## **FOCI** Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative





#### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to Boost Firewood Banks**

With a new source of funding support now underway, heating with firewood may get easier for some families and seniors in need. The USDA Forest Service is partnering with the non-profit Alliance for Green Heat to administer a large grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that will expand and add new Firewood Banks across the US. What's a Firewood Bank, you say?

Read about funding for Firewood Banks here>>

### Did you miss it? On the Horizon: Managing the Invasion of Emerald Ash Borer in the Pacific Northwest

The North West Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Network gave a team-up style webinar on November 3rd with lessons learned from the emerald ash borer invasion in North America, and perspectives for Oregon ash specifically. There was be a round-table discussion among three scientists working on proactive managment across the country- and the recording is available now!

Find the webinar recording here >> Read about the speakers here >>

#### Now is the Time For Holiday Greenery Outreach

Christmas trees and other festive greenery can be an aesthetically pleasing source of nostalgia and piney-aromatics...but unfortunately they can carry forest pests too! Time to dish out some solid educational outreach on how to indulge with this holiday decor without compromising forest health.

Photo of the Month: USFS and Alliance for Green Heat are partnering up to enhance and add new firewood banks across the US! Photo Credit: Unknown.

#### Infestations and Regulations

# Spread the word on new regulations and updates.

Know of a new regulation in the works? See some outdated information on our site or Firewood Comparison Report? Have new outreach materials you want us to share? Please let us know! We try really hard to keep our Firewood Map and other materials current and accurate, and things can change fast. We plan on publishing a new version of the Firewood Comparison Report in early 2022, and we need your help to include all the new changes!

Send an email to Leigh Greenwood with updates.

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

## "Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team" Recordings Now Available

Missed our recent webinars on who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved? No worries! You can still access the recordings on our website. Find out some of our big outreach initiatives and how you can participate!

Click here to access the recorded webinars >>

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#### In the News

The Outside Story: Preventing Spreading Pests Through Firewood Oct 28, 2022

What Would Convince you to Burn it Where You Buy it? A Case Study on Overcoming Psychological Barriers in the Public Oct 25, 2022

Meet the parasitoid wasps scientists hope will save (some) of Vermont's ash trees Oct 24, 2022

Baseball History is No Longer Written With Ash Bats Oct 20, 2022

Don't Move Firewood, Virginia Oct 18, 2022

Auburn University Research Team Receives \$2.1 Million Grant to Work to Mitigate Growing Economic Threat to Pine Forests Oct 14, 2022

Occurrence of the Ips Beetle Increasing in Fort Collins' Spruce Trees

Oct 13, 2022

#### 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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