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Inyo National Forest Announces Continuation of Special Fuelwood Sale for the Whitney Portal

The Mount Whitney Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is planning to continue a special personal use fuelwood sale in the Whitney Portal Area this season. A limited number of participants for this fuelwood event will be selected by lottery, since there is a very limited amount of wood available. There are only approximately 10 cords of wood available for the area.

Whitney Portal is normally closed to fuelwood gathering for personal use. One specific area within the drainage will be opened for fuelwood during this special event. A lottery will be used to determine who will be selected to gather wood in the area. Lottery entries will be accepted during the period of April 6, 2016 through April 25, 2016

Individuals may submit one lottery entry per person. Entries can be submitted in person or by phone at the Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine, (760) 876-6222. Lottery entrants must provide their name, address, and contact information. The only selection will occur on April 25, 2016.

Individuals will be randomly selected from the current pool of entries when wood becomes available. Selectees will be notified via the personal contact information they provide. Selected individuals will be given a map of the specific locations where fuelwood can be gathered. Wood gathering will start May 1, 2016 and end Oct. 31, 2016 (or sooner if the wood runs out).

Selected entrants will only be allowed to collect fuelwood on set days determined when they are drawn, and must possess a valid personal use fuelwood permit along with identification. Participants may gather a maximum of two cords of wood, though the maximum amount is not guaranteed. Participants may gather down wood only. No falling of snags or trees will be permitted.

For questions or additional information, you may contact the project leader Rick Napoles, Division Chief 4, at 760-876-6205 or Patrol 41, Levi Ray, at 760-876-6221

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