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FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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The Map Review needs YOU!

Every year, the staff at Don't Move Firewood reviews each state (*NEW! ALL CANADIAN PROVINCES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW!*) on the Don't Move Firewood regulations summary map and revise the summaries and informational links to the best of our abilities. We do very exhaustive web-searching work to research all possible agencies, landownerships, pests, parks, pests, etc, and then we alert the members of the National Plant Board that the summaries are ready for ground truthing. Then, we ask YOU to check our work. So here we are! Did we cover all the bases in your state or province? Please help us crowdsource checking our map!

[Check on your State or Province >>](#)

Did you miss the “Regulations that apply to moving firewood right now” webinar?

In January the FOCI hosted a webinar on the various regulations that apply to firewood across North America right now. It was very well received and several viewers mentioned the recorded version would make a great training video for new staff at their agencies. Want to watch the recording?

[Get the webinar recording link >>](#)

New Educational Video from Vermont

Congratulations to Vermont for creating an excellent new firewood outreach video! This exciting project is an educational and dynamic "whiteboard" style video – a fun and different look that is sure to bring extra attention to the final product. The video was created by the University of Vermont Extension in coordination with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, USDA, and the Don't Move Firewood campaign.

[Check out Vermont's new video >>](#)

You deserve 15 minutes of fame

The most consistent feedback this newsletter gets is that the “success stories,” like the above story on Vermont's new video, are incredibly important to fulfilling the mission of mutually beneficial information sharing. So please, if you've recently reached a place where you'd be comfortable sharing a project, effort, partnership, or publication having to do with firewood outreach, we'd LOVE to feature it in this newsletter.

[Email us with your Success Story ideas >>](#)

This month's featured image is a still shot from the new video made for Vermont. Did you know that the Don't Move Firewood YouTube channel features both national, and state specific, videos? You can find them all at youtube.com/dontmovefirewood

Infestations and Regulations

Map Quiz! Southern Pine Beetle may become southern again

Have you ever noticed that the **southern** border of Canada touches the **northern** border of the USA? Have you ever really thought about how the southern pine beetle's range in Mexico would make it the central pine beetle to them? This is a great example of why common names can be so confusing. So here's your quiz; what is the farthest north currently known location of southern pine beetle damage, according to the 2016 USFS Forest Health Protection online data? Hint: it is not southern Canada... yet.

[See the southern pine beetle map >>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Order FREE Tattoos, Stickers, or Postcards NOW!

Several major opportunities in the world of firewood outreach are coming up soon; Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month in April, Earth Day in April, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in late May, and of course all the various state Arbor Day celebrations throughout springtime. And then the summer season gets started in earnest soon after that! Do you think you'll need free educational materials- like the Don't Move Firewood temporary tattoos, brochures, stickers, or postcards? If so, fill out our order form NOW so that we've got enough advanced notice to order and ship everything out on time (to the best of our abilities). Orders will be filled in the order received!

[Visit the 2018 Spring and Summer Order Form >>](#)

Plan your Firewood Outreach Year

Not sure which awareness week is which? We've got a cheat sheet to get you on track for a well organized year in outreach! Check it out- and if you know of a national or regional event that is missing, let us know!

[The Firewood Outreach Year >>](#)

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In the News

Shothole borer infestation looms (South Africa)

12 Feb 2018

USDA declares war on spotted lanternfly, will spend \$17.5M

9 Feb 2018

Pest Free Campfire Firewood In San Juan Capistrano, Officials Say

6 Feb 2018

More than 6,500 feral hogs eliminated in 2017 (Missouri)

27 Jan 2018

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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