

2018 PERSONAL USE DEAD POST & POLE CUTTING REGULATIONS

NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT

Where Can I Go to Collect Posts and Poles?

The district Motor User Vehicle Map (MVUM), available free of charge at the District office, displays the signed and numbered roads on the district which can be driven with motorized vehicles. The current post/pole map does not show all the MVUM approved roads on the district since there are too many to display. Permittees are therefore encouraged to get a free copy of the MVUM to accompany the post/pole map.

Within the Pinyon Pine and Juniper (PJ) woodland timber (yellow colored areas on the post/pole map), do not drive motor vehicles beyond 30 feet from designated signed access road edges as shown on the post/pole map. Wood can still be gathered beyond the 30 foot distance on foot or on horseback; wood can be dragged or hauled back to the roadway by hand or with use of wheel barrows. Please travel on "signed" roads only in this PJ timber.

Within the Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and/or Aspen timber (white colored areas on the post/pole map "one-trip-in and one-trip-out" off-road motorized travel is permitted provided it is the most direct route in and out. Off-road travel is not permitted to "scout" or look for wood. One can look for wood by hiking, horseback, or visual observation from the road first, beyond the 30-foot mark from the roadway edge.

Within the Oak (yellow and sometimes white colored areas on the post/pole map), Permittees should follow the above mentioned rules depending on which area they are in.

DON 'T DRIVE OFF ANY ROAD WHEN TRAVEL WILL DAMAGE SOILS, particularly when ground conditions are thawed, wet or muddy). **Off-road travel in meadows (such as Pleasant Valley and DeMotte) is prohibited.**

The use of Heavy Equipment (Tractors, skidders, forklifts, or track driven machinery) is NOT ALLOWED for gathering or loading wood off-road with this permit.

What Can I Cut?

In approved un-restricted areas, any species of wood of any diameter already lying on the ground may be cut up and removed.

Standing dead tree diameters are measured at Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), which is defined as the diameter of a tree 4 ½ feet above the ground. If you are on a slope, this is 4 ½ feet above the ground on the uphill side.

Restrictions on cutting standing dead trees are shown in the table below:

Species	Size Restrictions for Cutting Standing Dead Trees
Ponderosa Pine, Fir, or Spruce	Less than 12 inches DBH, any height OR Less than 15 feet total height, any diameter
Pinyon Pine	Less than 10 inches DBH, any height OR Less than 12 feet total height, any diameter
Juniper	Any tree
Oak	Less than 8 inches DBH, any height

If you are not certain of height or stem size of a standing dead tree, do not cut the tree, as larger dead standing trees are very valuable for wildlife & the forest ecosystem.

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Where/What Not to Cut:

- Any wood found in commercial timber sale and other contract areas, administrative sites, study areas, or developed recreation sites, including developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads and interpretive sites.
- Trees with signs, tags or paint
- Any wood where it would result in damage to any improvements such as buildings, fences, roads, power lines, etc..
- Additional unforeseen restricted no cutting or gathering areas and/or periods may occur on the district due to environmental conditions such as, but not limited to: **high fire danger; planned or unplanned fire ignitions; etc.** Please check with the North Kaibab District Office for current restriction information at **928-643-7395**.
- **DON 'T DRIVE OFF ANY ROAD WHEN TRAVEL WILL DAMAGE SOILS**, particularly when ground conditions are thawed, wet or muddy). Off-road travel in meadows (such as Pleasant Valley and DeMotte) is prohibited.
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How Do I Measure Post/Poles?

Dead pine, spruce, fir, juniper or aspen posts and/or poles are measured by length and diameter. Diameter is measured in inches and length is measured in feet. Permits will define: number of post/poles, length of posts/poles, MID-point diameter of post/poles, and species of poles (pine/spruce/fir or aspen or juniper).

If a Forest Officer or Law Enforcement Officer checks your permit, they will be looking to see that you have the correct number, length, and midpoint diameter and species of post/poles in possession, comparing it with the permit.

You are given a 1 inch plus or minus lee way on diameter selection for pine/spruce/fir and aspen. The length, species, and number of post/poles should match permit. Dead juniper posts are the only exception, and are sold by the piece, with no midpoint diameter considerations.

How Do I Document Post/Pole Removal?

Fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record in INK on the permit prior to leaving the collection area.

Fire Precautions

- Power saws must have a muffler in good condition and be equipped with a stainless steel screen (spark arrestor) with a maximum gap/opening of 0.23 inches. Keep your shovel and fire extinguisher available at all times.
- Never set a hot powersaw on dry flammable materials. Place it on bare ground, a rock or a tree stump.
- Prior to starting saw, move it at least 10 feet away from where it was fueled and away from gasoline vapors.
- Remain in the area at least 30 minutes after you have completed cutting, to insure that a stray spark from your saw has not started a fire.
- If you start a warming and/or cooking fire, please extinguish it completely with water before you leave.

What if I Encounter a California Condor While Gathering Posts/Poles?

Permittees are required to protect condors by ensuring no garbage, toxic materials or open fluid containers are accessible in the open. If condors are seen, please do not interact with them; and you are asked to contact the North Kaibab Ranger District at (928) 643-7395 to let the District Biologist know when and where the condors were sighted.

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Questions?

Please contact the District office by phone at **928-643-7395** or visit us at 430 S. Main Street in Fredonia, Arizona (open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.). As available, updates and regulations can be found at our Kaibab National Forest website found at: www.bit.ly/KNFfuelwood



**PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR RESOURCES!
BE SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR POST/POLE GATHERING EXPERIENCE!**