



## **URGENT: Your input is needed!**

The Don't Move Firewood website is about to undergo its first full rebuild since initially launching in 2008- and we need your help! The first step is gathering information about what our stakeholders – THAT'S YOU – think is most useful on our current site. The survey will allow us to prioritize keeping those most important parts in tip-top shape. The survey is short as we could make it, and as always if you fill it in completely we'll send you a free sticker. *Copy and paste this URL if you need to forward the survey link as text: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGGFQB2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGGFQB2).*

**Go directly to the survey now! >>**

## **August is Tree Check Month**

Each August the forest health community uses Tree Check Month as a way to raise awareness. You can download a wide variety of outreach materials from USDA APHIS Asian Longhorned Beetle program's site. Remember to tag your social media posts #TreeCheck2016! Note that in past years August has also been designated as Asian longhorned beetle awareness month, or forest pest awareness month, and these variations can be confusing. The Don't Move Firewood campaign will be using the Tree Check Month terminology in August of 2016.

**Find USDA APHIS Tree Check Month materials here >>**

## **Funding Opportunity: Farm Bill Open Period is open NOW through August 19th**

Many firewood outreach initiatives around the USA are funded through the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program of the Farm Bill, under Section 10007 (read that as "ten double oh seven" to feel just a tiny bit like James Bond at your desk today). The open period for suggestions, which is roughly similar to an RFP process, is NOW!

**Learn more at the Farm Bill 10007 page >>**

## **Registration now open for Continental Forest Dialogue Meeting**

This newsletter is one of several initiatives of the **Continental Dialogue** - and registration for the annual meeting of the full Dialogue is now open! The meeting is in Indianapolis on November 14th and 15th, which are the two days prior to the Arbor Day Partners in Community Forestry meeting at the same venue. Hope to see you in Indy!

**Visit the Continental Forest Dialogue site >>**

**Go straight to registration on Arbor Day meeting site >>**

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The featured image this month is a photo of a female gypsy moth caterpillar and male gypsy moth adult, taken by Jennifer Forman Orth, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Gypsy moth populations are cyclical, and some Eastern seaboard state populations are seeing a big emergence year right now. Remember to include gypsy moth in your firewood related communications whenever relevant!

**Infestations and Regulations**

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**Emerald ash borer found in Texas, Nebraska, and**

## new city within Colorado

The 2016 summer has brought us a confirmed EAB infestation in eastern Nebraska and a positive trap find in eastern Texas. These finds are relatively close to existing known infestations in the adjacent states. In Colorado, the city of Lonamont has also confirmed EAB- this city is indeed near Boulder, but this is the first find outside of Boulder city limits. Learn more about each of these finds with this handy list:

[Texas Information >>](#)

[Nebraska Information >>](#)

[Colorado EAB Program >>](#)

[Boulder County CO >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Seeking Firewood Awareness Week Partners

The Don't Move Firewood campaign is considering holding a Firewood Awareness Week in either October or November. Do you want to be part of the planning and implementation working group? If so, [email Leigh](#) and let her know! The first planning call will be in August.

[See an archive of annual Forest Pest Outreach events »](#)

## In The News

### *Pending publication:*

**Advancing Conservation by Understanding and Influencing Human Behavior**

June 23 2016

**Wood police on the hunt for infested firewood (CT)**

June 20 2016

**Invasive species could cause billions in damages to agriculture**

June 8 2016

**SCOTUS Justice Breyers photographed with firewood (see third image)**

June 1 2016

**Insect outbreaks help forests survive wildfires**

## 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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