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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Firewood Month is NOW

We're currently celebrating Firewood Month with our friends at USDA's Hungry Pests campaign to help spread the word on everyone's favorite topic- the spread of forest pests and pathogens on firewood! Our core message is most easily summed up as, **"Your firewood choices matter, and you can help slow the spread of these tree-killing pests."** This message is supported by a wide variety of facts, outreach tools, and weekly themes.

[See the Firewood Month Landing Page >>](#)

[Visit the updated 2017 Firewood Month Professional Toolkit >>](#)

## Reach out to Home and Cabin Woodstove Users

Not everyone that heats their home or cabin with wood is able to harvest firewood on their own property. Many people will order multiple cords of wood for delivery in the fall- making this time of year an excellent opportunity to reach out to this audience. Woodstove users a very different demographic from tent campers and RV enthusiasts, so consult the sources here for inspiration first!

[Best Burn Practices, EPA BurnWise >>](#)

[Home and Cabin Heating, Don't Move Firewood >>](#)

## Last reminder to attend Continental Forest Dialogue meeting!

This newsletter is one of the initiatives of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases - and the annual meeting of the Dialogue is coming right up! Please join us November 9 – 10, 2017 (with optional field trips on the 8th), in Savannah Georgia. We'll be talking about the complicated issues of forest pests and pathogens that affect trees all across North America- and we'll work on partnerships and collaboratives that can provide solutions! Remember, the meeting includes speakers on the issues of: the complexities of firewood regulations, dealing with a lack of firewood regulations, and the ramifications of pest deregulation on firewood. Registration is open now, and **we got a last minute extension on the discount hotel reservations until midnight October 18th! Don't delay!**

[Register, view the meeting agenda, and more >>](#)

## This is YOUR newsletter

You are one of more than 1400 subscribers to this newsletter. Do you have a meeting to announce, webinar to promote, research to share, or questions for the world? The Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative is here to serve everyone working in the realm of firewood, forest pests, and outreach programs. Please reach out to Leigh (email: [LGreenwood@tnc.org](mailto:LGreenwood@tnc.org)) if you ever have a

question or suggestion. Just like your teacher (should have) always said, the only stupid question is the one you don't ask.

Maybe it hasn't yet snowed in your neck of the woods, but winter is coming. Plan ahead- [reach out to those home and cabin heating demographics now!](#) Photo credit: L. Greenwood, TNC

## Infestations and Regulations

### Map Quiz! Gypsy moth trivia!

Here's a short but sweet map quiz for you. Which state is this State Department of Agriculture employee referring to? "While we have found evidence of reproducing gypsy moths in the past, we've never found female moths actively laying eggs in our state (before now)." *This quote is from August 2017.*

[Find the answer here >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Are you ready for Christmas Tree questions?

When November rolls around you'll be fielding questions about where to buy local, clean, pest free, organic, etc Christmas trees. This happens every year, so get ready for these great teachable moments by reviewing the Don't Move Firewood Holiday Greenery page.

[Holiday Greenery information >>](#)

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## In the News

**Hawaii Records 17 Cases of Rat Lungworm Disease This Year**  
8 Oct 2017

**Laurel wilt has begun killing sassafras trees in Columbia County (Arkansas)**  
4 Oct 2017

**Los Angeles' legendary palm trees are dying – and few will be replaced**  
29 Sept 2017

**Small Pests, Big Problems: The Global Spread of Bark Beetles**  
21 Sept 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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