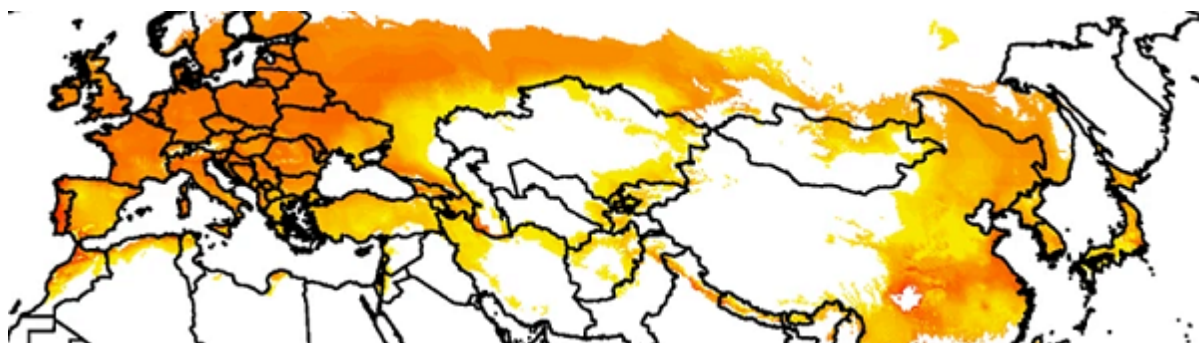


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# FOCI Newsletter

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## Tree Check Month wraps up Tuesday!

There is still time through the 31st to promote checking your neighborhood trees for forest pests like Asian longhorned beetle! Have you already used a bunch of USDA APHIS Tree Check Month materials, and need one last moment of inspiration? Find a full archive of different approaches and materials at the Don't Move Firewood Tree Check Month resource page, to spice up your outreach posts.

[View the Don't Move Firewood Tree Check curated list >>](#)  
[View the USDA APHIS Tree Check home page >>](#)

## Firewood Exchange Model on Prince Edward Island

The new firewood drop-off bins at the entrances to Prince Edward Island are a fantastic idea- and they come with an extra important detail to increase public acceptance- **free firewood coupons!** You should really read the whole article, which details how the bins are being distributed, and how the wood is being safely disposed, but the key part to know is, "People who are staying at provincial or national park campgrounds are able to get wood in exchange. When they drop off at the disposable bins, they are able to get a coupon for free replacement firewood at those campgrounds." This is an outstanding use of a positive reinforcement tool to protect trees.

[Read about PEI's new firewood boxes >>>](#)

## New Collection of Publications on the Costs of Invasive Species

In July, a special issue of Neobiota on the "The Economic costs of biological invasions in the world," presented an updated global perspective on the economic costs of invasive species

through a coordinated collection of national and regional publications. Forest pests are featured prominently in many of the assessments- they are often among the most expensive and ecologically damaging invasive species researched.

[Find the collection at Neobiota >>](#)

## Propose a candidate name for *Lymantria dispar*

The Entomological Society of America is taking proposals for a new common name for *Lymantria dispar* until Sept 8 2021. The ESA is eager to see a new common name for *Lymantria dispar* be adopted, and already has announced the former common name of “gypsy moth” will no longer be used in ESA publications, meetings, or other communications and outlets due to its offensive origin. ESA has formed a working group of ~50 pest managers, outreach professionals, and researchers who are engaged with *L. dispar* to collect candidate names and work to select a new approved common name for this moth. If you want to increase the chance that your suggested name(s) will be viable candidates, the ESA advises you first read up on the [existing ESA common names guidelines](#).

[Propose one or more \*Lymantria dispar\* candidate names >>](#)  
[Learn more about the ESA's Better Common Names Project >>](#)

## NAISMA Annual Meeting will be all virtual

The 2021 North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) annual conference in late September 2021 has been moved to an all-virtual format, so mark your calendars and get your workstation ready for an excellent set of webinars and online discussions. Forest pest related webinars will be scattered throughout the other taxa and topics, so take a look at the whole agenda to decide if you'd like to register!

[Learn about the virtual meeting here >>](#)

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Photo of the month: *Lymantria dispar* is a species of moth with a massive natural geographic range, making the selection of the new American English common name very challenging. This map is from the recent publication, [Global establishment threat from a major forest pest via international shipping: \*Lymantria dispar\*](#), Paini et al 2018.

## Infestations and Regulations

### Spotted lanternfly confirmed in Indiana and Ohio

New spotted lanternfly infestations have been found in several widely disjunct populations- with the most recent find in Indiana being found hundreds of miles away from the next nearest known infestation. This pattern of infestations indicates the accidental

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movement of this species by people's activities- whether that's moving firewood, moving outdoor furniture or other goods, the movement of plants in the nursery industry, or many other possibilities. Take a look at the current map of known spotted lanternfly infestations to see how widely dispersed some of the infestations and individual finds are occurring.

[See the most recent SLF regional map >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Summer Firewood Successes!

The Don't Move Firewood summer team has been working hard to update the Firewood Map summaries for all 50 states, Canadian provinces, Mexico, and even a new project to add US Territories. While this project nears its completion, let's take a moment to celebrate some of the new outreach partners the team has been working with to integrate firewood messaging into existing materials.

- [Camping page](#), North Cascades National Park in Washington
- [Campgrounds information](#), Denali National Park in Alaska
- [Firewood permitting](#), National Forests in North Carolina

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[For States Dealing With the Spotted Lanternfly, the Policy Is No Mercy](#)

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[The economic costs of biological invasions around the world](#)

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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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