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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Outreach and Updates



What about the Great Backyard BUG Count?

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), run by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology, received more than 134,000 submissions last year. That's a lot of dedicated birdwatchers! Now's your chance to ask them to look at trees for pest damage, too. Customize our 2014 Great Backyard Bird Count [press release](#) for your local pest concerns, swap in a good quote from a state agency staffer, and encourage citizen scientists! Download our template right now—the 2014 GBBC starts on February 14!

[Download the Template »](#)

Gypsy Moth Factsheet and Checklist

We're excited to say that the Gypsy Moth partner toolkit now contains a warning to not move firewood. This is an excellent addition to this document published by USDA APHIS, and we're excited to help promote it. Visit their [website](#), download the factsheet and checklist [here](#), and remember to include mentions of gypsy moth egg masses in your firewood outreach program whenever appropriate.

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Great Smoky Mountain National Park Outreach

Staff at Great Smoky Mountain National Park have been hard at work educating the public on firewood issues. They've created a simple page that shows all of the current counties under quarantine from emerald ash borer, listed by state. It's a great start for anyone trying to see the scope of the problem, so visit their [Firewood Alert page](#) and their [County Listing page](#).

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Funding Available Through Treefund.org

Sharon Lucik at USDA APHIS found this excellent grant opportunity for emerald ash borer-affected communities; thanks, Sharon! Multiple grants of up to \$10,000 are available through the TREE Fund program. Learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant Program, requirements, and deadlines.

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

Infestations and Regulations



Informative Websites

Where to Find Infestation Information

January 2014 was mercifully slow for the discovery of new infestations. Have you ever wondered how we stay up-to-date on new information? Here's a short sampling of some of our favorite informative sources: [USDA APHIS stakeholder email reastrv](#). [Forest Health on Twitter](#). [Emerald Ash Borer](#)

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In The News

1/29/2014

**Friaid temperatures mav not
have killed Emerald Ash Borer
(MI)**

[on Twitter](#), [Invading Species on Twitter](#) is based in Canada but covers a lot of excellent material, the [ALB eNewsletter](#), and the ever-fascinating Twitter feed of the [USFS Forest Products Lab](#) in Madison, WI.

Don't Move Firewood Campaign



Happy Valentine's Day
Share Our Meme!

It isn't too late to share our heart-shaped firewood photo with your social media administrator. It's a great picture to share on your Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram account for Valentine's Day! Download our popular image, complete with a cute holiday pun, [here](#).

[See the Meme »](#)

Firewood Messaging

ReserveAmerica.com and Recreation.gov

We've been hard at work with agency staff at the US Forest Service to increase the quality and quantity of firewood-related outreach messages on [ReserveAmerica.com](#) and [Recreation.gov](#). We're also going to be streamlining our [map](#) and making improvements to our state pages in the coming months. It's all in the interest of better informing the camping public about firewood and pests, so stay tuned!

[Visit DontMoveFirewood.org »](#)

1/23/14

Alien Moths are Coming for Your Nuts (Horse-Chestnut Leaf-Miner, UK)

1/13/14

Falling Temperatures do not Necessarily Mean Fewer Insects

1/13/14

Sixth-grade science project helping UC researchers (Goldspotted oak borer, CA)

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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