FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative



Outreach and Updates



Webinar Alert: "Treating Firewood is a Hot Topic: seasoning, solarizing, kiln drying, and heat treatment"

Join us Thursday, February 25, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST for a combined NISAW and Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative webinar discussing the various effective (and potentially ineffective) ways that firewood is treated in order to prevent the spread of forest pests. We will bring in experts from the private sector and USDA APHIS to talk about their efforts to slow the spread of invasive species through better firewood treatment.

See all the NISAW webinars listed here »
Register for "Treating Firewood is a Hot Topic" here »

Congratulations to accepted Farm Bill 10007 FY16 Outreach Projects!

The Farm Bill Section 10007 FY16 Spending Plan was released last week. In it, you will find many projects that directly pertain to forest pest outreach (33 projects across 24 states, by our count). If you need to look up what projects are funded in your state, the best thing to do is look up the Farm Bill 10007 FY16 Spending Plan and scroll to your state. To find out who is running each project, we advise inquiring with the State Plant Health Director to find out the correct point of contact for any given project. With that information, you will have a great head start on planning how your work will integrate with these upcoming outreach efforts. And if you have a FY16 funded project—congratulations!

See the full Farm Bill 10007 FY16 Spending Plan »

National Invasive Species Awareness Week is next week

The week of February 21st to 27th is full of informative webinars, sessions, and other online events pertaining to professional education on invasive species around the USA. Head on over to the NISAW website to see if there is an in-person event taking place near you, or a webinar you might want to participate in.

Visit NISAW.org today »

New websites popping up all over

Both the <u>Emeraldashborer.info</u> website and the <u>Asianlonghornedbeetle.com</u> website recently underwent serious renovations and rebuilding efforts. It is worth checking out both new sites as well as taking a look at your own sites to make sure your links are still referring to live and appropriate pages. It'd be a shame to lead your own visitors astray to a dead page on a partner site. Good luck!

Visit the new Emerald ash borer website »

Visit the new Asian longhorned beetle website »

The featured image this month is a picture of a uniquely heart shaped piece of ponderosa pine firewood. We'd like to take a moment to say thank you to you — our subscribers — for all your positive feedback and encouragement. Thank you!

Infestations and Regulations

Did your regulations recently change?

The Don't Move Firewood map is undergoing its annual fact-checking process, and we need your help! Please visit dontmovefirewood.org/map, click on your state or province, and think hard about whether or not the material written is accurate and complete. Send any revisions to Leigh at LGreenwood@tnc.org.

Visit the map »

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

There is still time to order outreach materials!

Don't Move Firewood brochures, fake tattoos, stickers, and more are still available to outreach professionals that really need them-like you! Download our easy order PDF here and you can get a supply of our outreach materials for free, or for just the cost of the shipping (for larger items and larger quantities).

Get the order form »

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In The News

02/01/16

Study: Drought could worsen fires, feed insects, spur plant dieoffs

01/27/16

Expansion of Goldspotted Oak Borer Zone Of Infestation

01/26/16

A stubborn, unseen insect devastates D.C.-area parks

01/22/16

Invasive beetle found in cucumber shipment at Miami's Seaport

01/07/16

Aerial spraying for gypsy moths planned for Pierce, Thurston counties (Washington state)

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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