
THE LATEST AND GREATEST IN THE WORLD OF DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

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ABOUT DMF

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





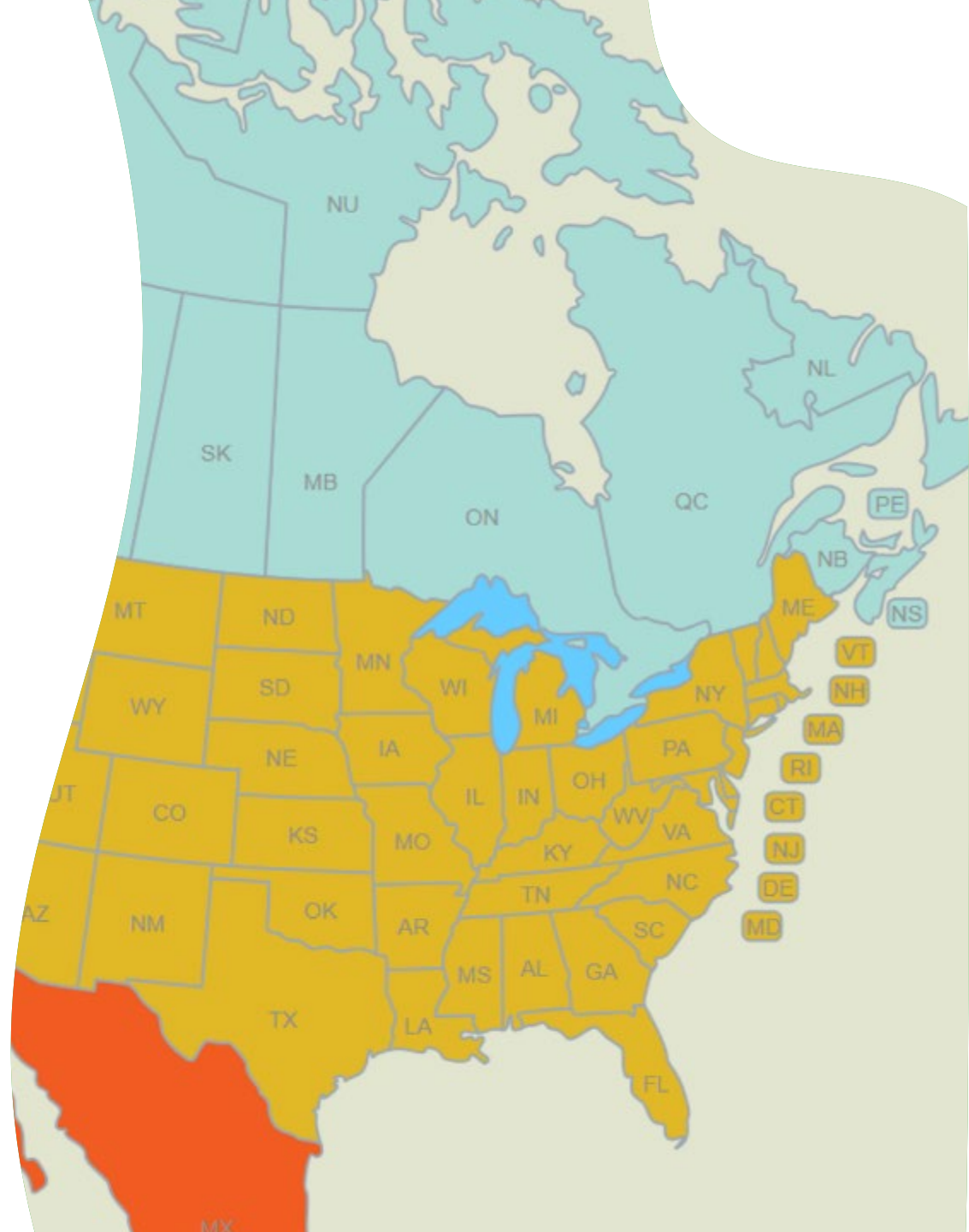
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **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 when allowed
 - Buy certified, heat-treated firewood
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ONLINE RESOURCES

Web Content

- Resource Library
- Firewood Map
- Forest pest and pathogen species profiles
- News (blog)
- Spanish language microsite
- Resources for other outreach professionals



RESEARCH SYNTHESIS – FIREWOOD COMPARISON REPORT



State and territory firewood relevant **regulations, certifications,** and **outreach statuses** across the USA



HOW IS FIREWOOD REGULATED?

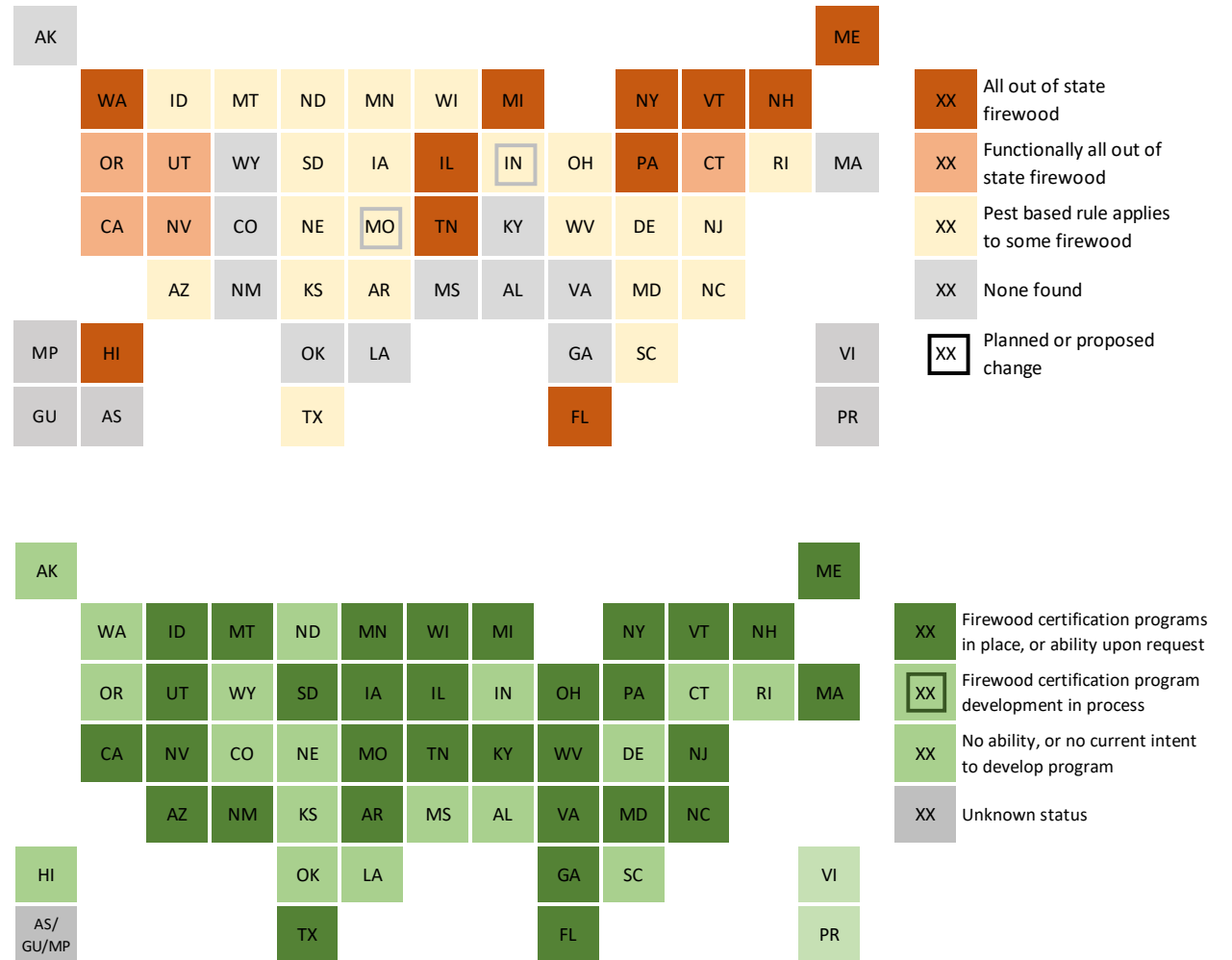
External/Exterior and Internal/Interior Quarantines

- Federal vs State
- Most are state, pest-based quarantines under which firewood is a **regulated article** (esp. in the west)
- Regulated articles/items cannot cross quarantine boundaries without appropriate treatment, inspection, certification, or written exemption.

FIREWOOD COMPARISON REPORT

- A snapshot of firewood-relevant regulations, certifications, and recommendations across the USA
- Updated regularly – latest version to be published NEXT WEEK

Big take-away: all around need for more consistency!



MAJOR REGULATORY UPDATES



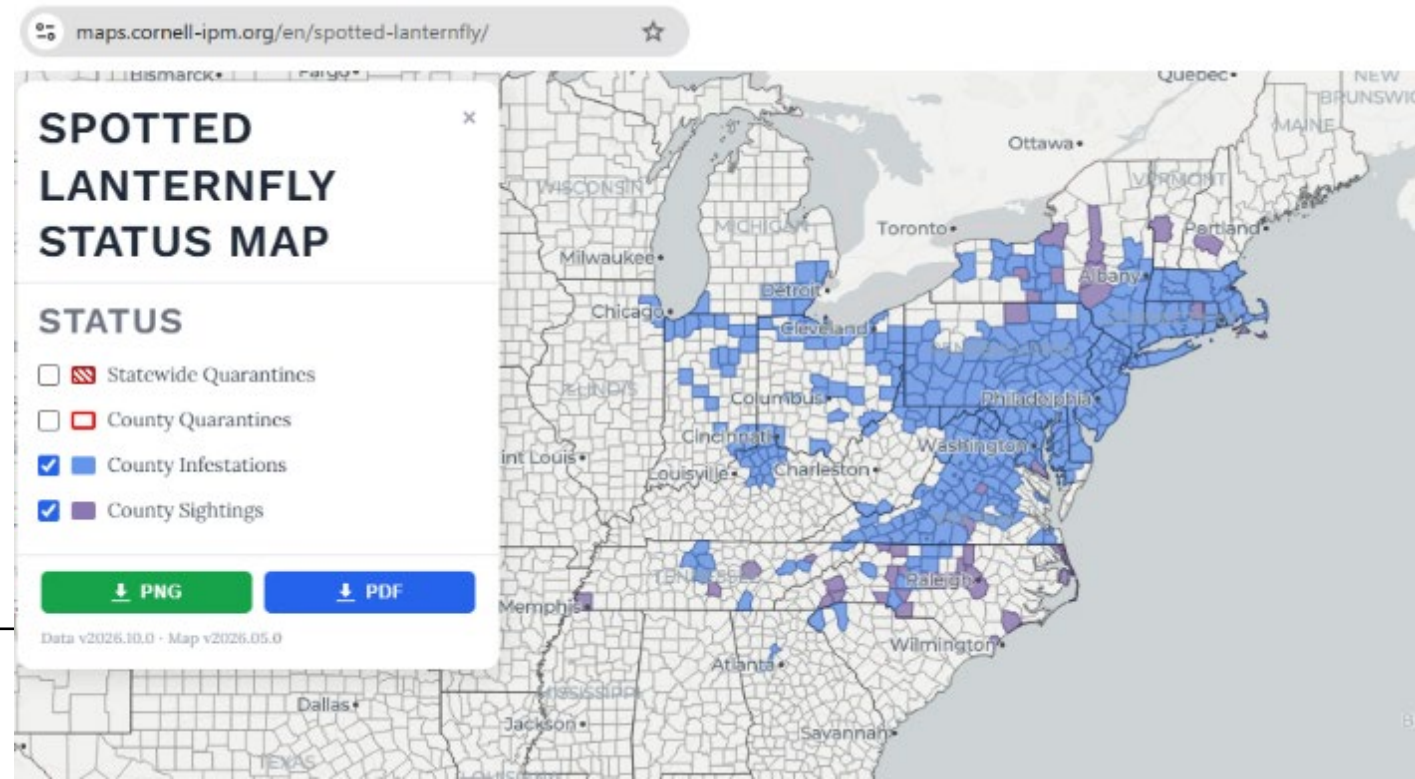
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Hawaii, Washington, and Michigan Implement External Firewood Quarantines

PEST UPDATES OF NOTE FOR 2026

“New pest outbreaks come to light every year”

- Spotted lanternfly
 - As of September 2026 declared established in Canada, in southwestern Ontario
 - Often a lag between sightings, official confirmation, and public maps (e.g. New Hampshire, Tennessee)



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Shameless cross-promotion!

Our webinar tomorrow will talk extensively about the reality and consequences of these lags! **“Firewood and the Forest Pest Multiverse: the influence of time on perceptions of regulation and detection”**

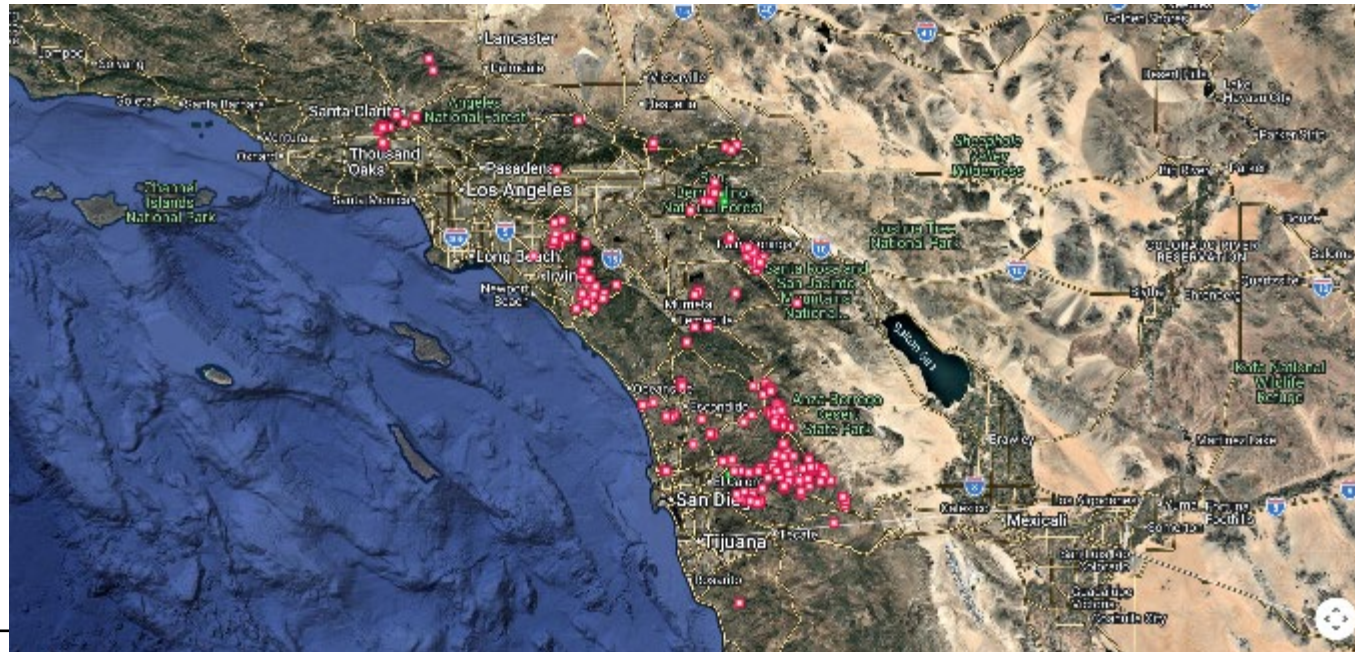
Register at the link in the chat or at
<https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/firewoodmonth2026/>



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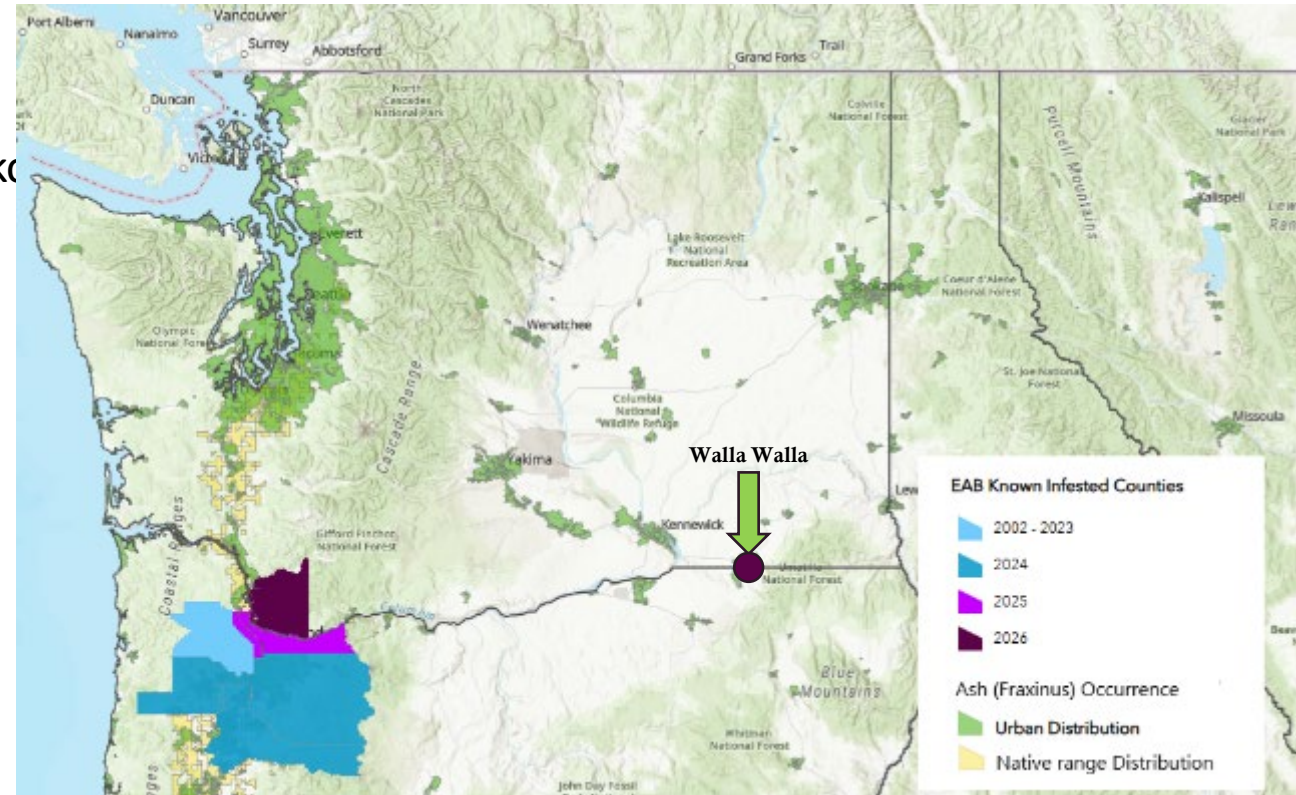
- Goldspotted oak borer
 - Now farther north, killing oaks in Ventura County CA
 - Now farther south, found well south of Tijuana MX



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- Emerald ash borer
 - Notable 2026 finds in North Dakota, South Dakota
 - Farther S in Oregon, in Salem OR
 - New infestation in Walla Walla WA
 - *New finds in Europe as well*

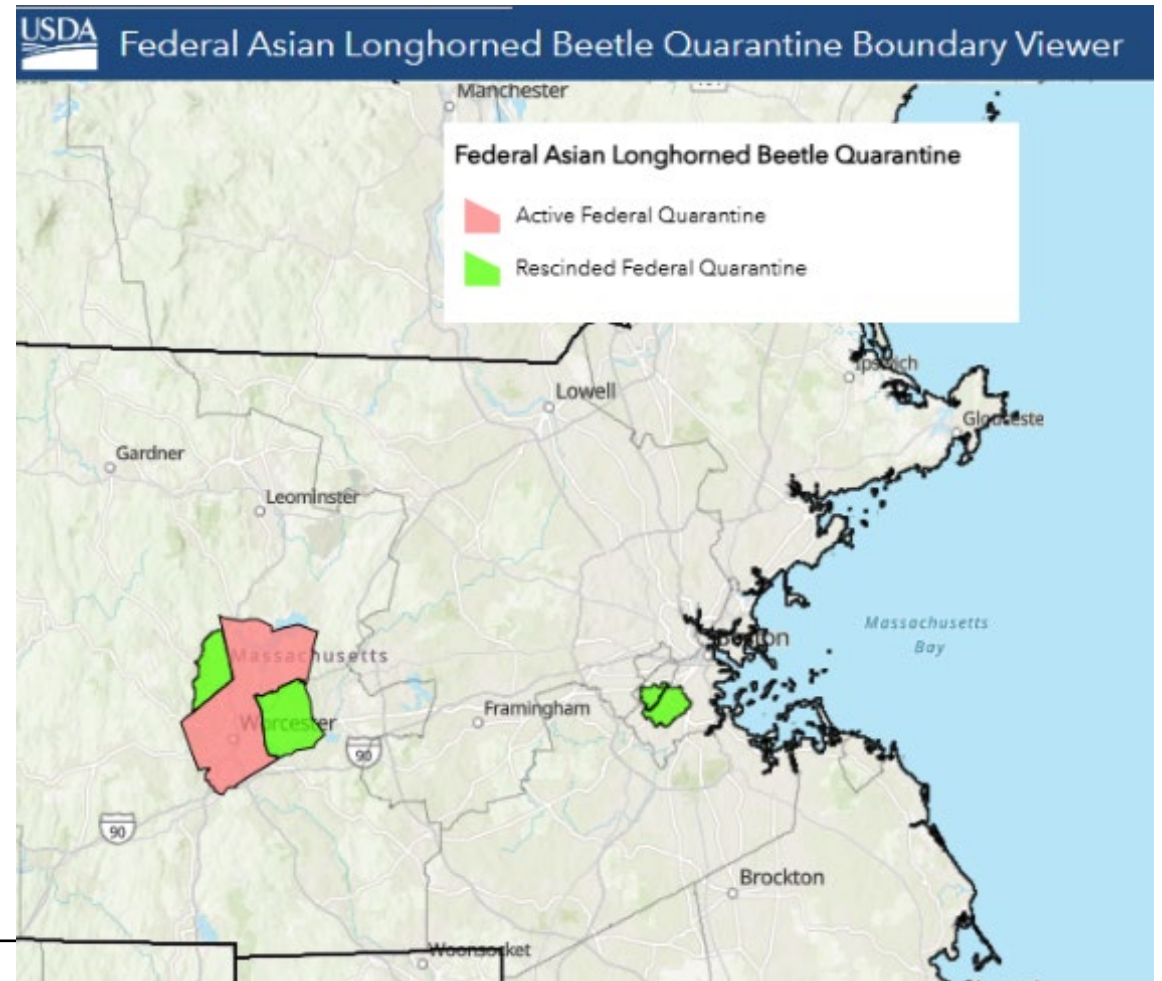


<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/eab/eab-infestation-map>

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- Asian longhorned beetle
 - **ALB free** in partial areas in Massachusetts
 - **ALB free** in partial areas in Ohio
 - **ALB free** in partial areas in New York
 - Additional areas quarantined in South Carolina



NEED FOR MORE AND CONSISTENT OUTREACH

- **Less than half of the public (39%) have heard/seen firewood messaging**
- **Even less are aware of state laws or firewood regulations (19%)**
- **Forestry-related public agencies are **trusted messengers** on forest health issues**
- **Effective messaging should generate attention with **positive framing** – encouraging and empowering (promotion over prevention)**

Solano, A., Rodriguez, S.L., Greenwood, L., Rosopa, P.J., and Coyle, D.R. 2022. Achieving effective outreach for invasive species: firewood case studies from 2005-2016. Biological Invasions.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10530-022-02848-w>



OUTREACH EVENT CALENDAR

- **Firewood Month!** – October
- National Invasive Species Awareness Week – February
- Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month – April
- Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week – May
- PlayCleanGo Awareness Week – June
- National Moth Week – July
- Tree Check Month - August

OUTREACH REPORTING

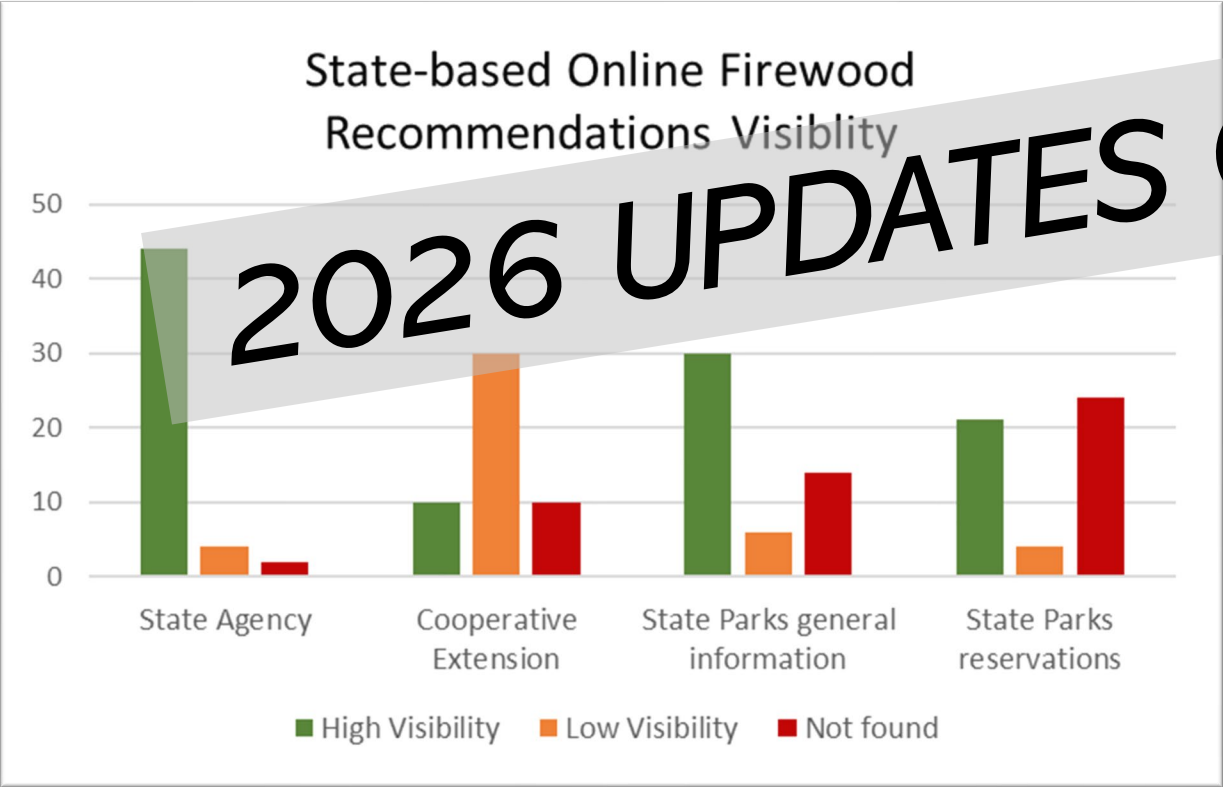


Table 4. State Comparative Chart: Firewood Outreach Visibility with Regulations Presence/Absence

[★ = firewood info. easily found; ✓ = firewood info. present with low visibility;
✗ = firewood info. not found]

Regulation(s) Present	State	State Agency Site(s)	Cooperative Extension Site(s)	State Parks Page(s)	State Campsite Reservation
Yes	AL	✓	✗	✗	✗
No	AK	✗	✗	✗	✗
Yes	AR	★	✗	✗	✗
Yes	AR	★	✗	★	✗
Yes	CA	★	✓	★	✗
No	CO	★	✓	✓	✗
Yes	CT	★	✗	★	★
Yes	DE	★	✗	★	★
Yes	FL	★	✓	✓	✗
Yes	GA	✓	✓	★	✓
Yes	HI	✓	✓	✗	✗
Yes	ID	★	✗	★	✗
Yes	IL	★	★	✗	✗
Yes	IN	★	★	★	★
Yes	IA	★	✓	✗	★
Yes	KS	★	✓	✗	✗
Yes	KY	★	✓	★	★
Yes	LA	✓	✓	✗	✗
Yes	ME	★	✗	★	★
Yes	MD	★	✓	★	★
Yes	MA	★	✓	★	★
Yes	MI	★	★	★	★
Yes	MN	★	★	★	★
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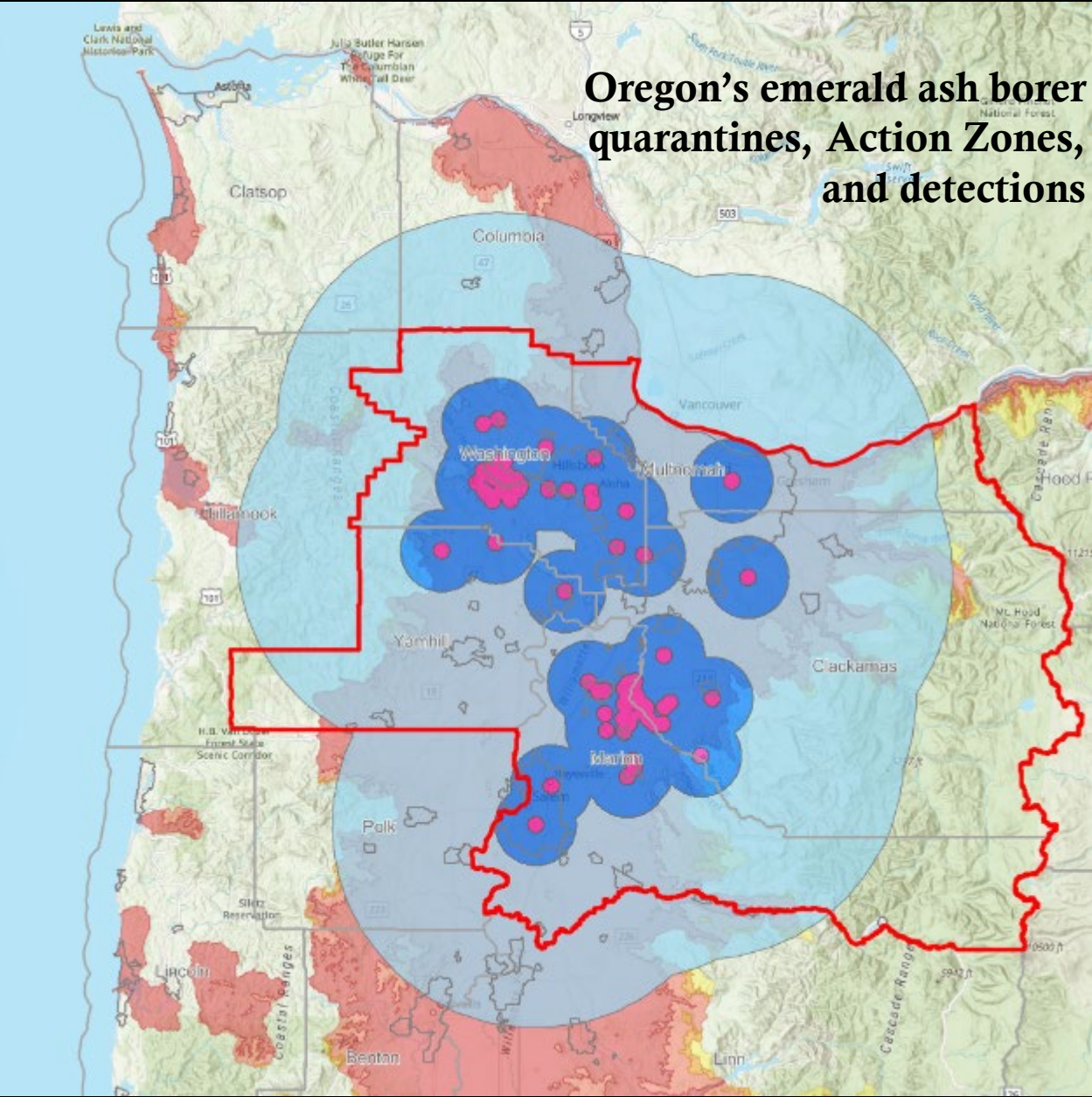


PACIFIC NORTHWEST PROJECT

Recent detections of EAB and other pests and pathogens in the PNW are a major concern.

Limited term outreach campaign funded by USDA USFS

New firewood quarantines, local advocacy



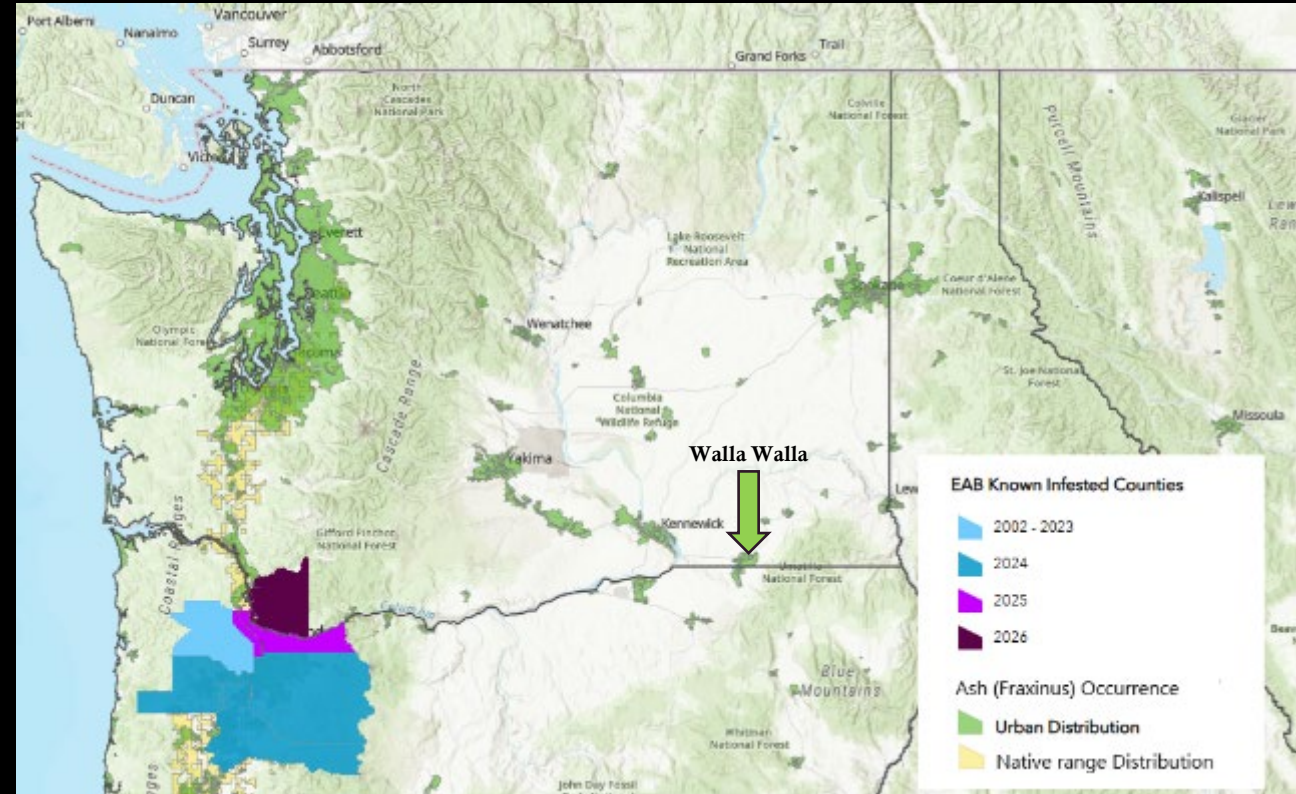
Oregon's emerald ash borer quarantines, Action Zones, and detections

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
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NEED FOR OUTREACH IN WASHINGTON

- **Flighted spongy moth**
 - Periodic detections and eradications
 - Infests many native hardwoods and some conifers
- **Emerald ash borer**
 - Single adult EAB confirmed near Vancouver WA (near Portland OR) on August 19, 2026
 - EAB infested tree with multiple larvae 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



OUTREACH AND FIREWOOD BEST PRACTICES

Reach folks in the **PLANNING** stages of their trip!

Great online firewood messaging is direct, succinct, action oriented, and in **all** locations that firewood users are likely to run into it.

FIREWOOD ALERT: Buy it where you burn it! Pests and diseases often spread on firewood. Help protect Idaho's natural resources by sourcing your firewood (within 50 miles or less) to avoid introducing tree pests.

To review all the rules and fees associated with administering and governing the Idaho Department of Parks please **visit the Idaho Department of Administration website.**

[Specific definitions related to the use of state recreation areas and facilities.](#)

[Book a Campsite](#)

Alerts and Important Information

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission maintains the right to establish black out dates and reserve facilities or lodging for special events and maintenance related needs.

ATTENTION - Firewood Alert:
Voluntary Firewood Restriction

If you have brought firewood from another state, please burn it immediately and do not transport it to another location. Many invasive pests are being transported across our country in firewood. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a serious pest that is near Nebraska's border. Your cooperation to help prevent EAB from invading Nebraska woodlands and landscapes is vital to protecting our valuable natural resources.

If you need additional firewood, your options are:

- 1) Purchase firewood at parks that sell it.
- 2) Purchase firewood at vendors near many parks.
- 3) Gather dead firewood laying on the ground within park boundaries.

Learn more about invasive pests and the risk of transporting firewood at:

www.emeraldashborer.info

www.dontmovefirewood.org

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Camping

Reminder to CT Campers & Vacationers To

Connecticut offers campgrounds, including in thirteen state parks or forests. [Select a campground from the map or use the search function.](#)

LOCATIONS

- State Departments of Forestry (or equivalent)
- State Parks (Homepages, FAQs, etc.)
- [State Parks/Lands Campground Reservation Portal](#)
- State Departments of Agriculture
- Cooperative Extension
- State-based Pest Pages
- National Parks
- National Forests
- Major Counties/Cities (e.g., parks, municipal waste)



FOCUS ON THE FIREWOOD

Outreach campaigns that **overly focus on one pest put themselves at a long-term disadvantage** when that pest has wide-spread establishment or a new pest arrives.

- A “lost cause” mentality can take hold impeding ongoing management efforts.
 - Confusion, frustration, and a perceived lack of competence can undermine outreach efforts if messages feel like they keep changing.
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*Huge Archive
of Social Media
Ideas and
Images!*

dontmovefirewood.org/resource-library



BULK OUTREACH MATERIAL

MOVING FIREWOOD
can transport forest
insects and diseases.

BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT.

If you're a camper heading out for
a trip — or just getting firewood for
your stove — do nature a favor. Don't
potentially transport invasive species.



- ▶ Buy locally harvested firewood.
- ▶ Gather on site where permitted.
- ▶ Ask a park ranger or campground host about where to get local firewood.

The forest will thank you.

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FIREWOOD.org



We're here to help!

REACH OUT TO DMF
FOR OUTREACH
SUGGESTIONS,
CUSTOMIZATIONS,
MATERIALS



QUESTIONS?

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