

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS and MINERALS INCIDENTAL-USE GUIDE

Eldorado National Forest

What is Incidental Use?

Minor amounts of specific forest products or minerals in amounts that may be collected without charge and without the need of a permit when these products are used for your own use. Materials gathered under incidental use cannot be sold or exchanged in any form.

Where can I Collect?

Collecting of special forest products and minerals is only allowed on Eldorado National Forest Lands that fall outside of operating contract areas, administrative sites, wilderness areas, botanical areas, and research natural areas. It is the collector's responsibility to ensure they are on open lands when collecting which is restricted to areas open to firewood cutting. The Eldorado National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) is available at no charge at all district offices to guide collectors to public lands open for special forest products and mineral collecting.

What can I Collect?

Product	Unit of Measure	Calendar Year per Person Limit
Cones	each	20
Rock	gallon	5
Mushrooms	gallon	1
Boughs	each	10
Manzanita	stem	5
Mistletoe	gallon	5
Berries	gallon	5

Conditions of Incidental Use

- ✓ Incidental use levels are for a calendar year per person.
- ✓ Materials gathered under incidental use cannot be sold or exchanged in any form.
- ✓ Collecting or transport of products or minerals collected under Incidental-Use cannot take place while any person present in your group is harvesting/collecting or transporting the same product(s) under a charge permit.
- ✓ Only products listed may be collected and only from areas open for collecting which is restricted to areas open to firewood cutting. Eldorado National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are available at district offices. It is the collector's responsibility to ensure they are collecting on open Eldorado National Forest land.
- ✓ Follow all road and area closures. Closures are placed to protect wildlife & land resources, or to provide for public safety. Vehicles are not allowed on closed roads or off roads. Do not block roads or gates.
- ✓ Incidental use levels will not be done for seeds, plants, or flowers; or ground-disturbing activities that would entail digging/excavation. These instances will utilize the permit system to control collection areas and specific requirements.
- ✓ Protect the ground, surrounding vegetation, and soil from damage and disturbance.
- ✓ Pack it in. Pack it out. Please do not litter!