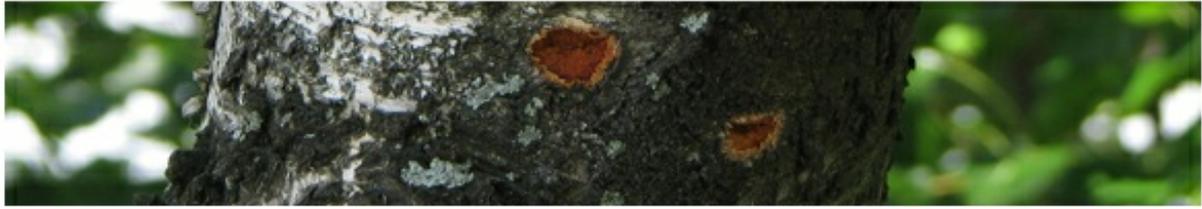


Outreach and Updates



Tree Check Month is August, right now!

Editor's note: the Tree Check story last month was the most popular item in the history of this newsletter - 812 downloads! August is only halfway through, so these resources are still highly useful. For your convenience, here is a reprint:

During August, the USDA asks folks to take 10 minutes to check trees for the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). Your organization can help by encouraging the public to proactively check trees this time of year — early detection can lessen the impact from Asian longhorned beetle on the infested area. To learn more about Tree Check Month, check out the engaging [Tree Check Infographic](#), download the popular [ALB Hunt](#) and [Tree Guide Worksheet](#) or visit [Asianlonghornedbeetle.com](#).

Story submitted by Rhonda Santos, Legislative and Public Affairs, USDA APHIS

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Considering a Firewood Scout related Farm Bill 10007 Suggestion?

Are you thinking about submitting a Farm Bill 10007 suggestion related to joining the Firewood Scout vendor listing website in 2016? This Friday, August 14th 2015, at noon Eastern, we'll be hosting a webinar to talk about reasonable expectations for your staff time, funding, and state roles for incoming Firewood Scout states. This will help you craft a more accurate Farm Bill suggestion for your state, if you so choose. Join us live on the 14th, or find a recording of the webinar on and after August 17th on the Don't Move Firewood blog or [email Leah](#) if you have any questions ahead of time.

[Join the webinar \(use code 824 900 550\) »](#)

[Future home of recording »](#)

Farm Bill 10007 Open Period has begun

The open period for Farm Bill 10007 funding for FY16 started August 3rd and suggestions can be submitted through September 14th 2015. This is a competitive funding process for USDA APHIS Farm Bill funds. If you do plan to submit — we hope that all your most effective firewood outreach projects receive funding!

[Visit the official USDA APHIS Farm Bill page »](#)

The featured image this month is of two Asian longhorned beetle oviposition sites, as photographed in Worcester MA in 2008. Credit: Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, photographer: Jennifer Forman Orth.

Infestations and Regulations

Spotted Lanternfly's death count rises

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's cooperative effort to control their new spotted lanternfly infestation is impressive. According to their website, they've killed 106,318 lanternflies with sticky tree bands and another 25,800 lanternflies with egg mass scraping. That's over 132,118 dead lanternflies in just one year! To learn all about this effort and about the pest itself, please visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Spotted Lanternfly page](#).

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In The News

07/26/15

INVASION IMMINENT: Emerald ash borer would hurt forestry economy (Mississippi)

07/22/15

Emerald Ash Borer Infestation of White Fringetree Found to be

Gypsy moths are depositing egg masses right now

This is the perfect time of year to remind the public to look for (and destroy) gypsy moth egg cases on their lawn furniture, RVs, lawn art, and... really, any stationary object left outside in late summer and early fall. You **should NOT be telling people to inspect their firewood** for egg cases before they move — because they shouldn't be moving firewood in the first place! But definitely tell the public this is the season for gypsy moth egg cases on all sorts of other materials.

[Learn more at Your Move, Gypsy Moth Free »](#)

Quiz yourself on EAB Federal Quarantine geography

First write down your answers, then click below to open the most recent map. What ½ of Arkansas is under EAB quarantine – North, or South? What 3 New England states are not known to have any infested counties? Is the farthest north known EAB location in the USA, or is it in Canada?

[Click here to check your answers »](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Firewood Scout adds Wisconsin and Tennessee

Firewood Scout is a simple firewood vendor mapping website that was started by the [Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation and Development Council](#) and has now expanded to be ready to take any willing and able states that wish to list their firewood vendors. In the last few months, Michigan has been joined by California, Wisconsin, and Tennessee. The Firewood Scout working group is now actively recruiting more states for inclusion in late 2015 or early 2016.

[Learn more at Firewood Scout »](#)

[Upcoming webinar on funding \(824 900 550\) »](#)

Widespread

07/21/15

[Scientists fight to save iconic UC Irvine trees from invasive beetle \(California\)](#)

07/18/15

[Fire ants make their way to Kentucky](#)

07/15/15

[Officials Tour Hampton Bays Area Following Infestation of Southern Pine Beetle \(New York\)](#)

Submit Your Story

This is the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of 120 words or less.

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