar's hippos](#)  
March 30 2020

[White Fringetrees Likely to Withstand Attacks by Emerald Ash Borer](#)  
March 23 2020

[USDA Announces 2020 Plans for Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradication Efforts in New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio](#)  
March 19 2020

## apply to moving firewood right now

On February 25th 2020 we held our popular annual "Regulations right now" webinar, describing all the different ways in which current regulations criss-cross to create a confusing, and fascinating, regulatory landscape. Did you miss it? The recording is available now! This webinar was presented in coordination with the National Invasive Species Awareness Week webinar series and the Firewood Coordinating Outreach Initiative.

[Watch the recording here>>](#)

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## Share firewood news tips

Input from our readers is vital to the success of this newsletter — and to the mission it serves. Have you heard (or done) something that you think we and other readers should hear about? Please tell us about it!

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