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Fuelwood Season Opens May 1, Permits for Sale

The Inyo National Forest announces the opening of personal use fuelwood season on Sunday May 1, 2016. Permits are for sale at local Forest Service visitor centers. Maps showing areas open to cutting are available with a purchased fuelwood permit. Fuelwood permits are still \$15.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase.

The Forest Service is requesting that people purchasing fuelwood permits between the hours of 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, 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 (spring schedule until May 15).
- 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 7 days/week, closed 12:00 – 1:00.
- Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200
Permits on sale by appointment only; please call ahead to schedule.

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

Initial supplies of firewood can be found at Hartley, Crestview and North Shore Forest Management Areas (see fuelwood map). Other areas open temporarily this season include June Mountain Ski Area parking lot, the June Fire area, and the east side of Hwy 395. The public is cautioned if collecting in the June Fire area as fire-weakened trees have begun to fall.

The Inyo National Forest will continue to institute shut down days (for chainsaw use) based upon the daily Project Activity Level. Permit holders can call (760) 873-2555 for information on activity levels.

The Fuelwood Strategy, developed with public participation in 1998, will continue to be implemented this year. Portions of down logs 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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