

## Special Forest Products Permits

Firewood



Transplants

Pinecones



Tepee Poles



Christmas Trees



## USDA Forest Service Black Hills National Forest

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Custer, SD 57730  
(605) 673-9200

Mystic Ranger District  
8221 South Highway 16  
Rapid City, SD 57702  
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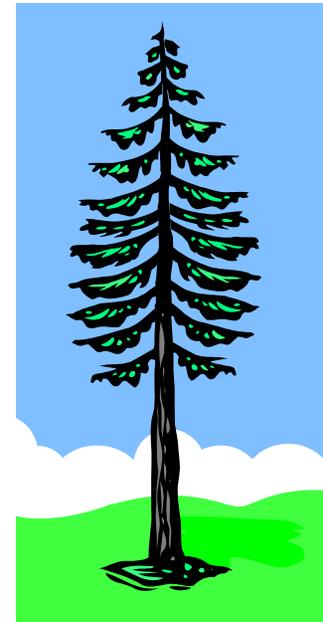
Hell Canyon Ranger District  
1225 Washington Blvd.  
Newcastle, WY 82701  
307-746-2782

Hell Canyon Ranger District  
330 Mount Rushmore Road  
Custer, South Dakota  
(605)-673-4853

Northern Hills Ranger District  
2014 North Main Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783  
(605) 642-4622

Bearlodge Ranger District  
PO Box 680  
121 South 21st Street  
Sundance, WY 82729  
(307) 283-1361

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## Availability of Special Forest Products

Special Forest Products consist of vegetative forest materials. Vegetative material removed in log form, minerals, animals, animal parts, insects, worms, rocks, water, and soil are not considered special forest products.



Permits are required for collection of most special forest products and are available from the USDA

Forest Service.

**Permits for firewood, transplants, plants, and Christmas trees, for personal use, are available forest-wide from any of the following offices:** Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD; Mystic Ranger District Office at 8221 S. Hwy. 16, Rapid City SD; Northern Hills Ranger District Office at 2014 N. Main St. , Spearfish, SD; Hell Canyon Ranger District Office at 1225 Washington Street, Newcastle, WY; and Bearlodge Ranger District Office at 121 South 21st. Street, Sundance, WY.

**Permits for all other special forest other personal and commercial use, are only available from individual Ranger District Offices.**

**Products, both personal and commercial use, are only available from individual Ranger District offices.** Not all Districts offer all items. Contact District Offices about availability of specific products and arrange to purchase the proper permit.

Collections are not allowed from administrative areas (i.e. campgrounds, trail heads), the Norbeck Wildlife Refuge, or the Black Elk Wilderness Area.

Charge Use Permits: Minimum amounts for which charge use permits will be issued are \$20 for personal use and \$50 for commercial use.

### Standard rates for commonly requested products:

berries/fruits/nuts., \$2.00 per pound

boughs/branches, \$10.00 per ton

Christmas trees, \$10 each

Cones - dry, 50 cents per bushel

Cones - green, \$2.50 per bushel

firewood, \$5.00 per cord

mushrooms, 40 cents per pound

plants, 40 cents per pound

posts/poles, 50 cents each

specialty wood products, \$1.00 each

seeds, \$2.00 per pound

transplants (trees/shrubs), \$5.00 each

**Firewood:** Personal Use: Maximum 20 cords per calendar year. Only dead and down trees may be collected except in Specially Designated Areas. Maps of Specially Designated Areas (if any exist) are provided with each permit. Cutting of standing

trees, dead or live, is not allowed unless Specially Designated Areas so authorize. No collection of aspen is allowed in the Jasper Fire area on Hell Canyon Ranger District.

### Is it safe to move the green mountain pine beetle infested wood to another location?

It is never a good idea to move firewood or logs a long distance from where you gather them. MPB larvae can survive and mature in green infested wood that is not properly treated and emerge to infest nearby healthy pine trees.

**Transplants:** Personal Use: Maximum 10 per calendar year.

**Christmas trees:** Personal use: Maximum 5 per calendar year. Maximum tree height is 20 feet. Stump must be cut within 6 inches of the ground.

Free Use permits (subject to limitations of product availability): Free Use permits are available forest-wide for personal use only. Permits allow for removal of up to 4 cords of firewood, 40 teepee poles, or 50 pounds of plant material. Only one free use permit will be issued per person (generally defined as per household) per year.

### Incidental Free Use without a permit :

Free Use without a permit is available forest-wide for personal use only. Minor amounts, per person, per day, of: dry cones (=1 bushel), berries, fruits, or nuts (= 2 gallons), boughs or branches (except willow, = 100 pounds), mushrooms (= 2 gallons), and seeds (= 1 pound), can be collected without permit.