

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

## FIREWOOD EXTERIOR QUARANTINE

### JOINT QUARANTINE NO. 2

#### Amendment No. 3

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## Section I: Definitions

1. "Compliance Agreement" means an agreement between the state of New Hampshire Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (hereto referred to as NHDNCR), the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (hereto referred to as NHDAMF), and complying parties for movement of raw, unprocessed firewood to certified facilities in the State of New Hampshire (see Section VI).
2. "Control" means eradicating, suppressing, reducing, or managing target insect or plant pathogen populations, their host and habitat, and preventing the spread of these insects and plant pathogens.
3. "Destructive insect or plant pathogen" means an insect or plant pathogen whose introduction and establishment causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or poses human health risks.
4. "Exotic pest" means an insect or plant pathogen of foreign origin that has been introduced into a novel location where it is not native.
5. "Firewood" means all wood of any species, cut or not cut, split or not split, regardless of length which is destined for use as a fuel. Firewood shall not include kiln-dried dimensional lumber, nor wood that has been chipped. In addition, firewood shall not include logs or wood being transported to, or possessed by, the following operations and facilities for use in their primary manufacturing process:
  - i. sawmill for dimensional lumber;
  - ii. pulp and/or paper mills;
  - iii. wood pellet manufacturing facilities;
  - iv. plywood manufacturing facilities;
  - v. wood biomass-using refineries or power plants;
  - vi. re-constituted wood or wood composite product manufacturing plants;
  - vii. facilities treating firewood in accordance with heat-treatment standards (see Section VI).
6. "Person" means any individual, governmental entity, firm, partnership, corporation, company, society, association, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not, and every officer, agent, or employee thereof."

7. "Processor" means an entity engaged in performing a series of mechanical or chemical operations on firewood in order to reduce its risk of transporting destructive forest pests.
8. "Quarantine" means a legal instrument duly imposed or enacted by a government agency as a means for mitigating pest risk.
9. "Treated firewood" means any firewood having been heated to 140 °F (60 °C) for 60 minutes.
10. "Uncertified firewood" means any firewood not meeting the definition of "treated firewood" or that is not certified through a Compliance Agreement.

## **Section II: Statement of Concern**

**WHEREAS**, RSA 227-K empowers NHDNCR, Division of Forests and Lands, to take measures to monitor the status of changes in the health of New Hampshire's forest, and reduce the incidence and severity of forest insect infestations and plant pathogen infections; and

**WHEREAS**, many exotic invasive forest pests and pathogens have gained entry into North American forests through the human-induced movement of goods and other plant material such as recreational firewood for camping, landscape trees, and solid wood packing material; and

**WHEREAS**, the contribution of forest-based manufacturing and forest-related tourism and recreation to the New Hampshire economy is more than \$2 billion annually and provides more than 13,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire forests are at risk from pests moved in firewood; and

**WHEREAS**, eradication and tree removal costs to the local, state, and federal governments are extremely high.

**THEREFORE**, the State of New Hampshire is hereby establishing this exterior firewood quarantine against uncertified firewood from out-of-state for the protection of natural and landscape forest populations.

