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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

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Firewood provides recreationists at our facilities with warmth, heat for cooking, and a traditional camping experience. Unfortunately, the movement of firewood can also be a pathway to spread undesired forest insects and diseases. In order to help mitigate firewood as the vector for the possible spread of insects and diseases, Forest Health Protection (FHP) and Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staffs are working together on a National Firewood Movement Policy. To make progress on this firewood policy, please take action on two items:

1. Each developed campground and day-use facility (levels 3-5), where fires are permitted, shall post signs describing the potential danger of moving insects and disease in firewood. The poster should suggest that campers use firewood from local sources. Posters should also instruct campers to burn all of their transported firewood before leaving, and include suggestions on where local firewood can be obtained (either free or purchased). A generic poster is available in large quantities (copy enclosed) at no cost. If regions would like copies of the generic poster, please contact Gary Man, (703-605-5339 or [gman@fs.fed.us](mailto:gman@fs.fed.us)) or your regional FHP office. Also, various FHP offices have produced regional firewood posters and may have copies available for distribution. Posters should be displayed at facilities no later than July 29, 2011.
2. Because many regions and areas already have awareness programs or firewood restrictions in place, we request that each region and area nominate one person to help further develop a national firewood movement policy that will focus on education and awareness, restrictions of firewood transport, and firewood related issues. Most, if not all, of the work of this group will be accomplished through conference calls. Please submit names of nominees to Chris Hartman ([chartman01@fs.fed.us](mailto:chartman01@fs.fed.us)) by June 30, 2011.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Enclosure

