



## Firewood - Florida

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## Current Master Permits



FL-WP 2010-01	Tennessee	8/27/2013
FL-WP 2010-02	Georgia	9/3/2013
FL-WP 2010-03	Kentucky	9/10/2013
FL-WP 2010-04	West Virginia	10/7/2013
FL-WP 2010-05	New Mexico	10/15/2013
FL-WP 2010-06	Texas	10/29/2013
FL-WP 2010-07	Pennsylvania	11/17/2013
FL-WP 2010-08	North Carolina	11/30/2013
FL-WP 2010-09	Minnesota	12/10/2013
FL-WP 2011-10	Virginia	4/5/2014
FL-WP 2011-11	Alabama	12/29/2014
FL-WP-2012-12	Kansas	8/31/2015
FL-WP-2013-13	Illinois	7/18/2016



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## Future Work

- We are in the process of establishing a Master Permit with Maine
- We have been contacted by South Carolina regarding establishing a Master Permit
- There are 8 producers in Florida under compliance agreement




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## Discussions

- Recent contact: **Lost Coast Forest Products**. They are working with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service to obtain a seal of approval and want to use Florida's requirements as the standard for the requirements that need to be met.




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## Discussions

- The **American Association of Wood Turners** recently held a convention in Tampa.
- Requested a meeting with USDA and FDACS prior to the convention to discuss the requirements of 5B-65 to assist their members with meeting those requirements for bringing in wood blanks and other unprocessed wood products




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## IMPORTS

Over the past year we have had several shipments (commercial and homeowner) of firewood products stopped at the interdiction stations. No actionable pest was found in the products.

- Only one homeowner shipment was refused entry due to no certification.
- It appears that shipments of firewood are meeting the requirements for movement into Florida.




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### ISSUES

Occasionally, we receive complaints from the industry that other Florida firewood producers are not meeting the requirements of the firewood rule. This includes not treating, mislabeling, or no labeling

- Investigations have revealed that the treatment requirements are being met. Labeling issues are usually readily resolved.




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### REMARKS

- No incident of actionable pest has occurred. Although there are a number of concerns by the industry, they seem to have adapted to the requirements.
- Industry and some states have considered using the Florida standard for the regulation of the firewood products in their states.




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### What would we do different?

- More we would repeat what we did in terms of having well-publicized and attended industry work shops
- Promoting communication through site visits was very helpful



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### Thank You




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