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# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Oak Wilt Found in Canada for the First Time

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed the first detection of oak wilt in the country. Oak wilt was recently discovered in a residential area in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Movement restrictions - including the movement of firewood- have been implemented to prevent further spread, and CFIA officials are working with other federal, provincial and municipal governments to thoroughly survey the area and determine next steps.

[See CFIA alert for details >>](#)

## Now Open: Period for USDA APHIS FY 2024 PPA Section 7721 Funding

### Suggestions

The period to submit proposals (called "suggestions" in this process) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is open now through August 9, 2023. USDA APHIS provides this funding to its partners through the Plant Protection Act (PPA) Section 7721- last year, \$63M was allocated to support accepted suggestions. Many of Don't Move Firewood's partners submit suggestions to support forest pest and pathogen projects that include firewood education- via Goal 5: Outreach and Education. Please reach out with any questions ASAP to the Don't Move Firewood team as to how you can best partner with our campaign- we highly encourage your forest pest outreach suggestions to budget for locally specific projects like print advertising, on-site campground outreach, and poster or sign printing costs!

[Click here for more on FY 2024 Open Period >>](#)

## National Moth Week is Fluttering In Next Month

National Moth Week is July 22-30th this year. This is a perfect opportunity to conduct educational outreach to raise awareness on the highly damaging forest pest, spongy moth- or some lesser

known non-native moths like winter moth and browtailed moth. Since human activity drives of the spread of these pests and many others, the more friendly PSAs the better!

[Learn more about National Moth Week >>](#)

## Save the Date! National Firewood Bank Summit

The US Forest Service, in collaboration with the University of Maine, is organizing a nation-wide online summit for anyone interested in firewood banks on September 15th 2023 from 12-4pm (EST). In case you're not familiar with firewood banks- they are like food banks, but instead of providing food they provide firewood for folks in need of help with home heating. The summit is currently in the early stages of being planned- in the meantime, visit [FirewoodBanks.org](https://FirewoodBanks.org) to learn more about firewood banks in general as well as related funding opportunities.

[Visit FirewoodBanks.org >>](https://FirewoodBanks.org)

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Photo of the Month: Oak wilt has been discovered in Ontario for the first time. Photo credit: Paul A. Mistretta, USDA Forest Service, [Bugwood.org](https://Bugwood.org)

## Infestations and Regulations

### New Quarantine Area for Giant African Land Snail in Florida

Officials from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services confirmed in early June the latest discovery of giant African land snail (GAS) in the Miramar area of Broward County. A new quarantine has since been implemented along with treatment for eradication. There are now three areas with quarantines for GAS in the state - in Broward, Lee, and Pasco County. These snails can be spread when moving any outdoor items- especially things like hurricane debris and piles of backyard firewood- especially when they are tiny young snails or even eggs (before they get "giant.")

[Learn more about GAS in Florida here >>](#)

### EAB Quarantine in Oregon is Extended

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has reinstated and amended their emerald ash borer quarantine in Washington County. The newly adopted quarantine replaces the now expired quarantine that was first adopted in June 2022 after the initial discovery of emerald ash borer in Forest Grove, within Washington County. This regulation limits the movement of ash and white fringe tree materials from Washington County- as well as firewood from any hardwood species.

[Read more about the quarantine here >>](#)

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### In the News

[For some fire-loving insects, wildfires provide the best breeding grounds](#)  
June 21

[Inside the Michigan lab where scientists raise killer bugs to save trees](#)  
June 8

[Forest fires could destabilize Quebec wildlife for years to come, say experts](#)  
June 7

[Another Bleak Chapter: Beech Leaf Disease and the Woe of Local Forests](#)  
May 22

[Camping Itinerary – A Guide on How to Do Your Part to Prevent the Spread](#)  
Invasive Species Centre

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## Don't Move Firewood Campaign

### Missed the Emerald Ash Borer Webinars? They're Recorded!

In honor of Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (the week prior to Memorial Day, each May) the Don't Move Firewood team hosted three incredibly informative webinars. We heard from the experts on communication strategies and public acceptance of EAB management with new technology, what's going on in Oregon and other states as EAB spreads west, as well as findings on EAB survivability in extreme cold temperatures. Each webinar is now up on our YouTube channel!

[Check out the EAB Week recordings here >>](#)

### 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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