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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Tennessee partnerships create success

Tennessee contains some of the most biodiverse temperate forests in the world—and also some of the most visited public lands in the nation. To tackle the important task of protecting these incredible resources from the threat of forest pests, a unique partnership group has been pooling efforts, and making impressive progress, since 2013. A key result: new firewood policies for parks.

[Read the full Tennessee Success Story >>](#)

National Moth Week is July 22 to 30 2017

National Moth Week is a global mothing event to promote the understanding and enjoyment of moths and to raise awareness about biodiversity. This event provides an excellent venue to educate the lepidopteran loving public about invasive moths such as winter moth and gypsy moth. You can find a selection of invasive moth related outreach materials on Don't Move Firewood's National Moth Week reference page.

[Learn about National Moth Week >>](#)

[View the DMF outreach collection for invasive moths >>](#)

Tree Check Month for Asian longhorned beetle is in August

Mark your calendars: August is Tree Check Month for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). Take a few minutes to look at the trees in your yard or favorite park that could be at risk from ALB. Your organization can help by encouraging the public to proactively check trees this time of year — when adult beetles are most likely to be seen. 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 or by calling 1-866-702-9938. To learn more about the beetle and efforts to eliminate it from the U.S., check out the [new ALB booklet](#), or sign up for the [monthly ALB eNewsletter](#).

Story submitted by Rhonda Santos, Legislative and Public Affairs, USDA APHIS.

[Visit the Tree Check Month page >>](#)

About the photo: Young brown marmorated stink bugs are quite photogenic. This photo is from the [University of Maryland Extension BMSB site](#).

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Map Quiz! Brown marmorated stink bug

This stinker is pretty widespread, and can spread to new areas via the firewood pathway. It has been found or established in all but seven states and is a severe agriculture problem in nine states. So which classification is your state- is BMSB not found, detected, nuisance, or a severe problem?

[Click here to check your states' BMSB status >>](#)

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has established the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Interior Quarantine to protect Michigan's native and cultivated hemlock trees from hemlock woolly adelgid. The quarantine will go into effect on July 5, 2017. The HWA Interior Quarantine regulates movement of hemlock materials, including firewood bearing twigs and needles, **within Michigan**, whereas the pre-existing HWA Exterior Quarantine already in place will continue to regulate movement of hemlock **from out of state** sources.

Story lightly edited from email release via Michael Bryan, Plant Industry Specialist, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

[View all Michigan Plant Pest quarantines >>](#)

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Easy Summer Inspiration

Do you need free outreach downloads to help you connect with summer camps, farmer's markets, and other upcoming warm weather events? Great! We've got two pages that will greatly speed up your searching.

[For Kids curated outreach list >>](#)
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The redesigned Don't Move Firewood website has a new convenient portal for signing up to receive this newsletter. Copy and paste this link, or send this email directly to your colleagues, interns, and friends!

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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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