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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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It's almost October which means it's almost Firewood Month!

October is right around the corner so don't wait! Prep your Firewood Month outreach materials so they're ready to go. Each year, there are established theme weeks throughout October to organize best practices based on situations and audiences, but these themes are flexible to your needs, and all participants are encouraged to celebrate Firewood Month in whatever way works best for their outreach audience. Want some tips on content and phrasing? Check out the 2022 Firewood Month Action Toolkit for the latest firewood-relevant forest pest news, some fresh graphics, time-tested messaging, and helpful resources.

[Check out 2022 Firewood Month Updates here >>](#)

Capitalize on Autumn Outreach Topics

With hot buggy nights fading away in many areas, we can almost smell the crisp leafy air of fall – and campfires! Firewood Month is a big focus of ours but the outreach for this time of year extends beyond just October. Depending on your region and local recreation opportunities, you may be interested in focusing on specific pests, activities, or demographics. No matter what you decide to focus on, encourage your audience to participate in firewood best practices with positive, action-oriented messaging. For example: Trying to raise awareness on the spotted lanternfly? Include information on how to destroy the eggs- give people information they can use! And don't forget to reach out to hobbyists like [hunters](#), [birders](#), and [leaf-peepers](#), they can be both a great resource for early detection and adopt good firewood practices, all at once.

2022 Continental Forest Dialogue Updates

This year the Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases has two parts- a one day in-person workshop held next week on the theme of international prevention and research, and a series of webinars held in November and December that will cover topics like early detection, rapid response, management, pathways mitigation (like firewood!), and forest resilience within North America.

[Learn more about the Dialogue here >>](#)

Photo of the Month: A peaceful September campfire beside a lake in Maine. Maine is one of seven states with an external firewood quarantine. Photo Credit: Karen Lyons.

Infestations and Regulations

Nevada to Adopt New Firewood Regulation

Next week, Nevada will be adopting a new regulation (Nevada Register Document R130-20RP1 - falls under Nevada Administrative Code 554) effecting firewood. It will require labeling and will restrict firewood from being sourced or transported from or through a federal or state quarantined area unless it is treated per the requirements of the regulation.

[Take a sneak peak at the regulation via this draft >>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Firewood Map Annual Review Underway

We try our best to keep our Firewood Map updated with the latest information for all the states, territories, provinces, and border agency regulations and recommendations for all of North America. That means going through every page to make sure the information is current, accurate, and reflects best practices. So far for 2022, we have gone through all 50 states and are now starting on the Canadian provinces. If you ever notice a broken link, inaccurate or outdated information, or know of a useful resource for the summary where you live or work, please let us know!

[Visit the Firewood Map here >>](#)

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