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## **DISTRICT OFFERS FREE FIREWOOD ON MT. LEMMON** **Permits Will be Issued at Girl Scout Camp on Organization Ridge**

TUCSON, AZ (November 24, 2003)-- The Santa Catalina Ranger District will offer free personal use (non-commercial) firewood permits on a "first come, first served" basis from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 29, on Mt. Lemmon.

The free firewood area is located at the Girl Scout Camp on Organization Ridge. Travel the Mt. Lemmon Highway to Milepost 19.2. Turn west on the Organization Ridge Road (south of Palisades Visitor Center) and travel approximately one mile to the site.

The free firewood permits will be issued on-site. Permits are good for one cord of wood that has been cut into 4' lengths.

Handicap assistance will be available those who need extra help loading fuel wood, according to Pete Michaelson, the project coordinator.

Michaelson said the District's previous free firewood project was very successful. The Mt. Lemmon thinning projects are designed to remove hazard trees, reduce the incidence of bark beetles, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire.