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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Thank you Firewood Month partners!

2021 Firewood Month messages, e-news, press releases and social media work from our partners exceeded all our expectations- so THANK YOU for the amazing year. It would be impossible to highlight them all- so instead, the Don't Move Firewood team took a bit of time to highlight a few favorites from social media accounts across North America with a quick and fun Partner Graphics Awards*. And remember to mark your calendars to prep in August and September for October 2022- who knows, maybe next year you'll win our new prestigious award!

Special thanks to our major partner campaigns; Hungry Pests (USDA APHIS) and PlayCleanGo (NAISMA) for their work on improving and distributing the 2021 Toolkit. The partnership approach to disseminating the Firewood Month outreach materials is incredibly valuable for increasing our reach- and thereby, decreasing the movement of firewood and forest pests across North America.

**There is no actual awarded object or thing, this is a pat-on-the-back appreciation award only.*

[See the 2021 Awardees here >>](#)

Take the poll on *Lymantria dispar*'s name by December 8th!

The renaming process for the moth *Lymantria dispar*, formerly gypsy moth, has seven final candidate names up for review in a public poll. If you choose to participate in the poll you will be 1) asked if your poll response is as an individual or on the behalf of an organization, 2) asked to very briefly describe your interest or work with *L. dispar*, 3) provided with explanations of the names and then asked to rank them 1-7, and 4) given an opportunity for open comment at the very end.

The Entomological Society of America will not be sharing the poll on social media accounts, in an effort to reduce the number of bad-faith (rude or disruptive) poll takers. However, everyone and anyone who will act with good intentions to pick a new name is welcome to take the poll. Complete it by December 8th to have your voice heard.

[Open the *L. dispar* ESA poll page >>](#)

Forest Health Partnership Webinars start December 7th

The Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases is a longstanding group dedicated to bringing diverse stakeholders together to address forest health needs across North America. In lieu of an in-person meeting this year, the Dialogue will be co-hosting a short series of informal webinars themed on existing partnerships and multi-entity projects that are important to the advancement of the forest pest community.

The webinars are free and are meant to be conversational and interactive. You do not need to commit to attend all the presentations in a given day. The themes and speakers are all listed on the Continental Dialogue's website- you can sign up for one or all days (December 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th). View the speakers, topics, and themes on the Continental Dialogue's site.

[Visit the Continental Dialogue webinar page >>](#)

Photo of the month: *Photo credit L. Keith*. Rapid 'ōhi'a death is a fungus affecting the beautiful native 'ōhi'a trees on some (but not all) of the Hawaiian islands. Firewood made from infected 'ōhi'a wood can spread this fungus- as can soil, certain beetles, and new science is also pointing to invasive mammals as a potential vector. This photo is from the Symptoms photo library found at <https://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/rod/the-disease/symptoms>

Infestations and Regulations

Good Riddance Snails!

Congratulations are in order for Florida in the recent announcement of the eradication of Giant African Snail! A substantial infestation of these snails in the Broward and Miami-Dade area was discovered in 2011 and the last live snail was eliminated over three years ago. These snails might grow up to be giant-but egg masses and newly hatched young snails are small and could be transported on infested firewood, so they have been a species of concern in the firewood outreach world for the last 10 years. Kudos to the state, federal, and local partners for uniting against this invasive pest!

[See the FDACS Snail Eradication Announcement>>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

New Materials in Resource Library

The Don't Move Firewood Resource Library recently got spruced up with big influx of new materials- we're now up to 355 items- wow! Many of these items were not made by Don't Move Firewood program itself, and instead were made by our many partners across the continent. We share them on our site so that you can see the many different local interpretations and variations in messaging on the firewood topic.

[Visit the Resource Library page >>](#)

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In the News

[The Carry Us With Them; The Great Tree Migration. Chapter 1, Black Ash](#)
November 2021

[The battle against the Asian Longhorned Beetle, nearly one year later](#)
Oct 17, 2021

[Rapid 'ōhi'a death linked to hoofed animals in UH Hilo research](#)
August 17, 2021

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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