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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Bureau of Land Management National Messaging

The national level Know Before You Go page for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Recreation program was recently updated to include information on firewood and forest pests. This is a big step forward in the quest for unified messaging across all federal landowning agencies, as the vast majority of the BLM's camper nights are in dispersed camping areas- and therefore messages on online reservation systems don't have traction with the BLM's demographic. Kudos to the BLM Montana/Dakotas staff for leading the charge on this great update!

[See the new BLM Know Before You Go >>](#)

## The Binocular Wielding Army Approaches

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is one of the single largest citizen science efforts on the planet. This year it will be February 16-19, 2018. Read our easy suggestions on contacting your local birdwatching group and providing them with the Birdwatcher's Field Guide to Holes in Trees, and turn your local birdwatchers into forest pest first detectors!

[Read the blog, get the guide >>](#)

[Learn about the GBBC itself >>](#)

## National Invasive Species Awareness Week is February 26 - March 2, 2018

The week of February 26th to March 2nd 2018 will be chock full of informative webinars, sessions, receptions on Capitol Hill, and other online events pertaining to professional education on invasive species around the USA. The event schedule is not yet up, but it will be available very soon.

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## Invasive Species Meetups in DC

If you are in DC, or ever visiting, keep an eye out for the monthly Invasive Species Meetup. It's an opportunity to network with a variety of invasive species professionals from the Beltway and beyond. December's is tonight (Dec 20th)- that's maybe too short notice for you?- if so, aim for January 16th instead!

[Learn about Meetups here >>](#)

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The US Forest Service Forest Health Protection's Forest Pest Conditions interactive mapping platform is easy to use and extremely informative. The photo on top of this email is a screenshot of the results of mapping a single pest for a single year. Visit the map at <https://foresthealth.fs.usda.gov/portal/Flex/FPC>

## Infestations and Regulations

### Map Quiz! What's the highlighted pest?

At the top of this email is a map showing affected counties circa 2015 of what invasive forest pest? Two hints: the adult stage is most obvious at about this time of year, and this pest is NOT known to spread via the firewood vector.

[Find the answer here >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Tis the Season for Proper Disposal of Christmas Trees

When December 26th hits, you better bet people are wondering how to get rid of that... fire hazard! needle shedding mess! kitty mountain climbing tormentor!... yup, the Christmas tree. Take advantage of this moment in time to set up some easy messaging on disposing of Christmas trees via municipal mulching programs if locally available.

[Proper Xmas Tree Disposal and more >>](#)

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## In the News

[Five Surprising Ways Your Christmas Tree Can Give Back Long After the Holidays](#)  
19 Dec 2017

[Tips Offered on How to Avoid Fraud when Buying Firewood \(Ohio\)](#)  
18 Dec 2017

[See a Stink Bug thats Inches Long at the National Zoo](#)  
6 Dec 2017

[Washington to Spray 1,300 acres for Gypsy Moths](#)  
6 Dec 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.

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