

Don't Move Firewood Campaign: Slowing the Spread of Forest Pests and Pathogens in the Pacific Northwest

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Why “Don’t Move Firewood”?



Firewood is a broad pathway for invasive forest insects and diseases.

- Forest pests can and do move on firewood
- Regulations are not comprehensive or consistent
- New pest outbreaks come to light every year...



Guiding Principles

- **GOAL:** Protect trees
- **TACTIC:** Slow the spread of invasive forest pests via the firewood pathway
- **TARGET:** Firewood users **and** stakeholder group educators
- **MESSAGES:** Don't move firewood; buy it where you burn it, gather on site, or buy certified, heat-treated firewood



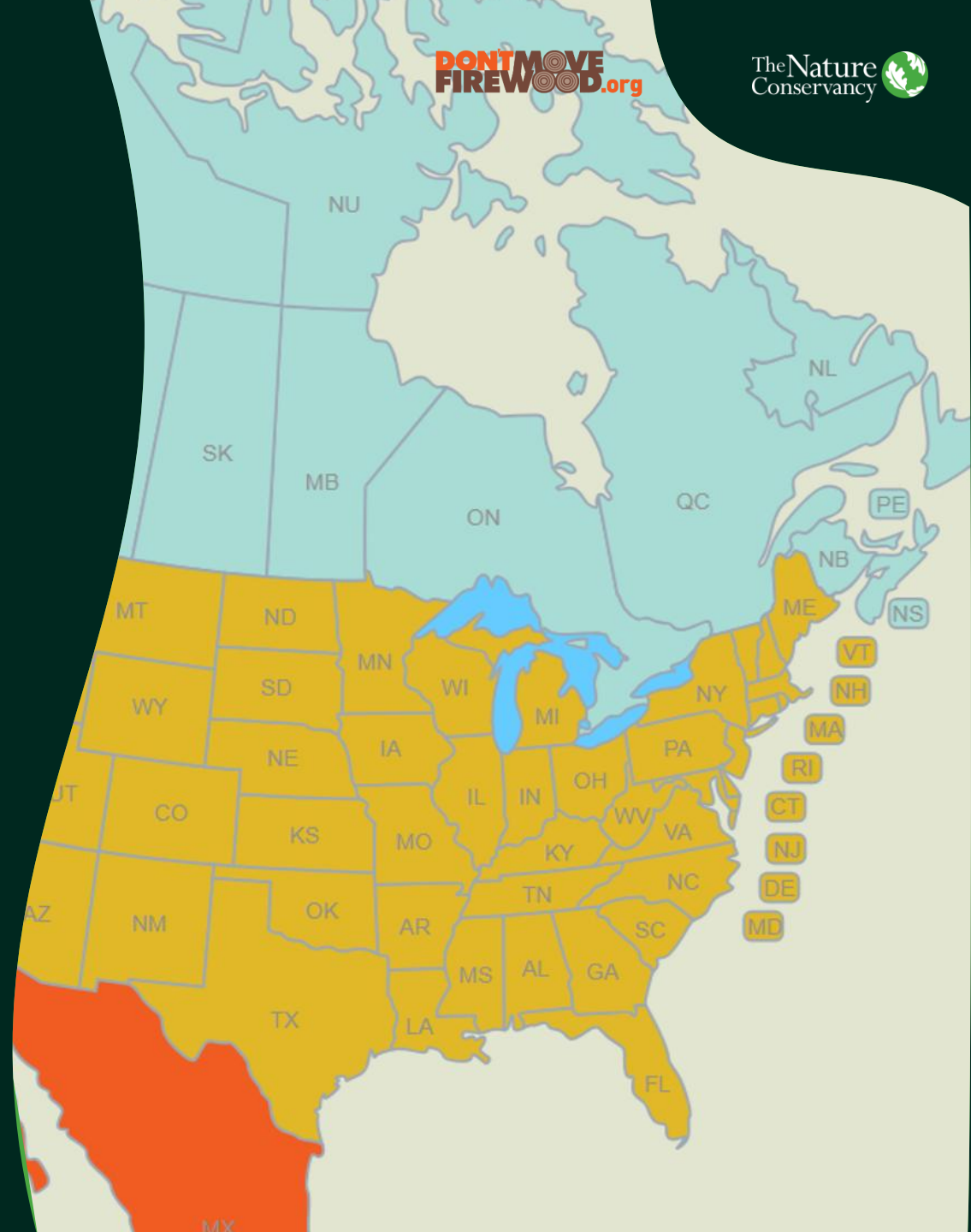
Outreach Tools

Don't Move Firewood Website Content

- Resource Library
- Firewood Map
- Forest pest and pathogen species profiles
- News Updates; Monthly Newsletter
- Spanish language microsite
- Resources for other outreach professionals
 - e.g., [Firewood Comparison Report](https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/firewood-comparison-report/)

🔗 <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/firewood-comparison-report/>

🔗 <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/map/>



Need for outreach in Oregon

- **Mediterranean oak borer**

- Detected in 2018
- Infests native oak, Oregon white oak (Garry oak)

- **Emerald ash borer**

- Detected in 2022
- Infests native ash, Oregon ash
- Multiple county quarantine

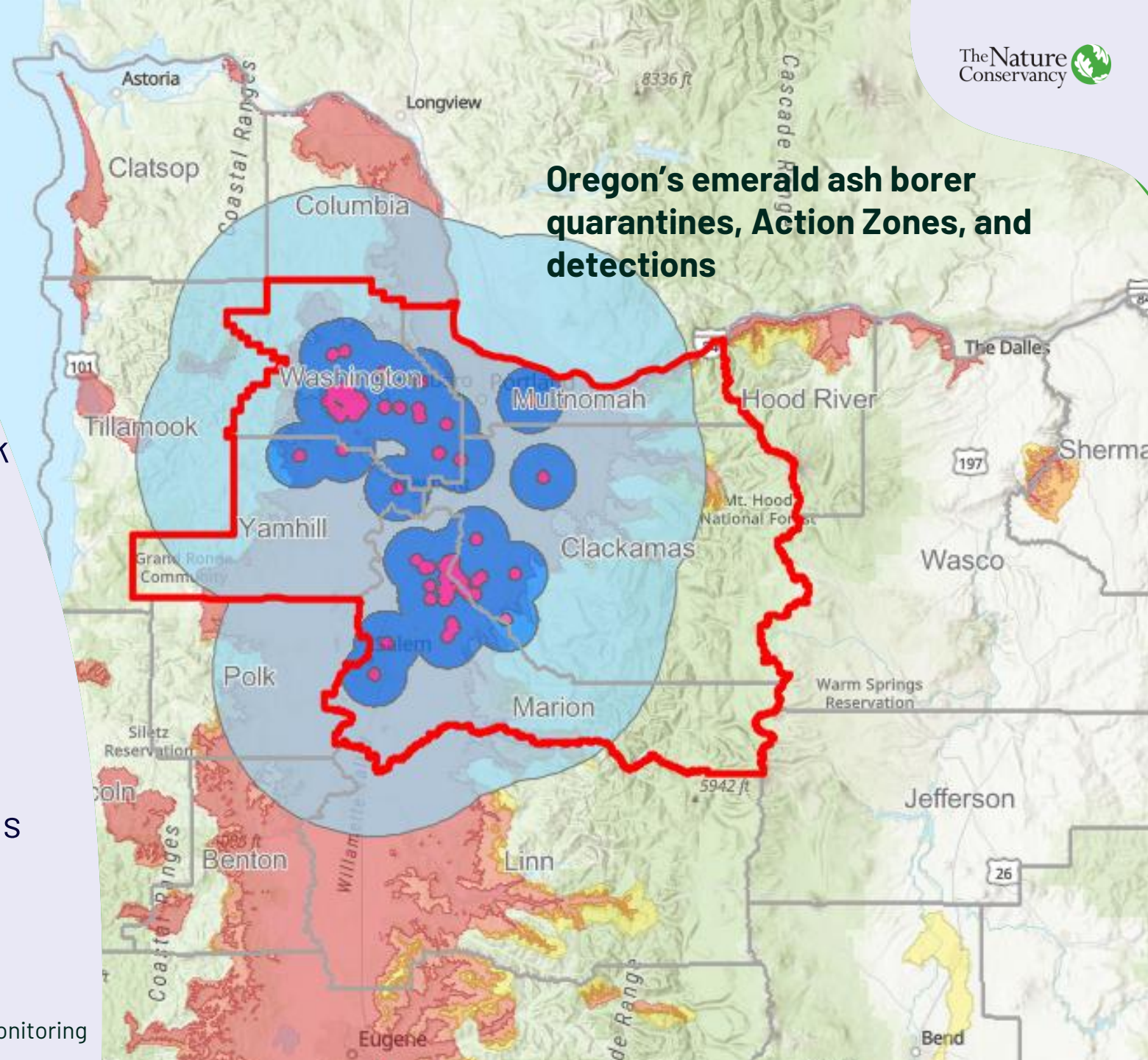
- **Flighted spongy moth**

- Periodic detections and eradications
- Infests many native hardwoods and some conifers

 oregoneab.com

<https://oregon-eab-geo.hub.arcgis.com/pages/survey-monitoring>

Oregon's emerald ash borer quarantines, Action Zones, and detections



Need for outreach in Washington

- **Flighted spongy moth**

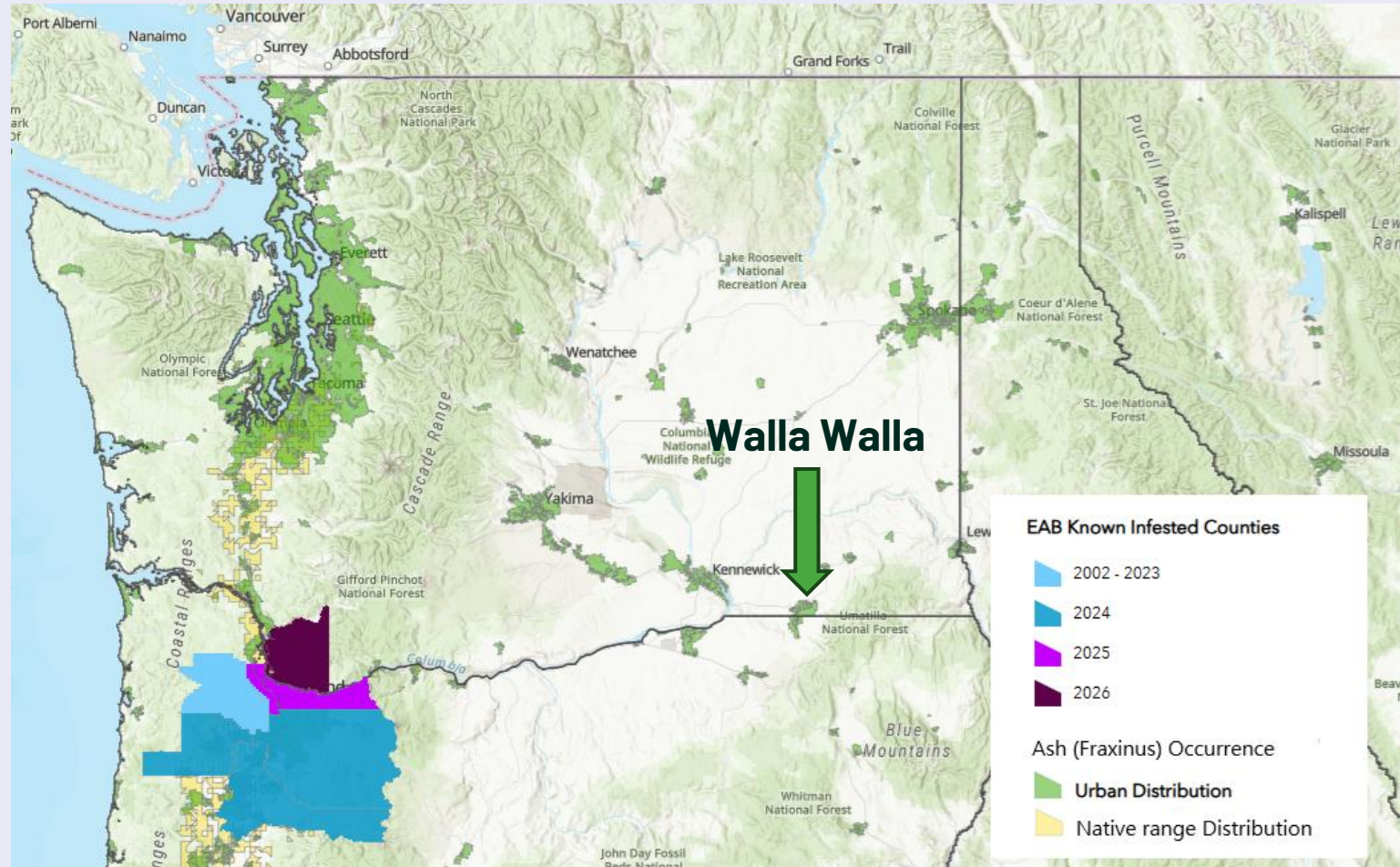
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- **Emerald ash borer**

- Single adult EAB confirmed near Vancouver WA (near Portland OR) on August 19, 2026
- EAB infested tree with multiple larvae undergoing USDA confirmation process, found near Walla Walla and reported August 21 2026

- **New Washington state firewood law**

- External quarantine in effect on August 18, 2026
- Labeling and heat treatment requirements for out-of-state origin firewood



<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/eab/eab-infestation-map>

Situation Analysis

Oregon and Washington Similarities and Differences

- Both OR and WA have DMF messaging present at a high level on state agency websites, but low presence on city-level pages. WA is slightly behind OR in terms of visibility on state sites.
- Both OR and WA nonprofits occasionally have 1-2 pages on their site with DMF information.
- Camping businesses occasionally (OR) or rarely (WA) have DMF information on webpages, for both states it is rare on registration receipts.
- Don't Move Firewood principles have been gaining traction with the OR public, especially near EAB sites. Much newer to WA, and adoption of messaging with the public appears far behind OR.
- Regulations and management differ widely between OR and WA.
 - Oregon: External firewood law in place since 2011. State agencies are developing new options for firewood dropoff and containment procedures.
 - Washington: New external firewood quarantine first implemented 2026

Four-phase Approach

Initial Outreach

Contact Response

Advising Meeting

Toolkit Shared

Hi there, _____!

My name is Alex Meacham, and I'm the new Firewood Outreach Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy. I'm reaching out in hopes of coordinating with you on the available firewood information on the _____ website. Oregon has seen some recent significant infestations by invasive species that spread on firewood, but with effective outreach partnerships, we can work together to reduce the spread of these insects and diseases and preserve beautiful trees and forests.

Develop a contact with each
firewood-relevant
organization

Log contact information in
tracking document for
future staff reference

Provide basic Don't Move
Firewood information and
information

Schedule follow-up advising
meeting

Provide specific advice for
updating current website
pages

Encourage future participation
with and support for Don't
Move Firewood principles

Share toolkit and encourage
long-term staff usage

Plan potential site visits



Resource Toolkits and Messaging



Thank you for considering adding some information about firewood regulations and recommendations to your website!

You are welcome to copy these messages and graphics to encourage your visitors and audience to preserve Oregon's forests for the future. Preventing the spread of forest pests is key to a healthy Oregon. Healthy forests mean healthy streams, and healthy streams mean happy salmon, orcas, and communities.

Thank you for your support and interest in Don't Move Firewood!

Best Practices:

- Encourage your visitors to buy or gather firewood locally to prevent the spread of pests.
- As a rule of thumb, moving firewood 50 miles is too far, and under 10 or less miles is best.
- Some parts of Oregon have quarantines that prohibit the movement of firewood, because of pests and diseases like emerald ash borer, sudden oak death, and Dutch elm disease. Whenever possible, include a mention of quarantines and a simple explanation of what they mean.
- Under Oregon state law, only firewood labeled as heat-treated is allowed from beyond Washington and Idaho. Encourage out of state visitors and firewood sellers to learn more about firewood regulations.

Text Resources:

Here are some informational blurbs for your website:

- Forests are being destroyed through the transportation of invasive insects and diseases found in firewood.
- To prevent the spread of pests that destroy forests, do not move firewood. Instead, obtain it from local sources.
- Burn firewood in the same general area as the wood source. As a general rule, 50 miles is too far, and 10 miles or less is best.
- Did you know? Untreated firewood can only legally enter Oregon from out of state if it's from the Pacific Northwest (WA or ID). If it's from anywhere else, firewood must be labeled as heat-treated to enter the state of Oregon.

For more information, contact Alex Meacham
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For more information, contact Don't Move Firewood:
<https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/contact/>



- We also welcome you to link to Don't Move Firewood ([dontmovefirewood.org](https://www.dontmovefirewood.org), or <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/map/oregon/> if you prefer) on your own FAQ page, within campsite information, during the campsite booking process, and in confirmation emails.

Don't Move Firewood Graphics and Web Resources:

Don't Move Firewood Graphics for Oregon



Oregon Invasive Species Council "Report an Invader" online hotline



Use a Firewood Finder to learn where to buy safe, treated firewood

Learn more about Oregon quarantines and other forest pests

Report a possible invasive species sighting

Near Portland? Check the tree inventory to find ash trees near you

Oregon Firewood Invasive Species and Diseases summary



Emerald Ash Borer Resource Hub



Thank you for considering adding some information about firewood regulations to your website!

Below, you will find messages and graphics that you can copy to motivate your visitors and audience to preserve Washington's forests for the future. Preventing the spread of forest pests is key to healthy Washington forests, which means healthy streams, salmon, orcas, and communities.

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- Encourage your visitors to buy or gather firewood locally to prevent the spread of pests.
- As a rule of thumb, moving firewood 50 miles is too far, and under 10 or less miles is best.
- Washington has a new quarantine that prohibits the entry of firewood from out of state because of pests and diseases like emerald ash borer, spongy moth, and spotted lanternfly. This new law takes full effect in August 2026.
- Whenever possible, include a mention of Washington's new firewood quarantine and a simple explanation of what it means.
- Under Washington's new state law, only heat-treated firewood labeled "approved pest free" is allowed from outside of the state. Encourage out-of-state visitors and firewood sellers to learn more about current firewood regulations.

Text Resources:

Here are some informational blurbs for your website:

- Forests are being destroyed through the transportation of invasive insects and diseases found in firewood.
- To prevent the spread of pests that destroy forests, do not move firewood. Instead, obtain it from local sources.
- Burn firewood in the same general area as the wood source. As a general rule, 50 miles is too far, and 10 miles or less is best.
- Did you know? Firewood can only legally enter Washington from out of state if it is labeled "Approved Pest Free." Violators are subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation. (Note: we advise using this statement only after August 18, 2026, when these penalties are fully in effect.)

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Don't Move Firewood Graphics and Web Resources:

Don't Move Firewood Graphics



Washington Invasive Species Council "Report a Sighting" apps and forms



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Learn more about Washington quarantines and other forest pests

Washington Invasive Insects summary



Emerald Ash Borer Resource Hub (Oregon)



Report a possible invasive species sighting

Learn about other plant pests and diseases in Washington State

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Current Outreach Status in Oregon and Washington

- ~400 individual organizations, agencies, businesses, Tribal governments, educational institutions, and professional organizations
- ~120 priority outreach targets
- ~30% response and meeting rate!
- Planning for staffing changes

Initial Contact	Contact Respon	Specific Advice Shared?	Toolkit Shared?	Next Follow-up Date	Followup Notes
				6/15/2026	Sent Follow ups on 4/9 and 5/12. Check for changes, follow up.
					Sent Followup 4/29
				5/20/2026	Changes complete on Recreation.gov sites!
				6/8/2026	Follow up sent 5/6. Check for changes
				6/8/2026	Followup sent on 4/16, 5/12
				6/8/2026	Followup sent on 4/14. Asked Wyatt to introduce on 5/12.
					Denied assistance - Not interested in encouraging any form of firewood
				4/23/2026	Followup sent on 4/16
				4/23/2026	Followup sent on 4/16
				4/23/2026	Followup sent on 4/16
				4/23/2026	Need to dig up real contact. No response from web form.
				5/1/2026	No meeting requested. Check for changes on 5/1
				4/21/2026	Followup sent on 4/14
					Refused changes. Shared toolkit. Check for changes 5/1
				4/21/2026	
					Positive response. Shared toolkit. Followup ongoing.
				4/23/2026	
					Reached out via parent organization
				5/1/2026	Check for changes
					Meeting held on 5/13. Check for changes 6/16
				4/23/2026	Follow up sent 4/16
				4/16/2026	Meeting scheduled
				5/1/2026	Check for changes. Offered to connect with other Oregon DMOs
				4/23/2026	Followup Sent 4/16
					Existing supporter of DMF. No need for additions.

Challenges to Outreach

- We are asking for staff time and in-depth knowledge
- A simple “ask” with a deceptively complex implementation
- “You aren’t my boss”
- Degrees of Kevin Bacon: Finding the right person
- Example: High-contact Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)



Results so far:

▲ This campground is managed by **Portland General Electric**, under a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service as a part of the Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2195. Contact PGE Parks and Recreation for more information: [PortlandGeneral.com/parks](https://portlandgeneral.com/parks) ☎ 503-464-8515, pgeparks@pgn.com.

More Information: [Park Rules](#) ☒ [Boater Regulations](#) ☒ [Mt. Hood National Forest](#) ☒ [Portland General Electric](#) ☒

▲ **Firewood: Buy it where you burn it.** Did you know? Invasive insects and diseases can hitchhike in on logs, and they can destroy forests. Keep firewood local: under 10 miles is best, and 50 is too far. Learn more: dontmovefirewood.org ☒

Updated campsite alert, present on the registration system on Recreation.gov, both before registering and in email receipts.

About Chimney Rock Campground

Along the Chimney Rock segment of Central Oregon's Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Chimney Rock campground offers a relaxing woodland setting amongst Western Juniper trees and beneath massive Columbia River rock formations. Fly-fishing and hiking on the nearby Chimney Rock trail offer day-long recreational fun. Enjoy plenty of easy river access along the adjacent Crooked River Back Country Byway, State Highway 27.

Know Before You Go:

- Chimney Rock Campground is open year-round and is equipped with 16 campsites and vault toilets. No reservations are accepted; site is first-come, first-served only.
- Water is available in the campground and an accessible fishing platform is located near the campground entrance.
- When recreating on public lands, practice Leave-No-Trace Principles.
- Don't Move Firewood: Please protect Pacific Northwest forests by preventing the spread of invasive species. Firewood can carry insects and diseases that can threaten the health of our western forests. You can make a difference by obtaining and burning your firewood near your camping destination.

A regional DMO updated a campground "Know Before You Go" listing on their campsite information page.



Burn it where you buy it: Stop the spread of invasive pests

State parks have a wide variety of natural native and planted non-native trees and forests, which makes them at risk for almost every worrisome invasive pest. Parks are of particular concern because they have visitors from all over the state and country who often bring their own camping supplies for their stay. This includes the main culprit for invasive pest transfer: firewood.

We need your help to stop the spread of invasive pests that can cause significant damage to its forests.

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slaps firewood
this bad boy can fit so many emerald ash borers in it

But the battle to prevent the spread of these pests isn't hopeless. The best way to help prevent these pests from decimating parks and forests is to buy your firewood where you plan to burn it – that means don't move firewood from location to location.

Invasive pests are looking for a free ride and it's our job not to give it to them. When you move firewood, you're also moving all the creepy crawlies that are hiding in the wood and under the bark. Buy firewood for your campfires in the area you plan to stay.



Updated a Washington State Parks article, added messaging to rules and regulations page, and sent out social media posts and a newsletter to a massive audience.

Results so far:

Firewood Bank Resources Sheets

We welcome you to print out and distribute these resource sheets at your firewood bank. Click on the image and you'll receive a PDF download of the material.

If you have ideas for more materials, email info@forgreenheat.org

FIREWOOD BANK SAFETY CHAINSAW

A. PROPER SAFETY CLOTHING

- Eye protection
- Sturdy shoes
- Proper clothing to avoid entanglement

B. KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT

- Read the manual
- Check the chain
- Check the fuel
- Check the oil

C. PREPARE YOUR CHAINSAW

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D. BASIC OPERATING SAFETY TIPS

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FIREWOOD BANK RESOURCE 2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CONTACT GUIDE

Get your hands on the latest federal legislative contact guide for the 2025 session. This guide provides contact information for key members of Congress and their staff, as well as information on how to reach your representatives.

FIREWOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING 101

Learn how to get involved in your local firewood bank. This guide provides information on how to find a bank, how to get involved, and how to make the most of your experience.

FIREWOOD BANK FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Learn how to get involved in your local firewood bank. This guide provides information on how to find a bank, how to get involved, and how to make the most of your experience.

FIREWOOD BANK RESOURCES ASK YOUR FRIENDS IF CONSIDERED TO VISIT

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FIREWOOD AND FOREST PESTS KEEP FIREWOOD LOCAL

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CHAINSAW TRAINING RESOURCES SAFE CHAINSAW HANDLING IS A LIFE SKILL

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RESOURCES FOR FIREWOOD BANKS

Learn how to get involved in your local firewood bank. This guide provides information on how to find a bank, how to get involved, and how to make the most of your experience.

Co-created a new resource sheet for Firewood Banks with “Don’t Move Firewood” information, matching the design styles of prior resource sheets. Available now: www.firewoodbanks.org/resources

LAKE OWYHEE STATE PARK

Owyhee Reservoir is a 53-mile-long lake, filling a narrow, deep canyon brimming with colorful volcanic rock formations. Many boaters return each year to explore the desert canyon and rugged mountains. Some of the geology is visible only by boat. Anglers are awarded excellent warm water catches, especially largemouth bass, white and black crappie. The reservoir also has catfish and is occasionally stocked with rainbow trout.

The road to Lake Owyhee Reservoir is a very scenic and picturesque drive, but please drive cautiously. The road is narrow and moderately steep in places. Drive slowly and be prepared to yield to other campers and boats as you enter and leave the area.

Follow park rules and boating safety regulations. The nearest emergency services are 33 miles away, in Nyssa. The closest hospital is in Ontario, about an hour drive from the park.

No pay phones or cell phone service at the park. Volunteer hosts and staff are not always available. This is a remote recreational experience. Please prepare accordingly.

Check the Bureau of Reclamation website for current water levels.

Campground information: Indian Creek and McCormack campgrounds are closed to reservations starting October 1, but available first come, first served during October. Both campgrounds close for the season on November 1.

Gordon Gulch Day Use picnic area is open year round.

McCormack Campground

- 29 electrical sites with water
- Eight tent sites with water nearby
- Hot showers and flush toilets
- RV dump station
- Firewood, ice for sale

Indian Creek Campground

- 22 electrical sites with water
- Two cabins (open May 11; one pet-friendly)
- Boat ramp
- Marine fuel, firewood and ice for sale
- Universal Access

McCormack has two sites accessible to campers with disabilities.

Indian Creek has two sites and one cabin accessible to campers with disabilities.



Not every meeting has resulted in complete changes. Follow-up conversations are critical!

Major Partnerships



Oregon Association of
Conservation Districts



Washington State
Conservation
Commission

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