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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## National Invasive Species Awareness Month is coming right up!

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) will be February 28 - March 4 in 2022. NISAW participants work together to raise awareness about invasive species, the threats that they pose, and what can be done to prevent their spread. Representatives from local, state, federal, and regional organizations discuss legislation, policies, funding, and improvements that can be made to prevent and manage invasive species. Partners around the country can opt to host and promote local events via NISAW, to advocate to elected officials, decision makers, and the public on how they can help to stop the spread of invasive species and protect our precious resources. *This blurb is adapted from language provided in the resource “NISAW 101: National Invasive Species Awareness Week Overview.”*

[Visit the NISAW Toolkit >>](#)

[Register for the NISAW Webinar series >>](#)

## What do you want from Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in 2022?

For many years, forest health professionals have used the “hook” of Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (shortened to EAB Week) each May to bring attention both the pest threat of emerald ash borer in North America, as well as the need to use local firewood. With the federal deregulation of emerald ash borer in 2021, this year’s EAB Week has many different directions that outreach managers could choose to take it. What do YOU want to see promoted?

EAB Week is always scheduled the week leading up to Memorial Day weekend- that is May 22-28 in 2022. The team at Don’t Move Firewood will host two brainstorming planning webinars in February and March (dates and times TBD) to allow for updating the toolkit at least a month ahead of time- keep an eye on this newsletter, or the [EAB Week Toolkit page](#), for updates on joining the webinars and toolkit update alerts. All are welcome! Don’t want to do a webinar? [Email your ideas](#) and preferences directly to us.

[See prior EAB Week Toolkits >>](#)

## Emerald Ash Borer University outstanding spring lineup

The variety of topic areas currently scheduled for the Emerald Ash Borer University spring speaker series (“EABU”) is really exceptional- from spotted lanternfly to state firewood regulations, ash tree breeding to Asian longhorned beetle, all in one convenient series. EABU is a longtime leader in forest health webinars, and searching their archives is excellent for anything you need to brush up on. Browse the upcoming webinars and archives at the link below.

## Continental Dialogue Slides and Presentations Now Available

The complete collection of the 2021 Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases presentation slides and video recordings, held across four days in mid December 2021, is now available. Topics ranged across major themes in the forest invasive species continuum; Before the Border, First Points of Contact, Better Detection through Partnerships and Through the Lens of (Host) Trees. The archive was designed to let you skim the titles and speakers so you can pick and watch just the ones you are most interested in!

[Continental Dialogue slides and talks now available >>](#)

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Photo of the month: *Karla Salp*, Washington State Department of Agriculture, [Bugwood.org](#). The [Entomological Society of America process for selecting a new name for \*Lymantria dispar\*](#) has almost concluded and the name put forth for comment is "spongy moth" —a name derived from the common name used in France and French-speaking Canada, "spongieuse"—referring to the moth's soft and sponge-like egg masses. The egg masses are the life stage that most problematic for spreading this invasive species via the firewood pathway.

## Infestations and Regulations

### Firewood Report Coming Soon

Many firewood-relevant regulatory changes happened in 2021 across the United States, due in large part to two separate pest related events; the deregulation of emerald ash borer, and a long term regional shift in the Eastern states' approach to thousand cankers of walnut. With these changes and more at hand, the team at Don't Move Firewood has embarked on a comprehensive research and synthesis project to provide simple and accurate professional graphical depictions of the regulations, certifications, and recommendations that pertain to firewood across the whole country. This information will then be evaluated in the report for the question that most relates to the DMF outreach campaign itself; is the current regulatory situation, or local recommendation, per each state being communicated to the firewood using public?

[Learn more and sign up for a webinar here >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Thank you to all our partners

Between the Firewood Regulation, Certification, and Recommendation Report and the upcoming new Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week scoping and toolkit refresh effort, we've got our hands full! Thank you to all the amazing partner organizations and individuals that we work with on a daily basis to educate firewood users about best practices to slow

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## In the News

['Spongy Moth' Proposed as New Common Name for \*Lymantria dispar\*](#)

January 25, 2022

[Frigid Temps Are Great for Killing Ash Borer Beetles. How Cold? We're Not Even Close](#)

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[Here's Why You Shouldn't Bring Your Own Firewood on Your Next Camping Trip](#)

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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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