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## News Release

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### Permits for Personal Fuelwood Issued Early

The Inyo National Forest is offering early sale of personal use fuelwood permits for the 2016 season. Because of staffing shortages, permit sales will begin earlier than normal to help alleviate lines at the visitor centers. Locals are encouraged to purchase early to avoid crowds in the visitor centers as spring visitation season begins.

Fuelwood collection season is scheduled to open Sunday May 1, 2016, as in years past. Maps showing areas open to cutting are available with a purchased fuelwood permit. Fuelwood permits are \$15.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase.

The forest requests that fuelwood permits are purchased between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., April 11 through April 30, 2016, unless otherwise specified. Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the following locations:

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044

Permits on sale, Thursday - Monday only.

Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth Lakes; (760) 924-5500

Permits on sale, Friday - Tuesday only

White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop; (760) 873-2500

Permits on sale, Monday - Friday only

Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine; (760) 876-6222

Permits on sale Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10 only.

Please call ahead to your local visitor center to confirm hours of operations.

*The Fuelwood Strategy*, developed with public participation in 1998, remains valid and will be implemented this year. Large ends of all downed logs (those portions greater than 30 inches in diameter) are required to remain on the forest floor for wildlife habitat and recycling of soil nutrients. The majority of funds collected from permit sales are directly returned to the forest for continued implementation of this program. Comments on this strategy and fuelwood program are always welcome. For further information on the fuelwood program, contact your local ranger Station or visitor center.

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