FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative





Next Week is NAISMA's National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW)!

The North American Invasive Species Managament Association (NAISMA) has marked next week (February 20-26 2023) as this year's North American Invasive Species Awareness Week! This is a great opportunity to spread awareness and educational information on invasive species issues. Be sure to register for one or more of the informational webinars scheduled for the week!

Click here for more information on NISAW 2023 >> Check out upcoming NAISMA events >>

In Case You Missed It: Oregon Implements Temporary EAB Quarantine

As a result of the EAB discovery this past summer, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) put in place a temporary quarantine that prohibits tree materials from all plant parts of ash, olive, and the white fringe tree, from movement outside Washington County in Oregon. This temporary quarantine will be in effect at least until May 16, 2023, and it restricts the movement tree materials including (but not limited to) logs, green lumber, nursery stock, scion wood, bud wood, chips, mulch, stumps, roots, branches, and firewood of hardwood species

Click here for more details on the temporary quarantine >> See here for a Factsheet on the quarantine >>

Photo of the Month: NAISMA's National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is next week (Feb 20-26) Photo derived from NAISMA.org

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New Pest of Concern for the Firewood Pathway: Elm Zigzag Sawfly

If you've heard of elm zigzag sawfly than you probably know that they can cause severe defoliation and may have long-term impacts on tree health as a result. Turns out, they have the potential for long-range dispersal on items like firewood as well. Recent heavy infestations in North Carolina showed that their cocoons were attached to non-living objects. Infestation in the US is fairly recent, so we'll be keeping an eye out for more information, and we'll have a new pest profile up on our DMF website soon.

Learn more about the elm zigzag sawfly here >>

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team!

In light of NISAW, we thought it'd be great to celebrate with one of our popular Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team webinars! We'll discuss our education and outreach efforts- what the campaign does, why it's important, how you can access our many resources, and what we've got to offer both the everyday firewood user as well as professionals in the field of forest health.

Monday the 20th is a federal holiday in the USA, so we've put our NISAW webinar on the next Monday so folks with the 20th off can easily participate. Join us, February 27th from 1-2pm Eastern for an informative hour of talking about the Don't Move Firewood Campaign!

Click here to register for the webinar >>

In the News

Public Information Gathering Session on Potential Revision of Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock, Woolly Adelgid, and European Larch Canker Quarantine Rules Feb 9

Early detection key to stopping the spread of invasive species Feb 8

In a dramatic spike, 36.3 million trees died in California last year. Drought, disease blamed Feb 7

The Outside Story: How deer contribute to spread of invasive species
Jan 29

CAL FIRE Forest Health Call for Grants (Proposals Due 2/28/2023) Jan 25

Scientists make inroads against tree-killing pests
Jan 24

Dry Firewood Market: Exponential Growth Expected with Complete SWOT Analysis by Forecast from 2023 to 2034

Jan 17

Looking to warm up? Remember that not all firewood is created equal

Jan 12

Plant Biosecurity Strategy for Great Britain (2023-2028)
Jan 9

APHIS announces new common names for regulated Lymantria moths

Dec 14

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