



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Special Forest Product Permits

### 1. How do I get a special forest product permit?

To purchase a permit, call or visit a ranger station 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. If a permit requires a supplemental request form (as indicated on the website), forms can be brought or emailed to a ranger station. Please call ahead to check for the availability of the product you wish to harvest. Harvest may be restricted by quantity, method, location, season, or time of year. Make sure to have a valid photo identification, your current address, and information on the vehicle that will be used to harvest the product (license number, year, make, model, color).

- **Siuslaw Headquarters:** 541-750-7000  
3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331
- **Hebo District Office:** 503-392-5100  
31525 Hwy 22 Hebo, OR 97122
- **Central Coast Ranger District:** 541-563-8400  
1130 SW Forestry Lane, Waldport, OR 97394
- **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area:** 541-271-6000  
855 Highway 101, Reedsport, Oregon 97467

### 2. When can I harvest special forest products?

All special forest product permits, other than firewood and matsutake mushrooms, are open year-round and have no deadline application. In general, firewood is available for harvest October through February, depending on availability.

### 3. Who is eligible for a special forest product permit?

Permittee must be 18 years of age or older and have valid photo identification (state drivers license, state identification, passport, greencard, etc.) to be eligible for a special forest product permit.

### 4. Where can I go to harvest my special forest product?

Permittees can harvest special forest products on Siuslaw National Forest lands ONLY. Maps are provided with permits when issued, and people can also view digital high resolution and georeferenced maps for the Hebo Ranger District and the Central Coast Ranger District. If a special forest product can only be harvested in designated areas,

specific maps will be provided with the permit when the permit is issued.

## **5. Where am I not allowed to harvest my special forest product?**

Harvesting is PROHIBITED in Botanical Areas, Research Natural Areas, wilderness areas, scenic areas, and land other than designated on the map received with your permit.

Additionally, some special forest product permits may have specific instructions of where people cannot harvest for that particular product.

## **6. How long does my permit last?**

The duration of special forest product permits can vary, depending on the special forest product and the district issuing the permit. Each special forest product permit will have the duration listed on the permit. For more information, visit our website or call a ranger station.

## **7. Are there any restrictions for my permit?**

Any restrictions for the permit will be listed on the permit itself. No power equipment (including chainsaws) is allowed March 1-Sept. 30.

## **8. What is a personal-use permit vs. a commercial-use permit?**

Personal use permits are for people intending to harvest special forest products for one household. Depending on the permit, personal use permits may be free of charge or have a fee. Commercial use permits are intended for people who are re-selling forest products collected from Forest Service land or for those who want more than the quantity per household per year available by personal use permit. All commercial use permits require a fee.

## **9. Can I use a permit from another national forest on the Siuslaw?**

No. Special forest product permits can only be used on the national forest and district that issued the permit. For example, if you receive a personal use firewood permit on the Hebo Ranger District, you can only harvest within the Hebo Ranger District and cannot harvest firewood on the Central Coast Ranger District.

## **10. What are best practices for harvesting a special forest product?**

Different special forest products have different best practices. Harvesters should always fully read the permits for any specific restrictions and make sure to be shared stewards of the land. If you create slash from harvesting (such as tree debris from cutting firewood), scatter it across the landscape to increase the rate of the decay process. If you are digging up plants (such as for transplants), fill in the hole created with soil before leaving the area. If you are cutting or harvesting parts of products (such as plant trimmings), only remove 25% of the plant/area that you are harvesting.