September 2026 Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



Photo of a campfire along a lake in Maine in September. Photo credit: Karen Lyons.

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Emerald Ash Borer Found in WA



Two vigilant citizens spotted an emerald ash borer (EAB) on their windshield early last

and learning it was invasive and should be reported, they collected the specimen and submitted a report to the Washington State Invasive Species Council (WISC), which alerted the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). The pair later turned the specimen over to a Washington State Parks employee, who gave the specimen to WSDA. WSDA submitted the specimen to USDA on August 6 and USDA confirmed the specimen as EAB on August 19. For more details and resources for the planned mitigation and management of EAB in Washington, see this WSDA press release. The state of Washington also recently implemented their new exterior firewood quarantine.

WSDA Exterior Firewood Quarantine >>

APHIS Expands ALB Quarantine in SC

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), working with Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry, has expanded the area quarantined for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Charleston County, South Carolina. A total of 16.5 square miles were added in Mount Pleasant and 25.2 square miles in Hollywood. For more details see this Federal Order which includes the updated quarantine boundaries and references the ALB regulations in 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.51-1 through 301.51-9.

Firewood Month Webinars



Holy cow October is only a few weeks away…time isn't real. Anyway, October is Firewood Month and Firewood Month is our FAVORITE so we have THREE amazing webinars lined up from our very own staff! Registration links are now live for the following webinars:

Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 1pm EST

Firewood and the Forest Pest Multiverse: the influence of time on perceptions of regulation and detection

Presentation by Leigh Greenwood, The Nature Conservancy

>>Register here

Thursday, October 14th, 2026 at 3pm EST

Slowing the spread of Emerald Ash Borer in the Pacific Northwest

>>Register here

Thursday, October 20th, 2026 at 3pm EST

The Latest and Greatest in the World of Don't Move Firewood

Presentation by Laurel Downs, Leigh Greenwood, and Alex Meacham, The Nature Conservancy

>>Register here

>>See here for more details on Firewood Month 2026 Webinars<<

PPA 7721 Open Period Closes Soon

The open window for submitting Suggestions ("Suggestions" are like a pre-proposal) for Plant Protection Act 7721 PPDMDPP funding is coming to a close soon as the deadline is September 21, 2026. This is the annual funding that currently serves as the primary Don't Move Firewood budget, as well as lots of inter-related state and local based firewood and forest pest related projects. You can access more information and the portal HERE. If you are considering applying for funding for FY27, make sure to read the FY 2027 Implementation Plan as it contains important background information, objectives, and strategies of the six goal areas. Please feel free to reach out to us for insight into forest pest relevant Suggestions focusing on the **5th Goal area: Targeted Outreach and Education**, as that is what we specialize in when we apply each year for support of the the Don't Move Firewood campaign. We

More about the implementation plan >>

SLF Confirmed in country of Moldova

It appears spotted lanternfly has arrived in Europe! The National Food Safety Agency (ANSA) of the Republic of Moldova has officially reported the presence of spotted lanternfly (SLF) in its territory to the IPPC Secretariat in August 2026. Laboratory confirmation was obtained on 14 August 2026. This constitutes the first detection of SLF in the region. Photo evidence in the press releases shows many SLFs in two life stages- definitely not just a single isolated individual insect.

See here for more information >>

Register for EABU Fall Webinars



Can’t get enough webinars?? Well good news, there’s a bunch more coming out of EAB University this fall! EABU has a dynamite line up of experts on a range of forest pest and pathology topics like oak wilt, EAB resistance ash breeding, and more. See below for the talks and visit the website for more details; **register today**!

September 29, 2026 at 1pm EST

Oak Wilt

Presentation by Dr. Anna Yang

October 6, 2026 at 1pm EST

US Forest Service EAB resistance ash breeding program update

Presentation by Mary Mason

October 13, 2026 at 1pm EST

Arrival of non-native forest insects: patterns, processes, and problems

Presentation by Dr. Sam Ward

October 29, 2026 at 1pm EST

Management of Some Invasive Trees of the Eastern US

Presentation by Lenny Farlee

>> Click Here for Details and Registration Links <<

Clemson Hiring Yellow-legged Hornet Positions

Clemson University's Plant Industry Invasive Species Program is hiring three positions to support early detection and rapid response efforts for the yellow-legged hornet. Click on the links below to learn more about each position and apply today at clemson.edu/careers.

- Invasive Hornet Field Supervisor
- Invasive Hornet Survey Specialists (multiple)
- Invasive Hornet Program Coordinator

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Spatially explicit forecasts of tree insect and disease incidence across North

Oviposition and early survival of *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) in common garden and natural field environments in South Carolina
Environmental Entomology, August 14, 2026

Forest Pests In the News

Mexico launches national pact to protect forests
Mexico Business News, September 8, 2026

The disease that decimated American elms could help bring them back
WCCB, September 6, 2026

Protect Michigan Forests: Buy Local Firewood
True North Radio Network, September 4, 2026

More than 80% of North America's forests are entering dangerous territory
earth.com, September 3, 2026

Farewell black spruce? How climate change and pests are reshaping North America's forests
PhysOrg, September 3, 2026

in Bismark

ValleyNews, August 26, 2026

Forest Service detects emerald ash borer in 5 additonal counties

PhysOrg, August 21, 2026

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