

Outreach and Updates



New USDA Curriculum Introduces Students to Creepy, Crawly Pests Threatening U.S. Forests and Agriculture

Introduce middle school students to 18 invasive pests that wreak havoc on ecosystems and displace native species with the new curriculum created by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "[Hungry Pests Invade Middle School](#)," teaches 6th through 8th graders — as well as anyone interested in learning more about invasive species — how these pests got here, the damage they cause, and ways to keep them from spreading. Take home messages in the curriculum include: don't move firewood; wash dirt from outdoor gear and tires before going to/leaving from fishing, hunting or camping trips; and learn to identify invasive species. The curriculum meets National Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards and is cross-curricular, tying into English/Language Arts, History/Social Studies, Math and Science. *Many thanks to Abbey Powell, USDA APHIS, for this guest article.*

[Download the free curriculum here »](#)

Upcoming Webinar: Changing Movement of Firewood by Campers

Join us for the 2nd edition of the 2015 FOCI webinar series, "Changing movement of firewood by campers: an eight year study of the effect of regulation and education" on October 21st, 2015 at 2pm Eastern. Learn about how Wisconsin used a combination of limited regulation and targeted persuasion to change public movement of firewood, what motivates people to move firewood (or not move firewood), and how the firewood professionals community can use this information to slow the spread of forest pests. This presentation will be led by Andrea Diss-Torrance, Invasive Forest Insects Program Coordinator with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

[Join the webinar here »](#)

[Future home of the recording can be found here »](#)

Aimez-vous les insectes? New FRENCH Halloween Bug Masks

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, we now have insect masks with all the information in French! These would make great learning tools for; any high school in the USA with French instruction, areas in the USA with a significant French speaking population (i.e. New England and Louisiana), and of course, all work conducted in Canada.

[Find the masks here »](#)

Reminiscing about that great newsletter back in January 2014?

We've got a new archive of all back FOCI issues, so you can hunt down whatever factoid you can't quite recall.

[Find the FOCI archive here »](#)

The featured image this month is from Hungry Pests' [See How They Spread page](#), which highlights the top eight ways that invasive pests and pathogens spread.

Infestations and Regulations

It is home-invading-insect season!

Brown marmorated stink bugs (BMSB) are one of many "home invading" insects that will catch people's attention as the nights

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grow colder. They love to cluster in attics, window gaps, and cracks between siding. BMSB are known to shelter in loose tree bark as their natural overwintering niche- making them possible to move on firewood, especially in the colder months. Are you in an area with this invasive species?

[Learn about brown marmorated stink bugs »](#)

[Learn about home invading look-alike insects in fall »](#)

This month's quiz features European gypsy moth geography!

This quiz is trickier than you might suspect. Read the questions, write down your answers, and then open the map below to see how you did. What is the farthest west state with a county in "Being Eradicated" gypsy moth status? How many counties in Maine is European gypsy moth not found in? Roughly how many counties in Illinois have confirmed the presence of avyov moth as of 2014?

[Click on "2014" to find your answers! »](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

BurnWise, Leave No Trace, Boy Scouts, and so many more

The Don't Move Firewood campaign is a program managed by The Nature Conservancy with funding currently provided by USDA APHIS Farm Bill 10007 cooperative agreement, private foundations, and Climate Ride. We are especially thankful for USDA APHIS's continued support — we truly would not be able to run the campaign without it. We are also thankful to the enormous variety of partners, stakeholders, and private entities that work with us each year. Take a look below at a few interesting partners that promote the Don't Move Firewood message — whether with explicit links, or cooperative messages crafted through partnerships:

[Environmental Protection Agency, BurnWise »](#)

[Leave No Trace Foundation, Minimize Campfire Impacts »](#)

[Boy Scouts of America, Invasive Species Management Plan »](#)

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[Colorado Pest Bulletin: September Emerald Ash Borer Edition](#)

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[Con Artists Target Black Walnut Trees](#)

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[Hemlock tree-killing insect found in Muskegon County native forest](#)

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[Dutch Elm Disease found in Saskatoon tree](#)

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This is the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of 120 words or less.

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