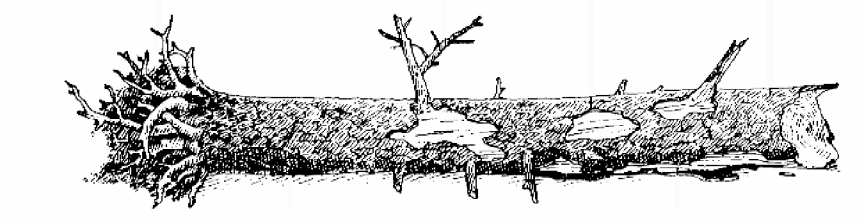




# Personal Use Firewood Map Inyo National Forest

2022



**This map must accompany  
the Wood Collecting Permit.**

The Inyo National Forest is one of the National Forests that offers Firewood Collecting Permits to the public. Firewood Permits will be offered to the public as long as wood collecting does not conflict with other forest resources and activities such as commercial timber cutting, reforestation, wildlife habitat management, and fire prevention.

Closure of some areas is an attempt to reduce negative forest impacts. In many of the areas, all available firewood has already been removed and there are signs of excessive rodent proliferation or other impacts. Some may reopen to fuelwood cutting in the future as more wood becomes available and associated impacts are reduced.

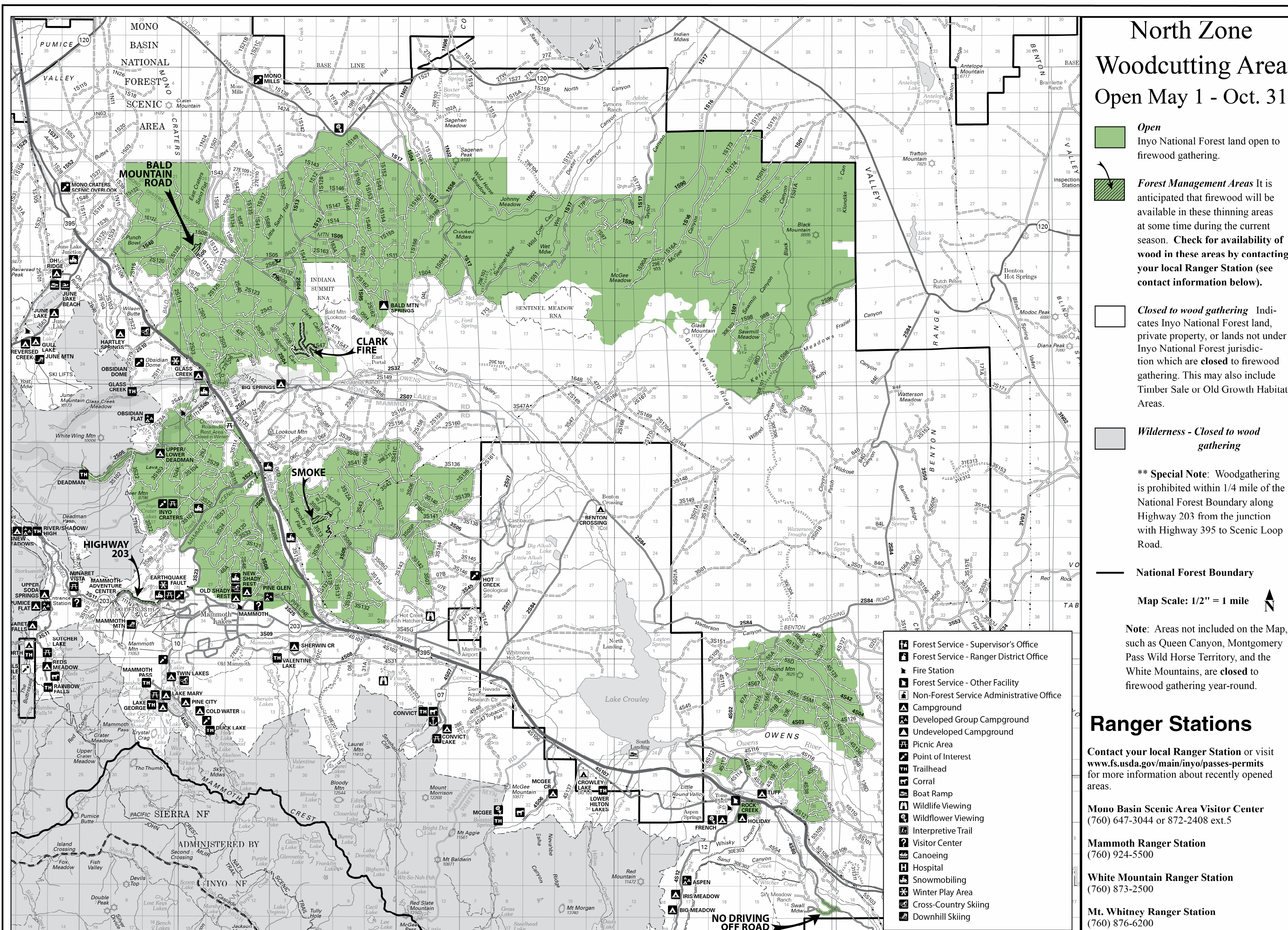
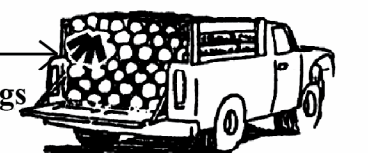
Additional tracts may also be posted as **“Closed to Firewood Cutting”** in an attempt to preserve old growth habitat for various wildlife species.

## Woodcutting Regulations

**It is your responsibility to understand and follow these regulations.  
(Es su responsabilidad leer y entender estas regulaciones.)**

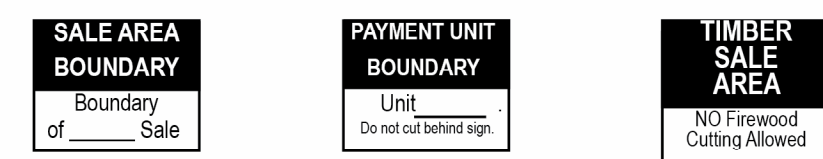
1. Collect wood and dead wood only. No standing trees may be cut, pushed or pulled down.
2. Cut/felled trees may only be taken for firewood inside the Open areas.
3. Collect only in designated areas as shown on the Map:  
OPEN – May 1 thru October 31
4. Load Tags and Permits cannot be sold, transferred or given away. The numbers on your Tags must agree with the Tag numbers listed on your permit.
5. Carry your Wood Permit, Map and Tags with you when you are collecting wood. Your Permit must accompany the Tags issued.
6. Cutting and transporting wood is allowed between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm.
7. Date and time (including a.m. & p.m.) must be punched out on the Tags attached to the load of wood.
8. One Tag for each 1/4 cord, or portion thereof, must be firmly attached to the FIREWOOD where it is visible from the rear before moving vehicle.
9. Validated Tags must remain attached to the wood until at least 30 days after the season closes. Tags may not be re-used.
10. Each person over 18 years of age in a given household may purchase a Permit for up to 6 cords of wood. Total Tags issued per household may not exceed 12 cords.
11. A shovel or fire extinguisher must be kept available at all times when cutting firewood.

Tags \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. 1 Cord = 4 Tags



## Know These Signs

## Timber Sale Signs



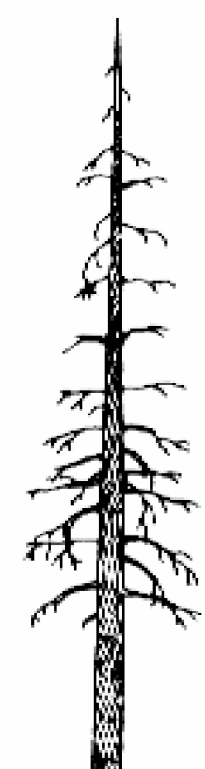
These signs mark the outside boundary of a timber sale. You will find the name of the timber sale printed on the signs. These closed areas are also indicated on the map. If you have questions about whether a sale is active, contact your local Ranger Station.

## Special Closure Sign

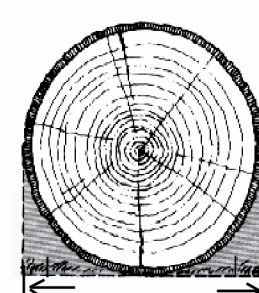
Additional areas may be posted as “Closed to Firewood Cutting” for preservation of old growth forests.



**Please do not cut logs and slash piles with these signs posted:**



## Prohibited to Cut



Log Diameter  
Greater than 30  
inches  
**Prohibited To Cut**



Downed Log  
May cut parts with 30" or less diameter.  
Prohibited To Cut Past 30" diameter.

## Do Not Cut Snags and Log Rounds Larger Than 30 Inches In Diameter

Standing dead trees, called snags, and downed logs on the forest floor provide a complex and varied habitat for more than 50 species of birds and mammals. They also furnish food and shelter for the countless insects, bacteria, and fungi which eventually decompose the tree and return its nutrients to the earth.

The downed log standard is in effect to ensure large logs are retained in the forest for wildlife habitat and long-term soil productivity.

## Stop the Spread of Weeds!

Weed seeds are easily transported over long distances in the tire treads and other crevices of vehicles. In this way, they can become established in new sites, competing with native vegetation and affecting wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and the aesthetic quality of natural areas. **You can help!** Please wash mud and plant parts off of vehicles prior to using them for fuelwood gathering, paying special attention to the tires, under carriage, and crevices in the body of the vehicle. Thanks for helping!

## Shut Down Days

In an effort to be consistent with our allowable use and restricted use of other forest activities, we will be using the Project Activity Level for chainsaw use and public wood cutting. **Prior to using chainsaws you must call the prerecorded message number, (760) 873-2555 and press 2 for public wood cutting to determine if chainsaw use is allowed for the day.** This message will be updated daily at 4:00 PM to announce any changes in use restrictions for the following day. When fire conditions are severe enough to institute public use restrictions you may ***not*** be allowed to use a chainsaw for either all or part of the day. We will no longer be using the fire advisories or the Smokey sign to determine or communicate public use restrictions.

## Driving Off Road

Driving off road through the forest to search for firewood is **prohibited**. While gathering firewood on public lands, **please treat the land with care**. Off-road damage from fuelwood gathering is a serious concern on the forest.

