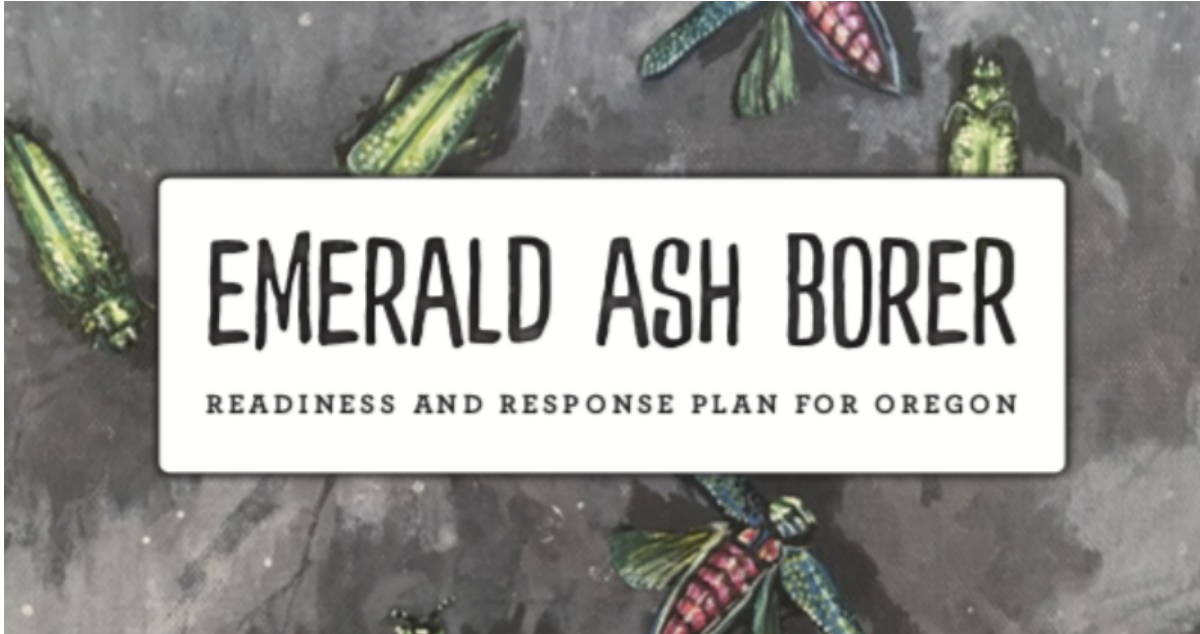


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Emerald Ash Borer Found in Oregon

Unfortunately, the highly destructive emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed near Portland, Oregon- threatening native Oregon ash trees (*Fraxinus latifolia*) as well as common street trees from species of ash native to other regions (such as green and white ash). This is the first detection of this pest in a western state. It was initially found by an alert off-duty biologist picking up his children from a summer camp in the town of Forest Grove.

[Click here for the official news release >>](#)
[Visit the EAB Readiness and Response Plan for Oregon>>](#)

Check out Invasive Species Action Network Fly-Tying Outreach!

The non-profit organization, Invasive Species Action Network (ISAN) encourages people to get interested in invasive pests through the fine art of fly tying. The hobby of fly tying has a long history of mimicking insects that lure fish to its hook. Building on the idea of creating and mimicking specific insects with fly tying, ISAN seeks to teach people about these destructive insects- although note, these the invasive pest patterned flies are not intended to catch a fish. Instead, ISAN hopes they will catch the attention of people observing the world around them- and hopefully, to spread the information to others.

[Find fly-tying information here >>](#)

National Moth Week is all but here!

The 11th annual National Moth Week (NMW) is July 23-31 this year. NMW celebrates all moths and provides the opportunity for everyone to participate in citizen scientist projects focused on these amazing creatures! However, as we know, some moths cause immense damage to natural resources when introduced to new areas, so this is also great opportunity to share outreach on species that impact forest health in North America, such as the spongy moth.

[Learn more about this year's National Moth Week >>](#)

August is Tree Check Month!

Prep your outreach materials, tree check month is right around the corner! This is the time to encourage the public to check trees for signs of invasive insects and insect damage, especially from the Asian longhorned beetle. At the Don't Move Firewood website, we have accumulated relevant online resources that you can download for free or link to on your poster, website, brochure, or Facebook posts.

[View the 2022 Tree Check Resource List >>](#)

Photo of the month: The news of a newly discovered EAB infestation in the coastal western state of Oregon is highly alarming. Fortunately, Oregon officials took the initiative last year to put in place a [Readiness and Response Plan](#) for this very occasion, published March 2021 by Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Department of Agriculture. Image credit: cover art by Kendra Larson.

Infestations and Regulations

Giant African Snail Confirmed in Florida (again)

The giant African land snail was recently reported by a Pasco County Master Gardener, and authorities from Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) confirmed the infestation in the New Port Richey area (near Tampa) on June 23, 2022. FDACS is now surveying the area and have implemented a quarantine in the area along with treatment. Keep in mind, the recently eradicated infestation in Miami isn't nearby to this at all- it's nearly 5 hours away, and also the coloration of the snails at the past and current sites indicates they are different populations.

[See here for details and a map of the quarantine area >>](#)

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Firewood Comparison Report Re-issue

This past spring we published the Firewood Comparison Report- also known by the longer title "Firewood Regulation, Certification, and Recommendations Report." It contains an extensive review of the current regulatory, certification, and outreach environments in the United States as they pertain to the firewood pathway- including a summary page for each of the 50 states and 5 territories. We recently re-issued the report with some timely updates and corrections. A list of the revisions can be found in the new version on page 18.

[View our Firewood Comparison Report >>](#)

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