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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Get ready for millions of Great American Eclipse travelers

A total eclipse of the sun will be visible across the USA on Monday August 21st. There is absolutely no doubt that this will enormously increase interstate travel for the weekend of August 19-20, 2017. Depending on whose estimates you are looking at, the numbers range from a few million to tens of millions of additional travelers nationwide. The Don't Move Firewood campaign will be advertising heavily on Google Adwords in July and August to educate eclipse travelers on safer firewood choices. **Regardless of your location, please consider if your agency or organization can do a firewood education press release on August 14th-** that is the most likely day that people will be using their smartphone or computer to finish up their preparations for the following travel weekend. The Don't Move Firewood campaign has written a blog about the eclipse, which was designed to be used as a template to write your organization's or agency's press release.

[Read our Eclipse blog >>](#)

## Farm Bill 10007 Open Period is NOW

The FY2018 open period for submitting suggestions to implement USDA APHIS cooperative agreements through the Farm Bill Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program will be from July 10, 2017 through August 18, 2017. This is the program that funds dozens of critically important state agency and university led firewood outreach efforts around the nation. It is also the primary funding mechanism for the Don't Move Firewood campaign. *Fun fact: most people say 10007 as "ten double oh seven" like "Bond, James Bond" because that's more fun.*

[Visit the official Farm Bill 10007 site >>](#)

## Is Offering Free Firewood a Viable Solution?

By providing free campfire wood at each reservable campground managed by Jefferson County in Colorado, land managers are doing their best to ensure firewood is sourced locally and not brought from unknown locations or collected illegally from the surrounding park areas. The wood supply comes directly from one of the 29 parks which are strategically monitored and managed by Jefferson County Open Space Forestry Professionals who thin stands, perform fire mitigation and harvest infested trees when appropriate. *Excerpt adapted from July 2017 guest blog by Mary Ann Bonnell, Visitor Services Manager for Jefferson County Open Space, Colorado.*

[Read the full Jefferson County guest blog >>](#)

**Reminder: Tree Check Month is August each year**

Your organization can help by encouraging the public to proactively check trees for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle in August. Look for round exit holes, shallow scars in the bark, sawdust-like material on or around tree, and the beetle itself. Report any findings online at [Asianlonghornedbeetle.com](http://Asianlonghornedbeetle.com) or by calling 1-866-702-9938. To learn more about the beetle and efforts to eliminate it from the U.S.A., check out the [new ALB booklet](#), or sign up for the monthly [ALB eNewsletter](#). *This is an edited version of story submitted by Rhonda Santos, Legislative and Public Affairs, USDA APHIS, from June 2017.*

[Read more about Tree Check Month >>](#)

There are literally hundreds of maps that can be found online of the upcoming eclipse path. This particular graphic is a cropped version of the NW and Central USA, derived from one of the many NASA maps here: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/downloadables>

## Infestations and Regulations

### Map Quiz! Path of Totality

Is your state in the Path of Totality for the Great American Eclipse of 2017? If so, do you have 8 square miles of functionally inaccessible National Forest within the path, or several major metropolitan areas that may grind to a confused and chaotic halt when the sun disappears and day briefly becomes night? Better find out now, huh?!

[Find eclipse statistics, maps, and more >>](#)

### Public Comment open NOW for Utah Firewood Regulation

The Utah Department of Agriculture has released a notice of proposed rule for the newly written Utah Firewood Quarantine. In extremely brief summation; the proposed quarantine allows the state of Utah to regulate the entry of firewood into Utah, and also creates point of origin labeling rules. The public comment period is open NOW through the 17th of July – so read the whole thing right away and comment constructively on this rule! The firewood section is on page 12 of the Utah State Bulletin PDF, which is page 8 as printed.

[Download Utah State Bulletin >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Will we see you in Savannah?

The Firewood Issues panel during the annual meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases is always highly educational, and we'd love to see you there. This year's meeting is in Savannah Georgia, November 9th and 10th 2017. Join us for a great meeting covering a wide variety of forest pest topics.

[Find the meeting details here >>](#)

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### In the News

**Asian Longhorned Beetle quarantine expanded (Ohio)**  
11 July 2017

**Be A Smart Ash or lose one-sixth of all trees, Denver officials warn**  
6 July 2017

**Gypsy moth quarantine in Minneapolis neighborhood**  
5 July 2017

**Invasive weevil spreads north, could cause widespread tree deaths (California)**  
1 July 2017

### 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.

[Submit Your Story](#)

## Reminder: National Moth Week is July 22 to 30

National Moth Week is a global mothing event to promote the understanding and enjoyment of moths and to raise awareness about biodiversity. We previously told you about this in June, but it is worth repeating.

[Learn about Moth Week >>](#)

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