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# Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is February 24-28th, of 2025.

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# National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is almost here!

The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) has marked the week of February 24-28, 2025 as this year's North American Invasive Species Awareness Week! This is a great opportunity to spread awareness and educational information on invasive species issues. Be sure to register for one or more of the informational webinars scheduled for the week here: NISAW 2025

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### **Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week Call for Speakers/Topics**

The Don't Move Firewood campaign hosts a webinar series during Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week which is the last full week in May each year, so mark your calendars for EAB week in 2025 which is set for May 18th-25th! We want to hear from you as we prepare for this year's webinar series. Let us know if there is something specific YOU would like to learn more about regarding this notorious firewood infesting pest- or if you have an expert in mind you that you would like to hear from!

Reach out to us with your suggestions here >>

# USDA Rural Development Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program

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heat-treated firewood operations may be interested to learn more about the new Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program (TPEP) run by USDA Rural Development. Purchasing firewood kilns would meet the basic requirements of the TPEP program and therefore could be considered for loan guarantee applications. Federal, state, tribal, and local agency staff should consider disseminating this information out to their industry partners and representatives.

Learn more here >>

# Reach Out to DMF for Firewood Outreach Improvement

Whether you want to improve and expand upon your online outreach presence with a customized set of suggestions from us, or you have an event coming up that you need some educational temporary tattoos or stickers for, we're here to help! Reach out to us on our website and let's improve forest pest and firewood outreach together!

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## **Forest Pests In the News**

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Science Daily; Feb 4, 2025

Prevent the spread of oak wilt in Texas in 2025

Texas A&M Forest Service; Feb 4, 2025

Invasive Mexican pine beetle now 'breeding in Irish forests'

Irish Independent; Jan 25, 2025

Intruder Alert: New exhibit unravels the impacts of invasive species (SLF)

Virginia Tech News; Jan 23, 2025

Researchers: Ash tree variability may offer path to restoration

Ocean Times Herald; Jan 22, 2025

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