

# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Outreach and Updates



Paul Wray, Iowa State University

### **Don't Mess With Texas Ashes: State Takes Preventative Measures Against Emerald Ash Borer Destruction**

Following detections of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Colorado, Arkansas and Kansas, Texas has started to map ash tree locations and collect ash seeds in order to preserve the eight native ash species found in the state. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, in collaboration with the TexasInvasives.org partnership, are leading this initiative. Seeds will be made available for restoration activities in the ecoregion where they were collected after EAB control is achieved. Learn more about ash seed conservation in Texas by reading more on [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#), or [AshSeed](#), the official national ash seed collection program.

*Many thanks to Justin Bush, Invasive Species Coordinator, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, for authoring this update.*

### **Join us at the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases meeting!**

Forest health professionals from around the nation will gather this November 3rd and 4th in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Continental Dialogue meeting. Held in association with (and prior to) the Arbor Day meeting, the Dialogue's agenda is jam packed with exciting firewood related topics, including policy, outreach, and more.

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### **Farm Bill Section 10201 now part of Farm Bill Section 10007 for FY15**

For the past four fiscal years, the primary funding for Don't Move Firewood and many of our partnering state-led firewood outreach campaigns has come from Farm Bill Section 10201. This section has changed names for FY15 and onwards, to Section 10007. It is very important that all partners seeking funding through this source immediately subscribe to the Farm Bill Section 10007 topic in the APHIS Stakeholder Registry to learn about the name change, changes in funding levels and Indirect Cost, and the timeline for FY15 suggestions.

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit [www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources).

## Infestations and Regulations



### **Giant African Snails as a pest of concern**

The large and disease carrying invasive snail known as Giant African Snail is a potential serious threat to ecosystems and public health in the southern tier of the US. Additionally, because it is considered a desirable food in some cultures, it has high potential to be smuggled into the

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### **In The News**

9/3/14

**Worcester Tornado Damage  
Spreads Risk of Beetle  
Infestation (Massachusetts)**

US or sold on the black market. A recent USDA interception of an [illegal snail growing operation](#) in New York highlights the unusual nature of the Giant African Snail issue. Because the snails can shelter and lay eggs in wood piles, this pest can potentially be spread to new locations on contaminated firewood. Learn more about Giant African Snail at [Hungry Pests](#) or its official [APHIS program page](#).

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



Suggest new Halloween masks NOW!

Our 2013 series of Halloween masks have been one of the most popular outreach items in the history of Don't Move Firewood. We will be reissuing the masks for 2014- and we can accommodate a few new species of firewood vectored pests in the mix. View our 2013 [gypsy moth](#), [goldspotted oak borer](#), [Asian longhorned beetle](#), [walnut twig beetle](#), and [emerald ash borer](#), and please, suggest any new arthropod pests of firewood for 2014 via email to [LGreenwood@tnc.org](mailto:LGreenwood@tnc.org). Note we can't do artistic justice to non-face possessing organisms such as fungus, phytophthora, or viruses- it has to be something like a mite, ant, beetle, aphid, or fly.  
[See all the 2013 Masks Here »](#)

9/1/14

**New findings on beetle flight may help control deadly walnut tree disease**

8/26/14

**Multiple US-bound ships delayed by Asian Gypsy Moth**

8/23/14

**Threat looms for neighborhood ash trees (Nebraska)**

8/16/14

**Quincy girl named winner in statewide invasive species contest (California)**

## 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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