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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## USDA APHIS deregulation of emerald ash borer completed

On January 14 2021, USDA's federal domestic regulations on emerald ash borer ceased to be and this generated two different broad scale changes. The first change is that the movement of potentially EAB infested materials (including firewood) no longer has a federal domestic quarantine boundary, and the second change is that without the federally regulated area definition of that boundary, the certification of heat-treated firewood will need to administratively shift to rely on state-based compliance agreements or other types of verification.

With this deregulation now in place at the federal level, some states are opting to take their own regulatory actions regarding emerald ash borer. Here are five examples to look through and learn about:

- **Maine** Emergency Order Restricting the Movement of Certain Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) Products and Any Untreated Firewood From Emerald Ash Borer Infested Areas
- **Minnesota** will continue emerald ash borer regulations
- **Montana** Emergency Quarantine Order Issued for Invasive Emerald Ash Borer
- **North Dakota** announces emerald ash borer regulations
- **Tennessee** Firewood Quarantine Rulemaking Hearing

## What do we know, in the scientific literature, about firewood and forest pests?

The new publication "Firewood Transport as a Vector of Forest Pest Dispersal in North America: A Scoping Review" came out in January 2021- what great timing! This scoping review contains a multitude of insights on what we know, and what we don't know, about firewood movement and

forest pests. One of the co-authors, Dr David Coyle, wrote a guest blog on the Don't Move Firewood site to sum up the paper- or you can skip that and just go straight to the source.

[Guest blog on Firewood Scoping Review >>](#)  
[Direct link to Solano et al 2021 >>](#)

## Upcoming Webinars and Virtual Meetings

Here's a few good professional development ideas coming up soon. And remember, we'd LOVE to feature your upcoming firewood and/or forest pest relevant (non-profit, academic, or government) meeting or webinar in an upcoming newsletter.

### **Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Emerald Ash Borer Web Series continues!**

There is a different theme and speakers each week, held Thursday from 1-3pm Central from January 21st to February 25th 2021. <http://wtcac.org/> | [Final Agenda](#) | [Register now](#)

**The 63rd Canada Forest Pest Management Forum** will be held virtually through Zoom on February 16 & 17, 2021 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm EST. <http://www.cif-ifc.org>

**National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) 2021 Webinar Series;** NISAW Part I - Information and Advocacy, February 22-26, 2021| [USA Webinar Series Links](#) | [Canadian Webinar Series Links](#)

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Photo of the month: Winter can be long and cold, and firewood is critical for the home heating of many low income households. Remember when you are conducting outreach on firewood that the wood used for home heating should be bought from local sources whenever possible- buying local greatly reduces the risk of moving invasive pests into a new and uninfested area. Suggesting that people not use firewood at all isn't helpful to those that don't have the flexibility to use other heating sources.

## Infestations and Regulations

### **Map Quiz: Emerald ash borer**

We're leaning into the EAB trend once again. Let's keep it short and simple. Florida has what four species of native Fraxinus? We'll help you out by telling you the first two. Ready? ... **Green, White, Species #3, and Species #4.**

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## Articles, blogs, and advice columns

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### In the News

**Dismay greets end of U.S. effort to curb spread of tree-killing beetle**  
Jan 7 2021

**How You Can Help Stop Invasive Spotted Lanternflies**  
Dec 24 2020

**Discovering the Elm Zigzag Sawfly in Canada**

The Don't Move Firewood blog serves as an important resource for articles, explainers, the unique niche advice column "Dear Don't Move Firewood," and the occasional guest blog. In December 2020, the article "[Federal Deregulation of Emerald Ash Borer](#)" was published to serve as a non-technical resource for information on this important change. Follow up articles are being planned in 2021 on this same topic, as states, tribes, and other entities make public their various regulatory decisions that could serve as examples or learning opportunities.

If you have an idea for an article, would like to write a guest blog, or want to suggest another feature for the Don't Move Firewood site, please contact us at [Lgreenwood@tnc.org](mailto:Lgreenwood@tnc.org)

Oct 22 2020

**Go big or go home: A model-based assessment of general strategies to slow the spread of forest pests via infested firewood**

Sept 15 2020

## 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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