

Montana Invasive Species Council Firewood Science Advisory Panel

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Emerald Ash Borer

MISC proposed EAB Science Advisory Panel

“What We Know” document
Knowledge gaps?

Efforts underway:

- Destructive sampling
- Education and outreach
- Community tree diversification
- Readiness and response cadre



Pathway Focus - FIREWOOD



Re-tooled SAP

Vulnerability in MT

Camping, hunting, RV's

Includes tree pest suite

Known and unknown

Pertinent questions

Pre-Work

“Questions to Answer Internally”

Purpose Statement

Conversations with potential panelists

Immediate opportunities:

FWP Aquatic Invasive Species check stations

Targeted ad placements

Non-resident hunter outreach



Purpose Statement

Evaluate opportunities for managing out-of-state transport of firewood into Montana as a pathway for invasive tree pests

Optimize the current external quarantine on ash material and understand enforcement or outreach options

Explore opportunities to promote in-state firewood production and commercial distribution while managing forest conditions

Optimize public outreach by pooling resources amongst diverse stakeholders

Panel Discussion

Kevin Kanduch - Kanduch Logging

Jesse Webster - Smokey Mountain National Park

Joshua Vlach - Oregon Department of Agriculture

Pat Doyle - MT Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Jan Stoddard - MT Department of Commerce

Megan Schultz - University of MT Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research



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Missoula Public Library

***Key Findings of the Firewood Science Advisory Panel:
A review of firewood management and communicating risk with partners and the public.***

Markets

- Determine suitability of [Firewood Scout](#) or [Stacked. Camp](#) for promoting local firewood sources.
- Promote “Made in Montana” and “Grown in Montana” labels for local firewood producers.
- Work with federal partners to develop free firewood pilot program at high risk campgrounds.
- Apply labeling from [National Plant Board Firewood Guidelines](#) to access out-of-state markets.
- Support firewood as a market for small diameter biomass generated from forest management.
- Address scale requirements for USFS sales that generate firewood.

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Coordination

- Encourage the Western Plant Board to make recommendations for regional firewood policies.
- Attend Tourism Advisory Council to understand how MISC's interests intersects with this council.
- Utilize Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research (ITRR) data to target outreach and messaging.
- Emphasize firewood in discussions through the Western Governors Association and Pacific Northwest Economic Region relevant committees

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Communication

- Recognize that we ask a lot of visitors and consider how to consolidate the messages.
- Partner with [visitMT.com](https://www.visitmt.com), Recreate Responsibly, and other tourism sites.
- Update outreach to campgrounds.

PROTECT TREES, FORESTS & WILDLIFE HABITAT

The transportation of invasive insects & diseases on firewood is destroying trees in prime hunting, fishing & recreation areas.



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