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Buy Local Firewood



The movement of firewood can pose a serious threat to our forested resources if it is untreated (kiln dried or debarked) and transported long distances. This is because firewood can originate from many different tree species in any physiological condition. The trees can be dead, dying, diseased, or living because they are cut into firewood. The causes of tree mortality are often not thoroughly identified before the wood is transported to new locations, which increases the likelihood of transporting the insects and pathogens that cause tree mortality.

Firewood can harbor many woodboring insects. Most of the insects are benign and facilitate the decomposition of the tree, but some are insect pests and pathogens can kill healthy trees. These firewood denizens, whether bad or benign, are transported with the wood and emerge when conditions are suitable, wherever that may be. It is difficult to determine whether your firewood contains insidious pest organisms and these organisms will remain in the wood until it is burnt or until they emerge. For this reason firewood should be harvested, acquired, and burned locally or purchased commercially with a USDA or State certification designation to reduce the risk of spreading these organisms into new areas.

We are aware of many nonindigenous pest organisms that are transported in firewood: emerald ash borer, Asian

longhorned beetle, dutch elm disease, oak wilt disease to name a few, but there are many that have not been identified. These known and unknown pest organisms pose a serious threat to our forested resources and everyone should diligently work to mitigate the spread in the following ways: don't move firewood, burn it where you buy it, buy it where it is harvested, season wood near the location where it was harvested, diseased wood material should be immediately burned or chipped, and buy firewood with federal or state compliance certifications. The protection of our forested resources is the responsibility of every citizen and we can work together to ensure we are not unintentionally spreading pest organisms by limiting the spread of contaminated wood material.

- Ryan Rastok,

District 1 Forester and Entomologist

Upcoming Events

- *January 15, 8:15-3:00* – Delaware and Tuttle WRAPS Land and Stream Health Workshop – For more info contact Kerry Wedel 785.284.3422 or watershed@delawarewraps.com
- *February 20, 9:00-3:00* – Kansas Forestry Association Board Meeting – Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Region 2 Office, Topeka
- *December 3 - May 6* – Spring Conservation Seedlings – Online at kansasforests.org or call 888.740.8733
- *June 16-19* – National Walnut Council Annual Meeting – Kansas – For more info, contact Charlie Barden 785.532.1444 or cbarden@ksu.edu

Greetings from Kansas will make it all the way to DC for the Holiday Season



The US Capital Christmas Tree made a stop in Perry Kansas on its way to Washington. Many enjoyed this unique opportunity to view the massive tree and have photos with Santa and Smokey. As part of the festivities, the Kansas Governor's Christmas tree and wreath were delivered to Cedar Crest.



Thank you to the Following Supporters for 2018

The Kansas Forestry Association would like to recognize those people and organizations that have contributed additional financial support throughout the years and some remain anonymous. KFA is able to serve its people and the woodlands of Kansas through your generosity.

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2018 Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year



Ted and Marcia Cambern of River Farms were awarded the 2018 Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year. Conservation of the local resources and development of an environment that

promotes wildlife have always been high priorities. In 1994, River Farms began developing a pecan orchard and the latest venture involved the planting of 1950 seedlings, from eight different hardwood varieties, on ten acres along highway 59. Together with the family farm corporation, the Camberns continue their family legacy of stewardship and conservation on their farm.

- Ashley Belt, District 4 Forester

Agroforestry Award Winner Jim Reitz and the Kickapoo Nation of Kansas

"Jim's natural resource career and use of agroforestry practices has been and will continue to be



a great benefit to the Kansas landscape and the people inhabiting it," Andy Klein, KFS. Jim worked with the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas to establish 3 riparian buffers, totaling 4.15 acres as part of a larger streambank protection program. Further, Jim contributed to riparian buffer innovations that have

become a standard practice for KFS. Jim also continues to be an active advocate through the Water Quality Advocate Network.



- Andy Klein, KFS Watershed Forester

Welcome New Members

Jamie Evans – Wichita

Lawson Brother Farms – Baldwin City

Membership Renewals and Online Options

Annual dues are renewed in January. Options include a standard membership for \$20, becoming a certified Tree Farmer, or becoming a member of the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council. There also is a now an online option at the website for renewals and donations.

Walnuts in Indian Country – June 16-19, 2019

Kansas will host the National Walnut Council Meeting for the first time since 2014. Featured speakers will include Dr. Tamara Walkingstick, retired Extension Forester from the University of Arkansas, who will speak about her work empowering Women Owning Woodlands (WOW). Other activities will include field tours, speakers, networking opportunities, spouses tours, raffles, and local vendors. The events will be held around the Topeka area, with the main location being at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort. If you would like to help or want more information about attending the event, please contact Charlie Barden, Kansas Walnut Council President at 785.532.1444 or cbarden@ksu.edu.

2018 Fall Forestry Field Day at the Kickapoo Nation in Kansas

With many opportunities for networking, attending presentations, and viewing the unique features of the field site, the fall field day was a success. More than 100 people attended the 24th annual event to discuss varied topics sure to interest Kansas woodland owners. Great weather and interactive presentations were enjoyed by all. If you were unable to attend, plan to join us next year. Some of the highlights of the field day are shared below.



Left: Lessons on how to assess a forest, importance of regular maintenance, and steps to work with a consulting forester were one of the sites. Ryan Nieses and Ecotone Forestry led participants through the process and offered techniques for working in private woodlands.

Right: Field day participants learn about riparian forest buffers, streambank stabilization projects, and stream evaluation methods from Stream Specialist Phil Balch. The Kickapoo Tribe has participated in a number of stream stabilization projects and buffer plantings.



Left: A distinct feature of the Kickapoo Reservoir site was the Heron rookery. Visitors observed and experienced topics from forests, wildlife, and ornithology from Alice Boyle (K-State) and Bill Busby, (Kansas Geological Survey). Other sessions included plant identification, forest management, and entomology.



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What are your ideas for the organization?
How can we share your story of conservation on your land?**

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