

## Outreach and Updates



### Take Action NOW to Stop Asian Longhorned Beetle

If you only ask the public to check their trees once a year, then the best time of year to do it is in August. This is when the large adult Asian longhorned beetles are most commonly seen, as well as when the damage they cause is quite obvious. The best line of defense against the insect is people who take the time to check their trees for the beetle and signs of damage. Your organization should be spreading the word on:

- Conducting an annual tree check in August
- Reporting beetles or signs of beetle damage
- Purchasing firewood where it will be burned

All states have potential host tree populations, so everyone should participate in Tree Check Month. For more information or to report, please visit [www.asianlonghornedbeetle.com](http://www.asianlonghornedbeetle.com), or call 1-866-702-9938.

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### Boy Scouts of America approves invasive species template for all scout camps nationwide

The BSA National Conservation and Environment Task Force just completed a template that has been made available on the [BSA website](#) (scroll to very bottom) to guide camp staff on how to deal with invasive species in Boy Scout camps nationwide. The template is a starting point for camp-specific plans for invasive species prevention, early detection, and control activities- including how to best discourage scouts from moving firewood. The template emphasizes cooperative action, stating that firewood is not to be brought into scout camps from the outside, and any firewood that does enter a scout camp should be promptly burned.

[Download the Invasive Species Management Plan Template »](#) (firewood is on page 5)

*Many thanks to Scott Cameron, President of the Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition, and a BSA Task Force Member, for authoring this update.*

Want to see what other states are doing? Visit [www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources).

## Infestations and Regulations



Did you know that Asian gypsy moth populations are cyclical, and Asia is in the midst of a multi-year uptick that has worrisome ramifications for Western seaport communities- especially those receiving large volumes of

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### In The News

8/5/14

**Belvoir forest trees cut down  
after outbreak of disease  
(Northern Ireland)**

cargo from Japan? The Asian gypsy moth is not easily visually distinguished from European gypsy moth, but it has a broader host plant base and the females are capable of flight.

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## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



### Map Grows in Popularity!

Have you visited our map? The improvements we made to [DontMoveFirewood.org/map](http://DontMoveFirewood.org/map) have started to bear fruit, with more people using this resource to help them understand their local regulations, recommendations, and infestations. In order to keep it factually accurate, we need your help! Take 5 minutes right now to visit the map, read your state's summary, and email any corrections to us. Your effort will help accurately educate the thousands of visitors that consult our map each month.

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### Work on USFS Grant for Firewood Education and Outreach for the Southeastern U.S. getting underway

Do you work in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina or Tennessee? If so, did you know that Don't Move Firewood will be providing extensive outreach materials to your state forestry agency, as part of the FY2014 USFS Redesign Grant on firewood education? Right now the state agencies are preparing plans and we here at Don't Move Firewood are sharpening our virtual pencils in anticipation... so if you are not already in touch with this program, please email [LGreenwood@tnc.org](mailto:LGreenwood@tnc.org) so she can get you the right name for the right person for your area.

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8/5/14

**Wood Quarantines Enacted After Second Case of "Thousand Cankers" Disease Detected in PA**

7/30/14

**Invasive emerald ash borer found in Arnold Arboretum (Boston, MA)**

7/28/14

**Emerald ash borer confirmed in Arkansas**

7/23/14

**State Takes Action to Prevent The Spread of Emerald Ash Borer on Firewood in Ulster County**

## Submit Your Story

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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