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June 2025 Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



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Get out and #PlayCleanGo!

Play Clean Go Awareness Week is June 7-14th this year and a perfect time to amplify the messages of the North America Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) surrounding easy and responsible behaviors that reduce the risk of spreading invasive species. Be sure to check out their [Toolkit](#) for ideas and free graphics!

[Learn more about Play Clean Go here >>](#)

Thanks for a Successful EAB Awareness Week!

In honor of Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (the week prior to Memorial Day, each May) the Don't Move Firewood team hosted FOUR incredibly informative webinars- with over 200 attendees! Wow! We heard from the experts on the impacts and management of EAB, ash cultural practices, and social media messaging strategies. Missed the live webinars? No worries - each webinar is now up on our YouTube channel!

[Find all the descriptions, YouTube links, and presentation slides here >>](#)

Now Opening. Period for USDA APHIS

FY 2026 PPA Section 7721 Funding

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 **scheduled to open in June**. USDA APHIS provides this funding to its partners through the Plant Protection Act (PPA) Section 7721. Many of Don't Move Firewood's partners submit suggestions to support forest pest and pathogen projects that include firewood education- via Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program (PPDMDPP) 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 budget for locally specific projects** like print advertising, on-site campground outreach, and poster or sign printing costs. Our proposal will cover broad regional and national outreach, as well as centralized materials such as our website and bulk educational items.

[Learn more about PPA 7721 Funds here >>](#)



National Moth Week is Fluttering in Next Month

National Moth Week is July 19-27th in 2025. 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 invasive moths like winter moth and browntailed moth. Since human activity drives of the spread of these pests and many others, the more friendly PSAs the better!

[Learn more about Nation Moth Week here >>](#)



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