

March 2026 Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



Graphic created by DMF of a truck bed full of firewood and animated insects crawling throughout. Did you know? Don't Move Firewood has many graphics and other imagery available for download in the [DMF](#)



DMF Welcomes New Firewood Outreach Specialist to the Team!

We're excited to announce a new member of TNC's Forest Pest and Pathogen team, Alex, as Firewood Outreach Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest! This is a temporary, six-month position supported by funding from the US Forest Service Region 6 (Washington and Oregon) office. This spring and summer, Alex will help us achieve our overall forest pest risk reduction project goals by working with a myriad of public and private partners in WA and OR to improve or create situationally specific outreach messaging on the firewood pathway. He will be doing in-person office visits and meetings across a variety of state, tribal, regional, and municipal entities to introduce and promote responsible behavior messaging towards the firewood-using public to reduce the threat of invasive insects and pathogens in this region.

If you are in or near the Pacific Northwest and want to discuss firewood outreach,



Webinar Alert!
MAY 19, 20, 21

Don't Move Firewood
Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week
Webinar Series
2026

REGISTER dontmovefirewood.org/eabweek2026

The graphic features a green header with white text. Below the header is a background image of a tree trunk with white, winding patterns representing firewood movement. Two black beetles are shown: one on the left and one on the right. A green arrow points from the word 'REGISTER' to the URL.

Register Now: EAB Week Webinars

campaign hosts a series of webinars each year during the week before Memorial Day as a way to learn about this notorious firewood hitchhiker and other pests that spread via the firewood pathway. The registration links are ready to go with this year's webinars so be sure to sign up and get them on your calendar now! For more details on each webinar, see [here](#).

Tuesday May 19, 2026 @ 11:00am EST

Resistance to EAB is real - here's what we can do to help restore ash in the future

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday May 20, 2026 @ 1:00 EST

Ash-kicking Outreach in Oregon and Washington

[Register Here](#)

Thursday May 21, 2026 @ 1:00 EST

EAB from crisis to opportunity: managing & growing a resilient urban forest in Minneapolis, MN

[Register Here](#)

EAB University Webinars

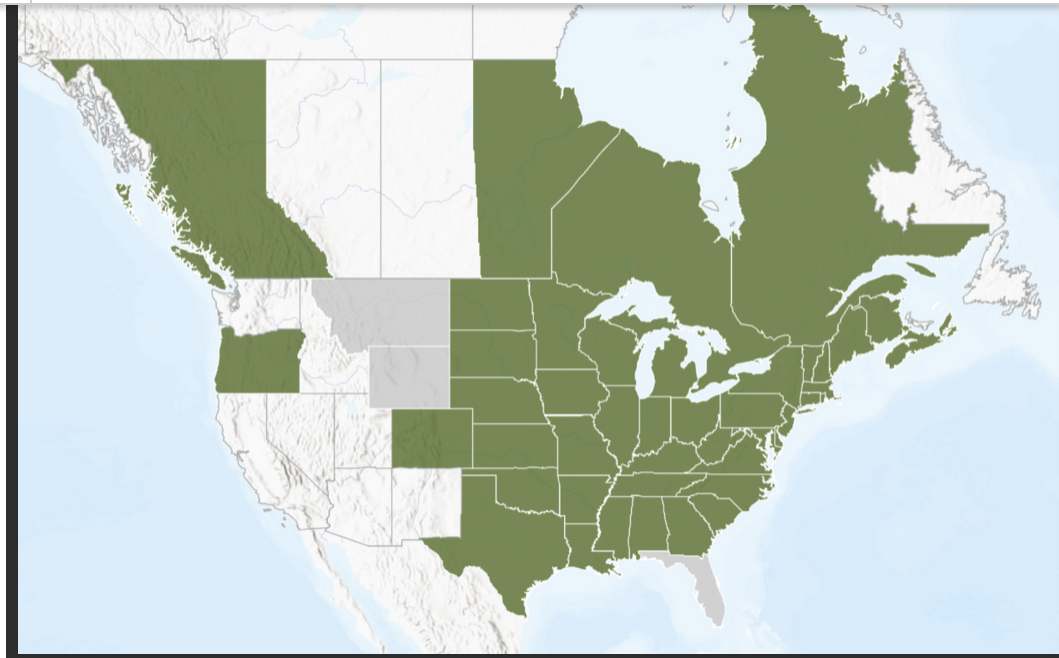


Image of current emerald ash borer infestation map in North America where the insect is established in 38 states and six provinces. Image obtained from [Emerald Ash Borer Information Network](#)

Emerald Ash Borer University (EABU) is gearing up for their spring seminar series. Check out their [schedule](#) here and register for the talks they have lined up so far.

April 9, 2026 @ 1:00 EST

Ash is regenerating in forests where emerald ash borer has been present over 20 years

[Register Here](#)

April 16, 2026 @ 1:00 EST

Beech leaf disease: A new nematode disease of beech trees in North America

[Register Here](#)

April 28, 2026 @ 1:00 EST

Spotted lanternfly topic (exact title TBA- coming soon!)

[Register Here](#)

DMF Can Help With Your Firewood Outreach

Whether you want to improve and expand upon your online outreach presence with a customized strategy or you are planning an upcoming event that would benefit from **free brochures and fun stickers and temporary tattoos**, we got you covered! We are here to help, and our services are free! Reach out to Laurel [here](#) to get started.

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Recent Forest Pest Publications

[Preventing spread of the invasive spotted lanternfly via texture-based automated egg detection](#)

Frontiers in Insect Science, March 22, 2026

[Optimal strategies for utilizing host plant distributions to slow the spread of plant pests](#)

Journal of Applied Ecology, February 16, 2026

Forest Pests In the News

[The Wabanaki Basketmakers' plans to save Maine's ash trees](#)

Inside Climate News, March 30, 2026

[Can cutting trees save Adirondack hemlocks from tiny killer insect?](#)

['Rock snot', spotted lanternfly, and more: Michigan hosts invasive species webinars](#)
Environment, March 30, 2026

[New UBC tool may help stop a destructive insect in its tracks \(Asian spongy moth\)](#)
UBC News, March 23, 2026

[Beetle that attacks tree-of-heaven found in Indiana, Purdue landscape report](#)
Purdue, March 20, 2026

[Scrape for the grape mobilizes community to protect Loudoun vineyards from spotted lanternfly](#)
NAISMA, March 13, 2026

[How Oregon scientists are solving the problem of Crater Lake's dying trees](#)
OPB, March 12, 2026

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