DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Firewood Permit Conditions & Information

Welcome to the Dixie National Forest. To ensure that the Personal Use Firewood cutting program continues, follow these conditions:

WHERE TO CUT

- Firewood may be collected anywhere on the Dixie National Forest except in areas posted on the ground or identified on the attached map(s) as closed including administrative sites, campgrounds, day use/picnic areas, marked timber sales, etc.
- This permit does not authorize collection of firewood on private lands. These areas may be marked by signs and fences. See the provided map(s) to help identify private land areas.
- Motor vehicle travel off designated system roads for the purpose of firewood gathering is limited to 150 feet unless otherwise designated by map. An individual may collect beyond the 150 foot area but cannot drive a motorized vehicle to the collection site.
- It is recommended that the permit holder obtain either a district specific Dixie National Forest Travel Map or official Motor Vehicle Use Map (if available) at any Ranger District office or online at www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie (see Maps and Publications) to use while collecting.

WHAT TO CUT

GENERAL FOREST WIDE CUTTING SPECIFICATIONS

- Trees of any species, except bristlecone pine, that are dead and down may be cut and removed.
- Trees of any species, except bristlecone pine, that are standing dead and are less than 18 inches in diameter at stump height may be cut and removed unless specified by a special district cutting provision listed below.
- Cutting of green/live trees is prohibited unless specified by a special district cutting provision listed below.
- Stumps should not exceed 12 inches in height, please cut as low to the ground as safely possible.
- Maximum firewood length is 8 feet unless hauling of longer lengths is approved by the Forest Service.
- Protect Wildlife Trees: Standing and down trees provide a source of food, nests, perches, and protective cover for birds and mammals. Please do not cut standing dead trees that have bird cavities (holes), broken tops, nests, or that have “Wildlife Tree” signs (see example on the back of this sheet).
- Cutting trees bearing paint, ribbon(s), or sign(s) is prohibited.
- Slash created during collection should be left no deeper than 24 inches. Remove all created slash from ditches, roads, and streambeds.

SPECIAL DISTRICT CUTTING PROVISIONS

PINE VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

- Do not cut dead standing Ponderosa pine greater than 12 inches in diameter at stump height.
- Live juniper (known as cedar), oak, and pinyon pine may be cut if less than 18 inches in diameter at stump height.

CEDAR CITY RANGER DISTRICT

- Do not cut dead standing Ponderosa pine greater than 12 inches in diameter at stump height.
- Retrieving firewood from hand or machine piles is prohibited unless specifically posted on the ground.

POWELL RANGER DISTRICT

- Live juniper (known as cedar) and pinyon pine may be cut if less than 18 inches in diameter at stump height.

ESCALANTE RANGER DISTRICT

- Live juniper (known as cedar), oak, and pinyon pine may be cut if less than 18 inches in diameter at stump height.

FREMONT RANGER DISTRICT

- The Fremont Ranger District (formerly the Teasdale Ranger District) is administered by the Fishlake National Forest. Permits for this area are sold at the Fremont Ranger District office in Loa, Utah.

Please contact your local Ranger District office to purchase permits for collection of commercial firewood.

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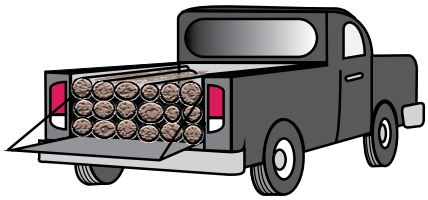
OTHER FIREWOOD PERMIT REGULATIONS (These regulations are part of your permit)

- Cutting in log decks is prohibited. These logs have been purchased and the owner has skidded them to a central location for loading.
- Chainsaws must be equipped with an approved spark arrester.
- The use of mechanized equipment such as bulldozers, farm tractors, jammers, logging trucks, and rubber-tired skidders is prohibited without written approval.
- No gathering of firewood during wet weather when road conditions are poor.
- Removal of wood debris on signed closed routes is not authorized.

MEASURING AND REMOVING FIREWOOD FROM THE FOREST



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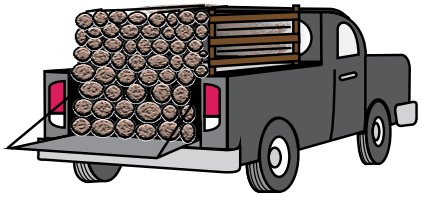

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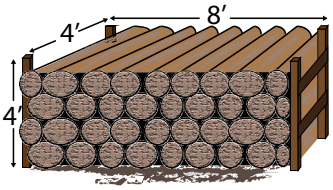

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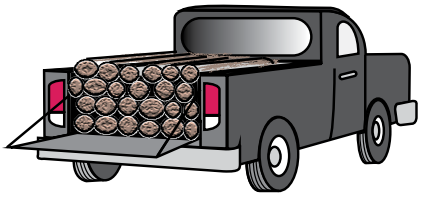

1/2 cord (1/3 cord for short bed)

Firewood is commonly measured in cords. A standard cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet wide. The average half-ton pickup can carry a half cord of dry wood without overloading the vehicle.

If you see this type of sign on a tree, please do not cut it.

Standing, dead trees (snags), play a role in supporting wildlife populations in the forest. They are a source of food, nests, perches, and protective cover for many birds and mammals. Removal of snags for firewood purposes must, therefore, be carefully managed.

Cutting and removal of any tree bearing this sign is prohibited.

Before you leave the woods or when moving between collection areas, be sure to attach a firewood tag to your load for each 1/2 cord of wood collected (see example above). Cut or punch out the month and day and do not forget to fill in the Date, Time, and Quantity Removed on the face of your permit.