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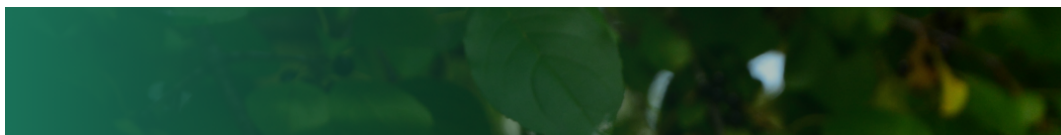
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February 2026 Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



Photo of a large firewood stack in winter. Is it spring yet? Photo by L. Downs, TNC.

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National Invasive Species Awareness Week

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is NEXT WEEK! The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) has some excellent webinars and other events lined up this year during the week of February 23 - 27, 2026. The theme this year is “*Defending Our Health by Stopping the Spread*”. Learn how you can participate and download the toolkit [here](#), and be sure to register for the webinars!

Monday February 23, 2026 @ 1:00 - 3:00pm CST

USGS Invasive Species Science: Innovation for a Healthy Nation

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Tuesday February 24, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm CST

Alberta Wild Boar Control Program: Challenges and Successes

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Wednesday February 25, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm CST

Current Situation of the New World Screwworm in Mexico

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The Surprising Intersection of Marine Biosecurity and Public Health

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Friday February 27, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm CST

Invasive Species Threaten American Food Security

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Upcoming ISAW in Canada

Pathways of Spread Invasive Species Awareness Week
Feb. 23 - Mar. 1 #InvSpWk

- Trail Use
- Movement of Firewood
- Boating and Fishing
- Horticulture
- Shipping and

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Pet Release
and Accidental
Release



Canals and
Water Diversions

Canada's Invasive Species Centre is gearing up for Invasive Species Awareness Week 2026 which is February 23 - March 1 2026. With many graphics available for free download, ISC makes it easy to participate in this awesome outreach initiative. Learn how you can help and access their toolkit now so you are prepped and ready to go come end of February!

[Learn more about ISAW >>](#)

[Access their toolkit >>](#)

Firewood Banks Gaining Traction

The Alliance for Green Heat (AGH), a nonprofit organization promoting cleaner, more equitable wood heating solutions, has announced that firewood banks under their program saw a 35% increase in cords sourced from federally managed lands during the 2025-2026 season. There has been a marked increase in known firewood banks in recent years as well. According to the [AGH website](#), the number of known firewood banks has more than doubled since 2016. While it's difficult to know exactly how many firewood banks operate in the US, it's clear that rising utility costs, and new partnerships and grants are leading to more accessible firewood for families in need. This is great news! It also means our job is ~cut~ out for us. Spreading the word prevents the spreading of pests - keeping firewood as local as possible saves trees!

[Read more about Firewood Banks & Federal Lands here >>](#)

[Learn more about AGH and USDA Firewood Banks program here >>](#)

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Securing EAB Awareness Week Speakers

It's cold and wintery now, but warmer days are ahead. We're already dreaming about May (can you blame us?) and with May comes Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week! Each year the Don't Move Firewood campaign hosts a webinar series to highlight emerald ash borer (EAB) and other pests associated with the firewood pathway of spread!

We are currently soliciting speakers for this year's EAB Awareness Week Webinar Series and would love to hear from YOU! [Let us know](#) if you have or know of a presentation-worthy project that you want to see highlighted in our webinar series.

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