



## Don't Move Firewood

*Buy it where you burn it*

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A properly controlled campfire is one of the best things about summer.

Now that summer is in full swing, Idahoans and Idaho visitors are being reminded, "Don't Move Firewood!"

**Humans are the primary cause of invasive species being moved into uninfested urban and rural forests in Idaho.** Humans unknowingly move insects and diseases in the firewood they transport long distances while on vacation. Even if there is no obvious sign of an insect or disease on the outer edge of firewood, it could be present inside the wood. Both insects and diseases can survive for several years in unburned firewood and when they emerge from the wood they may infest and kill neighboring trees.

The Don't Move Firewood campaign began in 2007 and was a response to the rapid spread of the emerald ash borer, a beetle native to Asia and discovered in Michigan in 2002. By 2007 it spread to six states and as of this spring, 20 states and two Canadian providences are infested. **About 75 percent of new infestations were caused by the transport of infested firewood to campgrounds and parks.**

Preventing these species from establishing populations in Idaho is one way to keep our forests healthy and productive.

This year the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is promoting the message ***Buy It Where You Burn It*** through **billboard advertisement** and in the **2013 Go RV brochure**.

In 2014, the outreach effort will be expanded to include **radio and newspaper advertisements** and targeting **campgrounds in Idaho that are popular with out of state visitors** by disseminating **posters** and providing **informational inserts on locally cut firewood bundles** sold at the campgrounds.

For more information, go to [DontMoveFirewood.org](http://DontMoveFirewood.org).

\*Note: Idahoans and Idaho visitors are encouraged to check if any restrictions on campfires are in effect before lighting a campfire. [A new statewide fire restrictions Web site is available here.](#)



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