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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Spotted Lanternfly Summit is this week.

Last call for an extensive set of webinar presentations you don't want to miss! The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Summit is being held March 1-3 and has a jam-packed schedule of SLF relevant online talks and updates.

[Visit the SLF Summit site on stopslf.org >>](#)

## National Invasive Species Awareness Week is also this week!

This week is very busy with two great webinar series! National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is this week and features a keynote webinar every day.

Register for upcoming NISAW webinars at these links, or find them all at [NISAW.org](#):

- Tuesday, March 1st at 11:00 am central – [Climate Change and Invasive Species](#)
- Wednesday, March 2nd at 11:00 am central – [Protect the Uninfested West from Aquatic Invasive Species](#)
- Thursday, March 3rd at 12:00 pm central – [Pacific Green Crab Management](#)
- Friday, March 4th at 11:00 am central – [Firewood Rules, Certifications, and Recommendations across the USA](#)

## Firewood Comparison Report Released

The national-level Firewood Comparison Report is now available! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed state or federal level expertise to the research and fact-checking of this report. The report is comprised of a synthesis of all state-based firewood regulations, certification, and outreach statuses, with the goal to provide simple and accurate professional comparative summaries for each major topic area. The publication of the appendix of every individual state and territorial report, along with any corrections that may be necessary after the national version is promoted, is scheduled for on or before March 18 2022.

[Learn more and download the report here >>](#)

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Photo of the month: Wintertime in the spotted lanternfly infested part of Pennsylvania provides ample opportunity to show how very well camouflaged the egg cases can be. Photo credit: Laurel Downs, The Nature Conservancy.

## New year, new maps

The new infested areas found on the maps for both the spotted lanternfly, and laurel wilt, may surprise you. Both of these pests can be readily spread on firewood and green waste, along with many other possible pathways.

[See the Feb. 2022 Laurel Wilt map >>](#)  
[See the Feb. 2022 Spotted Lanternfly map >>](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### What's coming soon?

Invasive Plant Pest Disease Awareness Month!  
Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week? Tree Check Month? Which is which, and when?

Do you ever feel like you need a calendar for all these things? We have what you need.

[Visit the Firewood Outreach Year calendar >>](#)

## In the News

**Invasive beetles are killing SoCal's trees. Can this local surfer stop them? 23 February 2022**

**Plasticity drives extreme cold tolerance of emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) during a polar vortex 16 February 2022**

**Hornet Herald stakeholder update #22-01: Hornet DNA Test Results 10 January 2022**

## 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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