# **FOCI** Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative





#### Firewood Month starts next week!

During October, your colleagues at Don't Move Firewood and Hungry Pests work together to promote and amplify a series of firewood outreach themed weeks- general messaging, fall recreation, forest products, and home heating- allowing different agencies, non-profits, and industry groups to join in and participate in the parts that are most relevant to their audience. This year, we're adding a weekly release of new Infographics (the first week is available now!) with social media friendly graphics pre-built for your convenience.

See the new Infographic for Week One >> Visit the 2018 Firewood Month Toolkit >>

### Comment is open on proposal to deregulate emerald ash borer

The public comment period for the proposal to deregulate emerald ash borer is now open. The removal of federal quarantine regulations as proposed, if accepted, will have a very wide reaching impact in the US firewood regulation, outreach, and educational realms. Your voice matters! You can search for "Removal of Emerald Ash Borer Domestic Quarantine Regulations" to find the documents and open comment page on Regulations.gov. Comments are due by November 19th 2018.

Open the docket here >>

# **Come to the Continental Dialogue Meeting!**

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases in Irvine California, this November 6th-7th 2018. We'll be covering lots of tree and forest health topics, with a focus on pathway management and emerging pests. Join us for an engaging meeting with lots of professional networking- and great company!

Directly download the draft agenda >> Register now >>

Photo of the month: Each of the upcoming Firewood Month infographics will come with 3 or 4 selected social media ready images. The header of this newsletter is derived from the Week One infographic. See all of the images and infographics here.

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#### Map Quiz: Soil Quarantines in the USA

Some invasive insects and diseases that can be spread in soil, or via firewood that was stored in direct contact with soil, are considered tree and forest pests. And then some aren't. So here's your Map Quiz! What TWO STATES each have only ONE SINGLE county under federal domestic soil quarantine for an invasive pest or pathogen? Hint: one is for an invasive forest pathogen that isn't closely associated with firewood, and the other is for an invasive pest that can sometimes be associated with contaminated firewood but isn't closely associated with forests!

**View the USDA APHIS Federal Domestic Soil** Quarantine Map >>

# Don't Move Firewood Campaign

#### Did you listen to the new radio ads?

The Don't Move Firewood campaign has produced two groups of short, catchy radio ads for use all across North America. They are going to be especially handy for Firewood Month- as well as this spring for the start of camping season. They are available in two groups; one group for areas where certified heat treated firewood is an available commercial product, and another for areas where there is limited or no heat treated firewood on the regional market.

Listen and download them now >>

#### In the News

State to Repeal its Emerald Ash **Borer Quarantine on Oct. 1 (MI)** Sept 27 2018

Mysterious disease affecting trees in the city (WA) Sept 22 2018

**Search for Asian Longhorned Beetle continues in Brooklyn** streets and yards (NY) **Sept 18 2018** 

What's happening to the aspens? July 17 2018

# Share firewood news tips

Input from our readers is vital to the success of this newsletter — and to the mission it serves. Have you heard (or done) something that you think we and other readers should hear about? Please tell us about it!

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