# **FOCI** Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative



### Outreach and Updates



#### We Need You - Update Your State!

By the end of this March, the Don't Move Firewood map will have a 100-word summary of all pertinent firewood regulations and recommendations within each U.S. state, plus Canada and Mexico. Go and look at your state RIGHT NOW and make sure we are representing your needs correctly. We really can't do this without you.

**Check Your State Now »** 

#### **Professional Education Tool**

Looking for an online training tool that you can share with firewood dealers or similar stakeholders who need an overview of forest health and the firewood industry? The "Protecting Forest Health: Lessons for the Firewood Industry" online presentation is a great in-depth tool produced by Natural Resources Specialist Jessica Simons in Michigan.

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#### Wheel . . . of . . . Pest Spread!

Go ahead, shout it out like the "Wheel of Fortune," announcer! Then head over to the <u>Hungry Pests</u> site to check out the online clickable tool that details the eight primary ways that invasive pests spread. Spoiler alert: Firewood is at the top!

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources.

## Infestations and Regulations



#### Thousand Cankers Disease State External Quarantine

Hey, eastern states! Thinking about instituting a state external Thousand Cankers Disease quarantine? Many states, including Nebraska, Virginia, and North Carolina, already have them. Check out this complete compendium from the Missouri Department of Agriculture and see what everyone has on the books. Or poke around our map to find more

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#### Heat Treatment Standards for ALB

#### **Proposed Changes**

USDA APHIS is proposing changes to the heat treatment standards for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) regulated items. like firewood. In a nutshell, they propose making the

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#### In The News

#### 3/6/2014

Slowing the Spread of Thousand Cankers Disease

#### 2/3/2014

Coastal Georgia tree 'ecologically extinct'

#### 2/26/14

Ontario introduces Canada's first invasive species law

#### 2/24/14

New Parasitoid Wasp Species Found in China May Help Save

ALB heat and duration standards the same as the current emerald ash borer treatment standards. Educate yourself on the proposed change and make comments before April 11, 2014 in order to have your voice heard.

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## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



### Forest Pest Outreach **During Annual Bird Count**

During the Great Backyard Bird Count in February, we encouraged birdwatchers to also look for signs of invasive forest pests. Thousands of people read, shared, retweeted, and downloaded the message. All in all, a very successful week of outreach! If you'd like to plan ahead to join this effort next year, or adapt the materials for something this spring or summer, head on over to the Don't Move Firewood blog. Visit the Blog »

Pine Trees

#### 2/4/14

**Emerald Ash Borer Survey Locates More Areas With** Infested Ash Trees in the City of **Boulder: Branch Sampling Reveals Hidden Pest (Colorado)** 

#### 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.

Submit Your Story

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