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Outreach and Updates



National Invasive Species Awareness Week coming up!

The 2015 dates for National Invasive Species Awareness Week are now set for February 22 to 28. Events will be taking place across the nation, including a fun Kids Day event at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. on the 28th. Rumor has it there will be people in invasive forest pest costumes giving out awesome bug tattoos!

[Learn More at NISAW.org »](#)

Feeling like nobody talks to you at your booth? Here's an idea!

The North Carolina Forest Service came up with a great idea to combine quizzes on invasive species (who doesn't love trivia?) with a free inexpensive "string" backpack full of educational materials as a reward. Their booth at the North Carolina State Fair drew in many, many more people than they had in previous years- a big improvement in engagement for spreading the message.

[Read the Blog »](#)

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week 2015

Have you seen Don't Move Firewood's very long list of EAB Awareness Week links? Thanks to the Don't Move Firewood 2014 summer interns, there is now an archive of 2014 (and earlier) news articles, proclamations, video, kids outreach items, and more- with LOTS of time to prepare before the week itself (forecasted to be May 17th to 23rd in 2015). Bookmark this page now so that you have it on hand later.

[Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week Toolkit »](#)

It is not too late to tell people to NOT dump their Christmas tree in their backyard

[How to Dispose of your Christmas Tree](#) is still relevant this week. Some people don't take their tree down until the end of January!

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources.

Infestations and Regulations



Great Smoky Mountain National Park
Finalizes Regulation Change

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In The News

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Smokies to crack down on

Breaking News! "Beginning in March 2015, only heat-treated firewood that is bundled and displays a certification stamp by the USDA or a state department of agriculture will be allowed for use in (Great Smoky Mountain National) park campgrounds." Read the full release on this very important regulation change at the most visited National Park in the USA.

[Read the Release »](#)

Emerald Ash Borer Maps Show Big Changes

Are you sick of "2014: The Year In Review?" Too bad! You should take a moment to look at the [Emerald Ash Borer New County Detection Map for 2014](#) and the [Federal EAB Quarantine and Authorized Transit Map](#) and really all the maps and info at the [USDA APHIS EAB Program Page](#). They've all changed quite a bit since you last looked.

Don't Move Firewood Campaign



Our most popular free handout EVER is... [Holes in Trees!](#)

Did you know the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is coming right up? Prep for this excellent opportunity to engage citizen scientists at early pest detection by reading our [easy instructions](#) on contacting your local birdwatching group and providing them with the [Birdwatcher's Field Guide to Holes in Trees](#). This handout is a photo guide that succinctly describes the differences between holes from foraging on native food sources, holes (or damage) from birds foraging on invasive insect food sources, and holes from invasive insects themselves. The GBBC is Friday, February 13, through Monday, February 16, 2015 this year, so start emailing your local birders today!

[Download the New Guide »](#)

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[Ecologists Take On Tiny Green Beetles That Infest Ash Trees](#)

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[Disease could cost black walnut industry millions, forest specialist warns](#)

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[A Beetle and its Longtime Fungal Associate Go Rogue](#)

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