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# Gila National Forest 2019 Firewood Guide 

## With Permit Cutting and Removing Instructions and Maps for January 1 — December 31, 2019

## ATTENTION: YOU ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

The permit is not transferable. By signing this permit, the permittee, or designated cutter hereby consents to being stopped and inspected by any forest officer, State peace officer, Federal law enforcement officer, or any official of the New Mexico Department of Forestry while cutting, possessing or transporting firewood.

When cutting and transporting firewood on or from the Gila National Forest, permittees or their designated cutters must have in their possession:

1) this firewood guide with the cutting and removing instructions and maps;
2) the Forest Product Permit issued to the permittee; and
3) the firewood removal tags given with that permit.

Live, green trees may be cut and removed only from within the designated green firewood cutting areas that are listed in this firewood guide.


## Woodcutting Checklist

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Have Your Permit - This includes the printed permit, cutting and removing instructions from the 2019 Firewood Guide, Green Firewood Area Maps from the 2019 Firewood Guide (if cutting green firewood), and removal tags.
(Check road conditions and closures.
Study the cutting area maps. It is also National Forest Visitor Map and Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) to ensure you travel on authorized motorized roads.


Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.

A chain saw, an axe, wedges, shovel, fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.

Fill out "Product Quantity Removal Record" portion of the permit.

MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE A PERMIT.

Designated cutters may be under the age of 18 .

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# Firewood Cutting on the Gila National Forest 

## Welcome . . .

to the Gila National Forest. We hope you enjoy your wood gathering experience. Please contact the nearest district office if you have any questions about firewood.

- Information in this guide and permits detailed herein applies to forest lands within the Gila National Forest and the portion of the Apache National Forest administered by the Quemado Ranger District and parts of Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest.
- To cut or transport wood from the Gila National Forest, you must have a printed permit, the Dead and/or Green Firewood Cutting and Removing Instructions from this 2019 firewood guide, the Green Firewood Area Maps from this 2019 firewood guide if cutting green firewood, and removal tags that have been properly completed (see directions for removal tags on page $5 \& 7$ of this guide). Without ALL of these, you are illegally taking firewood which can result in the loss of your permit, loss of any wood you have cut, up to a $\$ 5,000$ fine, and 6 months in jail.
- The Gila National Forest has published its Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) which triggers the implementation of the travel management plan. The travel management plan designates a system of roads, trails, and areas open to the public for motor vehicle use. All permit holders are responsible for adhering MVUM and any directions for motorized uses provided in the Firewood guide.
- Please stay on existing roads. During wet and muddy conditions, please wait to cut on another day when roads are drier. Firewood gathering may occur along open motor vehicle use designated roads. Motor vehicles may be parked one vehicle length, including any towed trailer, from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR261.54).
- All firewood areas are in natural forest terrain with no modifications for handicap accessibility. Make sure that you know your limits and work within your abilities. Firewood cutting can be fun, but it is also hard work. Be sure that you and your equipment are in good working condition.
- The firewood season on the Gila National Forest is from January 1 through December 31
- In order to sustain healthy, vibrant natural lands for all people to enjoy, every person who ventures outside should put Leave No Trace practices into action. Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you. Please dispose of waste properly, travel on durable surfaces, respect wildlife, avoid introducing or transporting non-native species, and be considerate of others.
- It is also important to preserve the past. Historic structures and artifacts can be examined and photographed, but leave what you find. Multiple laws and directions govern the management of cultural resources. These include, but are not limited to: Antiquities Act of 1906; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA); National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA); and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). Those who violate can face substantial fines and even a jail sentence if convicted. Do your part to pass our nation's heritage of outdoor recreation to future generations.


## Cutting and Removing Instructions

> When cutting or transporting dead firewood on or from the Gila National Forest, permittees or their designated cutters must have in their possession these Cutting and Removing Instructions along with the Forest Product Permit for Firewood issued to the permittee and the firewood removal tags given with that permit. These instructions are incorporated as an integral part of Firewood Permits issued on the Gila National Forest (refer to Other Conditions on the Forest Product Permit).

This Firewood Permit is valid forestwide (except in prohibited areas). These cutting and Removing Instructions for Firewood Areas are a required part of your permit.

- The product designation species listed on the firewood permit will be "Other Softwood" for soft species of wood (juniper, pine, etc.) and "Combined Hardwood" (oak) for hard species of wood.
- A dead tree is defined as one having no live branches, limbs, needles or leaves. You may not cut dead limbs from live trees.
- Diameter root crown (DRC) is measured between the ground line and 12 inches above the ground line.
- Load removal tags sufficient for the amount of wood on the vehicle must be attached to the rear of the load prior to removal of firewood from the cutting site. These tags must have the date of removal cut or notched into the tag. Load removal tag numbers must match the numbers printed on the permit. Individual load removal tags may not be used more than once.
- Unless specified differently in the designated areas stumps shall be cut as low to the ground as is practical, and in no case higher than 12 inches. Portions of wood that have been cut and not used (slash) shall be cut and scattered to no more than 24 inches high off the ground. Remove slash from roads, fences, and other improvements.
- Do not cut any logs, log piles, or snags in active timber sale areas or where posted with signs.
- Trees or logs marked with paint or tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, or with transect location signs shall not be cut.
- No felling of trees on road, or impeding of traffic is allowed on any paved road U.S. or New Mexico state highway.
- To protect wildlife species and riparian habitat, do not cut within 100 feet of the centerline of any live flowing stream.
- Firewood cutting and removing is prohibited in any area posted as closed and in the following areas, whether posted or not:
$\Rightarrow$ On the Black Range Ranger District, the
following areas are closed to cutting and
removing of firewood: Emory Pass Overlook,
Kingston Campground, Beaverhead
Administrative Area, Kingston Administrative
Areas (as signed on fence line), Monument
Park Cabin Administrative Area, Straight
Gulch Administrative Area, Wolf Hollow
Trailhead, Lookout Mountain Tower,
Hillsboro Peak Tower, Black Mountain
Tower, Gila Wilderness and Aldo Leopold
Wilderness.
$\Rightarrow$ On the Glenwood Ranger District, the
following areas are closed to cutting and
removing of firewood: Bighorn, Cosmic
Campground, Cottonwood, and Whitewater

Picnic Area and Catwalk National Recreation Trail, Glenwood District Administrative Areas, Gila Wilderness, and Blue Range Wilderness.
$\Rightarrow$ On the Quemado Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removal of fire wood: Armijo Springs Campground, Head of the Ditch Campground, Valle Tio Vinces Campground, Quemado Lake Recreation Area (El Caso, Juniper, and Pinon Campgrounds), Quemado District Office, Luna Work Center, Jewett Gap Administrative site and the Swenson Place.
$\Rightarrow$ On the Reserve Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: Ben Lilly, Dipping Vat, Willow Creek, Aeroplane Mesa Campgrounds, Snow Lake, Apache Creek, Reserve District Administrative Areas, and Negrito Work Center Administrative Area.
$\Rightarrow$ On the Silver City Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: Cherry Creek, Gallinas, Iron Creek, McMillan, and Railroad Campgrounds, Little Walnut and Wrights Cabin Picnic Areas, Little Walnut Group Use Area, Gila River Bird Area, and Fort Bayard Refuge.
$\Rightarrow$ On the Wilderness Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: Upper and Lower Scorpion, Upper Black Canyon, Lower Black Canyon, Rocky Canyon, Mesa, Lake Roberts Picnic Area, Upper End, and Sapillo Group Area Campgrounds, Gila Wilderness, Aldo Leopold Wilderness, Wilderness District Administrative Sites, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, Gila Visitor Center and Administrative Areas, TJ Ruins, and NM State Hwy. 15 corridor (approximately $1 / 2$ mile of non-wilderness designated areas on either side of Hwy. 15 from the junction with Hwy. 35 north to the Gila Visitor Center).

- Permit holders may employ or enlist someone other than themselves to harvest firewood. The permit holder must write on the permit in the remarks block the name of the person designated to cut for them.
- Operate only when ground is dry enough to prevent rutting greater than 3 inches in depth. Do not drive on roads when damage to soil or roads may occur.
- No cutting is permitted on slopes of 30 percent or greater.
- Vehicles and power saws are subject to inspection by forest officers. Failure to allow inspections shall be cause to cancel the permit. All power saw mufflers shall be operable and equipped with an approved spark arrester with a screen size no larger than 0.023 inch. All vehicles shall be equipped with approved mufflers or spark arresters.
- Bad weather, fire closures, or court-imposed injunctions are not grounds for permit refunds or extension of permits.
- During the fire season, usually from April 1 through September 30, time and/or cutting restrictions may be imposed on this permit. Between these dates, it is the permittee's responsibility to become informed of predicted fire danger and restrictions. It is suggested that the permittee contact the appropriate district office for current information. A general description of the applicable fire precaution schedule follows:

| Fire Precaution Schedule |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Posted Fire <br> Danger | Action Description |
| Low to <br> Moderate | Normal fire precautions |
| High, Very <br> High, and <br> Extreme | Contact district prior to cutting <br> for possible area closures and <br> permit restrictions. |

This Firewood Permit is valid outside designated firewood areas (except in prohibited areas) and authorizes

- Cutting and Removing any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground
- Cutting and Removing dead standing juniper of any size
- Cutting and Removing all dead standing species with the exception of oak and juniper that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).
- No standing live or dead oak may be cut on the Quemado Ranger District.
Dead standing oak up to 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC) may be cut only from June 1 to September 30 on the Black Range, Glenwood, Reserve, Silver City and Wilderness Ranger Districts.
- Live trees may only be cut and removed from the Gila National Forest in certain designated firewood areas.
- Off-road vehicle travel permitted in dispersed camping corridors as depicted in Motor Vehicle Use Map and in certain designated firewood areas (see specific areas).

This Firewood Permit is also valid for the Corduroy Canyon, Trujillo Park Tierra Blanca, Divide, Dead Horse Canyon, Patterson, Cold Springs, Martinez, Roadside, Aragon, Telephone, Six Shooter Black Deer Georgetown, Willow, North Star, McKnight, Cedar Breaks, Deep Creek, and Snare Mesa, designated firewood areas.

Instructions specific to the designated firewood areas for species and size of live or dead wood available for cutting and removal is given by each designated area under Available Wood beginning on page 11 in this guide. Additional instructions within designated firewood areas are:

- Live trees can only be cut and removed from within certain designated firewood cutting areas that are listed in this guide.
- It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that the live trees are cut and removed from within the designated firewood cutting areas listed in this guide.
- It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live or dead trees cut are the correct species and size.


## Filling In Your Permit and Load Tag




## How Much Wood Do I Have?

You've been cutting most of the day, and your truck or trailer is now loaded with firewood. So, how much wood do you actually have? Here are some guidelines to help you get the amount of wood you paid for.

A $1 / 4$-ton small pickup truck will hold $1 / 4$ cord of wood when the load is piled up above the bed of the truck.

## Measuring the Diameter Root Crown

Diameter root crown (d.r.c.) is measured between the ground line and 12 inches above the ground line.


A 1/2-ton pickup with a short bed, or a step-side bed, will also hold $1 / 4$ cord of wood when it is loaded to the top of the bed. All of these loads would require one 1/4cord tag separated, notched, and attached to the load.

On average, a full bed pickup truck holds $1 / 2$ cord of firewood when it is filled to the top of the bed. This load would require two $1 / 4$-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.

A full bed truck with rails will hold 1 cord of wood when it is loaded level with the roof of the truck from the cab to the tailgate. This load would require four $1 / 4$-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.

## Diameter or Circumference?

Diameter is the distance across the end of the log.
Circumference is the distance around the log.
To measure a tree before it is cut, you will need to measure its circumference.

## Here are conversions from diameter to circumference:

6 inches diameter $=1$ foot, 6 inch circumference 8 inches diameter $=2$ foot, 1 inch circumference 9 inches diameter $=2$ feet, 4 inch circumference 10 inches diameter $=2$ feet, 7 inch circumference 12 inches diameter $=3$ feet, 1 inch circumference 16 inches diameter $=4$ feet, 2 inch circumference

## Gila National Forest Designated Firewood Cutting Areas



# Black Range Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area 



## Corduroy Canyon Firewood Area Black Range Ranger District

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is not authorized.

## Travel Directions <br> and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from the south by turning off of NM Highway 59 onto Forest System (FS) Roads 231 or 521. All roads entering the private land north of the firewood area have locked gates.

The area is bordered on the south by NM Highway 59; on the east by FS 521; on the west by FS 231; and on the north by private land (Adobe Ranch).

The boundary of the firewood area is not painted.
The firewood area is posted with firewood boundary signs at the following locations: the intersection of NM Highway 59 and FS 521; the intersection of FS 231 and NM Highway 59; and the intersection of NM Highway 59 and FS 677.

## Available Wood

Live pinyon pine and juniper trees up to 12 inches in diameter root crown (d.r.c.) and dead standing or dead/ down trees as specified in this guide may be cut.

Do not cut live Douglas-fir, oak, or western white pine.
Leave trees are not marked.
It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live, green trees cut are the correct species and 12 inches d.r.c. or less.

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.


## Black Range Ranger District <br> Trujillo Park-Tierra Blanca Firewood Area



## Trujillo Park-Tierra Blanca Firewood Area Black Range Ranger District

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is currently only accessed from the east on County Road B-013 to Forest System (FS) Road 522.

The boundary of the firewood area is not marked or painted; adhere to the enclosed map.

## Available Wood

Remove dead and down oak, juniper and pinon trees lying on the ground in thinning and cutting areas.

Do not cut any live trees or standing dead trees.
Specific leave trees are marked with orange paint; do not cut them.

Cut stems and branches (slash) to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

Motorized vehicle use for gathering firewood is permitted off of open roads where slopes are less than $25 \%$.

For more information contact the Black Range Ranger District.

Quemado Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area


# Divide Firewood Area Quemado Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from Apache Creek, NM, by traveling about 9 miles east on NM Highway 12 to Catron County Road B032 (Sand Flat turnoff). The area is located north of NM Highway 12 and Catron Country Road B032.

The area is accessed from Horse Springs, NM, by traveling about 15 miles west on NM Highway to FS 4036L. Take FS 4036L north, the area is located north of NM Highway 12 and west of FS 4036L.

The area of 4,860 acres is bounded by a combination of Forest Service Roads, State Roads, and Catron County Roads. The south is bounded by NM Highway 12 excluding private property. The west is bounded by Catron County road B032. The north boundary is bounded by FS 333, FS 4189D, and 4092O. The east boundary is bounded by FS 4036L.

## Available Wood

Live pinyon pine, alligator juniper, and shaggy bark juniper trees up to 12 inches diameter breast height (DBH) for single stem trees and up to 18 inches diameter breast height (BDH) for multiple stem juniper trees. Dead standing or dead/down trees as specified in this guide may be cut. Both pinyon and juniper are abundant, but are small diameter trees.

Do not cut green ponderosa pine, douglas fir, or oak.
It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live, green trees cut are the correct species.

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

Quemado Ranger District


# Patterson Canyon Fuelwood Area and Other Forest Products <br> Quemado Ranger District 

Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The Patterson Fuelwood area is at the intersection of FSR93 and FSR 13 (also known as Patterson Canyon Road). The area is the southeast quadrant of the intersection. The area can be accessed from NM32 and Catron County Road B-095.

The boundaries of Patterson fuelwood area are FSR 93 to the north FSR 13 to the west, FSR 4012 G to the south and FSR 4011X to the east.

## Available Wood

Green standing Ponderosa pine 10 " DBH and below and dead/down material.

# Reserve Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area 



# Cold Springs Firewood Area Reserve Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed by turning off of NM Highway 12 about 2 miles northeast of Reserve, NM, onto Forest System (FS) Road 233 or by turning off of NM Highway 12 near Apache Creek, NM, onto either FS 94 or FS 289. There are several roads in the area that provide access to the interior of the firewood area.

NM Highway 12 is the southwest to northwest boundary of the area. The northeastern boundary is FS 289 to FS 4035 to the junction of FS 94. The boundary continues along FS 94 for about 2 miles where it crosses Deep Canyon onto FS 4166 at the southeast boundary. At the southeast end, the boundary follows FS 4166 to FS 233. FS Road 233 and Wilson Canyon form the boundary on the southeast side.

No cutting is allowed on parcels of private land within the area.

## Available Wood

From January 1 - December 31: Cut and Remove live pinyon pine and juniper trees up to 12 inches in diameter root crown (DRC) and any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC). Alligator juniper is small to medium in size. Pinyon pine is abundant.

Additionally, From June 1 - September 30: Cut and Remove dead standing oak that is less than 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Do not cut live ponderosa pine, fir, or oak.
It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live trees cut are the correct species and 12 inches DRC or less.

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

Reserve Ranger District
Firewood Cutting Area
Martinez


# Martinez Firewood Area Reserve Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is

 permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.
## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from Reserve, NM, by traveling about 1.7 miles west on NM Highway 12; from Luna, NM, by traveling about 11.5 miles south on U.S. Highway 180; and from Alma, NM, by traveling about 21.6 miles north on U.S. Highway 180. There are several roads in the area that provide access to the interior of the firewood area (see map). A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

The exterior boundary of the firewood area is not painted. The ridgeline to the north and east of Gordon Canyon is the boundary to the south; the boundary to the west goes along Hwy 180 back to FS Road 4040M (lower Leggett loop) proceeding cross country across Hwy 180 to the north, paralleling FS Road 4040 D; Orange painted boundary in the north/northest section of the area; the boundary to the east is to CAT-B006 south proceeding cross country back to the southern boundary. Designated Project Thinning Slash area boundaries are painted in orange paint.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting personal use products with a personal use permit. Travel off road for gathering of personal use products is authorized in the area shown on the map.

## Available Wood Outside of Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

From January 1 - December 31: Cut and Remove live pinyon pine and juniper, with the exception of alligator juniper species, up to 18 inches in diameter root crown, live single stem alligator juniper up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC) live multiple stem alligator juniper up to 18 inches diameter root crown (DRC), and live ponderosa pine trees up to 12 inches diameter root crown)

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC)

Additionally, From June 1 - September 30: Cut and Remove dead standing oak that is less than 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Do not cut live oak trees. Leave trees are not marked.
It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live trees cut are the correct species and cut to the correct diameter limits.

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

## Available Wood With in the Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, including old or fresh project thinning slash in areas designated on the map.

Do not cut live trees in designated project thinning slash areas within the Martinez firewood Area.

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

## Roadside Designated Free Personal Use Area



# Roadside Designated Free Personal Use Area 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from Reserve, NM, by traveling about 22 miles on FS 141 to FS road 28 (Bursum Road) and then about 7 miles to the area; and from Glenwood, NM, by traveling about 14 miles on NM-159 (Bursum Road) to the area. A high clearance vehicle may be needed to access the area from Glenwood on NM-159. This access way is seasonally closed. Contact the highway department for road closure information (see map). A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

The exterior boundary of the area is not painted. Cutting and removal is authorized for 100 yards on either side of FS road 119 (Claremont Road) beginning at the intersection of FS road 28 (Bursum Road) and ending at the intersection of FS road 153 (Deep Creek Road); for 100 yards on either side of FS road 153 (Deep Creek Road) beginning at the intersection of FS road 119 (Claremont Road) and ending at the intersection of NM-159 (Bursum Road; and for 100 yards on either side of NM-159 (Bursum Road) beginning at the intersection of FS road 153 (Deep Creek Road) and ending at Sandy Point (trails 182 and 201).

This area burned in the 2012 Whitewater-Baldy wildfire. Wood gatherers are advised to use caution while collecting and traveling through areas with standing dead trees especially if there is any wind present. Fire damaged trees can fall at any time. Be cautious while in the area, especially if there is any wind present.

## Available Wood

Any species or size of dead standing wood, dead wood lying on the ground, and dead wood in decks or piles is authorized with either a paid dead firewood or free use permit in areas designated on the map. This includes both painted and unpainted dead trees.

Do not cut any live trees.
Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

# Reserve Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area 



# Aragon Firewood Area Reserve Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

From Reserve: Head north on Hwy-12 to County Road B-017. From County Road B-017 continue onto Forest Road (FR) 289. The fuelwood area begins at the junction of FR 289 and FR 4035F. There are several roads in the area that will provide access to the interior of the firewood area (See Map). A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

The exterior boundary of the firewood area is not painted. A series of roads, drainages and other natural features are used to distinguish the boundary of the firewood area. The southern boundary follows FR 289 to FR 4035I. The boundary continues from the end of FR 4035I to South Sand Canyon drainage to FR 289C. The eastern boundary follows FR 289C to FR 289 to FR 4177A and down to FR 4035F. The north eastern boundary is the drainage to the Private Property south of Hwy-12. The western boundary is comprised of FR 4178F following the drainage and the north eastern edge of Section 26. Travel off road for firewood gathering is authorized in the area shown on the firewood map.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting personal use products with a personal use permit. Travel off road for gathering of personal use products is authorized in the area shown on the map.

## Available Wood

## Dead Wood

From January 1 - December 31: Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 14 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Additionally, From June 1 - September 30: Cut and Remove dead standing oak that is less than 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground

# Reserve Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area 



Reserve Ranger District Firewood Cutting Area

Telephone
(West Side Map)


# Telephone Firewood Area Reserve Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

From Reserve: Head south on Hwy 435 for 5.2 miles. Continue onto Forest Road 141 for 21.9 Miles to County Road 019. At County Road 019 you will be at the southwestern most boundary of the fuelwood area. A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

From Apache Creek: From Hwy 12 take Forest Road 94. Take Forest Road 94 for 20.8 miles to the fuelwood area boundary. A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

From Datil: Take Hwy 12 West for 34.2 miles to County Road B-019 (Bursum Rd). Continue South on County Road B-019 for 15.3 miles to County Road B-054. Take B-054 West for 11.9 miles and you will reach the fuelwood boundary at the junction of County Road-B054 and FR 4047O. A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

There are several roads in the area that will provide access to the interior of the firewood area (See Map).

The entire exterior boundary of the firewood area is not painted. A series of roads, trails, fences, drainages and other natural features are used to distinguish the boundary of the firewood area. The following roads form the boundary of the western most firewood area: Forest Roads 4045S, 4166A, Decom 4166A, 178, CAT-C019, Forest Road 4166C, Trail 15, part of Salthouse Canyon, FR 145, part of Pasture Canyon, 4312K, 4044U, 165, 4045D, 4045B, 28, and 141 as shown on the map. The following roads form the boundary of the eastern firewood area: FR 4048Y, 30, 4047U, 4047O, CAT-B054, Continental Divide Trail (CDT), Forest Roads 3189, 4046A, 145, part of 4045 Y and 161. The boundary to the south of Collins Park and West of FR 28 has a coinciding boundary with a timber sale and is marked with orange paint.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting personal use products with a personal use permit. Travel off road for gathering of personal use products is authorized in this area as shown on the map.

## Available Wood Outside of Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

## From January 1 - December 31:

Cut and Remove live single stemmed juniper up to 18 inches diameter root crown (DRC), live multiple stemmed juniper up to 24 inches diameter root crown (DRC), live pinyon pine, ponderosa pine, and fir trees up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC). Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine, fir, or pinyon pine that is less than 14 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Additionally, From June 1 - September 30:
Cut and Remove live single stemmed gray oak up to 6 inches diameter root


Do not cut live Gamble oak trees.

Leave trees are not crown (DRC) and live multiple stemmed gray oak up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC). marked


It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live trees cut are the correct species and cut to the correct diameter. Cut and Remove dead standing oak that is less than 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC). Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

## Available Wood within the Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground including old or fresh project thinning slash is authorized.

Cut and Remove live trees designated with blue paint. Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.


# Six Shooter Black Deer Firewood Area Reserve Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

From Reserve: Head South on Hwy-435 for 5.2 miles. Continue onto Forest Road 141 for 8.6 miles to the fuelwood area boundary. There are several roads in the area that will provide access to the interior of the firewood area (See Map). A firewood area sign will indicate when you are entering the cutting area.

The entire exterior boundary of the firewood area is not painted. A series of roads, fences, drainages, timber sale boundaries and other natural features are used to distinguish the boundary of the firewood area. The northern boundary is the fence line headed North East from FR 141. The boundary will separate from the fence at the end of 4092T and proceed along the ridgetops as shown on the map. The north east most boundary will follow the timber sale unit near Olla Tank and back along FR 4164C. It proceeds along the road to the fence line heading South east back to a timber sale boundary. Near FR 633 the boundary will follow Naranjo Canyon south to FR 141. The boundary will continue to the south between Naranjo and Granny canyon following the ridge and portion of FR 4165G back to the canyon bottom. The southern boundary on the west side of Sign Camp Mountain will be a combination of FR 4174X headed south towards Greyback Tank and timber sale boundaries that are marked with orange paint. The western most boundary follows the District Boundary fence line across FR161 to FR141.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting personal use products with a personal use permit. Travel off road for gathering of personal use products is authorized in this area as shown on the map.

## Available Wood Outside of Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

From January 1 - December 31:
Cut and Remove live single stemmed juniper up to 18 inches diameter root crown (DRC), live multiple stemmed juniper up to 24 inches diameter root crown (DRC), live pinyon pine, ponderosa pine, and fir trees up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC.

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine, fir, or pinyon pine that is less than 14 inches diameter root crown (DRC).
Additionally, From June 1 - September 30:
Cut and Remove live single stemmed gray oak up to 6 inches diameter root crown (DRC) and live multiple stemmed gray oak up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Do not cut live Gamble oak trees.

Leave trees are not marked


It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that any live trees cut are the correct species and cut to the correct diameter.
Cut and Remove dead standing oak that is less than 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC).
Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

## Additionally, From March 1-August 31:

Off road travel is prohibited in the timing restricted areas as indicated on the map.

## Available Wood within the Designated Project Thinning Slash Area

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground including old or fresh project thinning slash, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine, fir, or pinyon pine that is less than 14 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

No live trees will be cut.

Georgetown


# Georgetown Green Firewood Area Silver City Ranger District 

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from NM Highway 152, approximately 2 miles East of Hanover turn North onto County Road G 3-29(Georgetown Rd.). The West boundary is the Forest boundary.

The South boundary is the Forest boundary, the private property boundary and Grant County Road G 3-29 (Georgetown Rd.).

The East boundary is Forest Service Road 4085 G.
The North boundary is Forest Service Road 4085 E, Forest Service Road 777, and Forest Service Road 4203 H.

The area boundaries are marked with orange paint. A high clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended for traveling off road.

The area is not accessible during wet muddy conditions.
All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting firewood with a firewood permit.

Travel off road for gathering firewood is only authorized in this area as shown on map.

## Available Wood

Live pinyon pine and juniper trees up to 12 inches diameter at root collar (DRC).

Standing dead trees or dead \& down trees as specified in this guide.

Do not cut green ponderosa pine, or oak trees.
Do not cut any trees marked in orange paint, regardless of size or species. These are wildlife habitat patches and travel corridors.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that any trees cut are the correct species and size. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that they are cutting within the unit.

Cut stems and branches to lie less than 1 foot off the ground.

Cut stumps to within 6 inches of the ground.

## Silver City Ranger District Georgetown Dead Firewood Area

Georgetown


## Georgetown Dead Firewood Area Silver City Ranger District

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from NM Highway 152, approximately 2 miles East of Hanover turn North onto County Road G 3-29(Georgetown Rd.)

The North and West boundary is County Road G 3-29 (Georgetown Rd.)

The South boundary is the Forest boundary.
The East boundary marked in orange paint.
A high clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended for traveling off road. The area is not accessible during wet muddy conditions.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting firewood with a firewood permit.

Travel off road for gathering firewood is only authorized in this area as shown on map.

## Available Wood

Any Species or size of dead wood lying on the ground. Standing dead trees or dead $\&$ down trees as specified in this guide.

Do not cut any green trees.
Do not cut any trees marked in orange pain, regardless of size or species. These are wildlife habitat patches and travel corridors.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that any trees cut are the correct species and size. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that they are cutting within the unit.

Cut stems and branches to lie less than 1 foot off the ground.

Cut stumps to within 6 inches of the ground.

## Silver City Ranger District Green Firewood Cutting Area



## Willow Green Firewood Area Silver City Ranger District

## Cross country travel within this firewood area is permitted for the purpose of firewood cutting

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area can be accessed from NM Highway 180 and NM Highway 90.

Take Highway 180 approximately 12 miles West of Silver City and turn South onto County Road G 4-22 (Mangus Valley Rd.), after approximately 5 miles turn West onto Grant County Road G 4-24 (Redrock Rd.), after approximately 4 miles turn South onto T-T road, after approximately .5 miles turn East onto H-M drive, after approximately .25 miles turn south onto Forest Service Road 819.

Take Highway 90 approximately 12 miles South of Silver City and turn West onto Grant County Road G 4-2 (Tyrone-Thompson Rd.), after approximately 10 miles continue North on Grant Country Road G 4-6 (Forest Ridge Rd.).

The West boundary is Grant County Road G 4-6 (Forest Ridge Rd.).

The South boundary is Forest Service motorized trail number 905 and maverick canyon.

The East boundary is Forest Service Road 819, Forest Service Road 4246K and the private property boundary.

The North boundary is sawmill canyon.
The area boundaries are marked with orange paint. A high clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended for traveling off road. The area is not accessible during wet muddy conditions.

All roads within the designated area are allowed for use in collecting firewood with a firewood permit.

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## Available Wood

Live junipers with one stem with a DBH (diameter at breast height) of 12 inches or less.

Live Junipers with multiple stems where no individual stem exceeds 12 inches at DBH.

Live Pinyons with a DBH of 12 inches or less.
Dead and down of any species and any size.
Dead standing juniper of any size.
Dead standing pinyon with a DBH of 12 inches or less.

Dead standing oak with a DRC (diameter at root collar) of 9 inches or less, from June 1 to September 30.

Cut stems and branches to lie less than 2 feet off the ground.

Cut stumps to no more than 6 inches above the ground.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that they are cutting within the unit, and cutting firewood of the correct size and species.

Wilderness Ranger District


## North Star Green Firewood Area Wilderness Ranger District

## Cross country travel and the use of closed roads and motorized trails are permitted in this firewood area for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from NM Highway 35 about 5 miles northwest of the Wilderness District Ranger Station. Turn east onto Forest Service Road 150, also known as North Star or Wall Lake Road.

The area consists of the mesa tops on either side of Forest Service Road 150 and the mesa tops on either side of motorized trail 968 (formerly FSR 4080D) to North Star Tank.

The south boundary is Forest Service Road 4080 B and the ridge east of Forest Service Road 4080 B.

The north boundary is approximately 200 yards north of Forest Service Road 4080 R.

The area boundaries are not marked.
A high clearance, preferably 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended in traveling off Forest Service Road 150.

The area is not accessible during wet muddy conditions.

## Available Wood

Live junipers with one stem with a DBH (diameter at breast height) of 12 inches or less.

Live Junipers with multiple stems where no individual stem exceeds 12 inches at DBH.

Live Pinyons with a DBH of 12 inches or less.
Dead and down of any species and any size.
Dead standing juniper of any size.
Dead standing pinyon with a DBH of 12 inches or less.

Dead standing oak with a DRC (diameter at root collar) of 9 inches or less, from June 1 to September 30.

Cut stems and branches to lie less than 2 feet off the ground.

Cut stumps to no more than 6 inches above the ground.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that they are cutting within the unit, and cutting firewood of the correct size and species.

Wilderness Ranger District


# McKnight Dead Firewood Area <br> Wilderness Ranger District 

## Cross country travel and the use of closed road and motorized trails are permitted within this firewood area for the purpose of firewood cutting.

## Travel Directions and Area Boundaries

The area is accessed from NM Highway 35 about 1.25 miles northwest of the Wilderness District Ranger Station. Turn east onto Forest Service Road 152, also known as McKnight Road.

The area consists of the mesa tops on either side of Forest Service Roads 152, 4086P, 4086Q 4086T, 4086U, 4086V and 4204B.

The west boundary is approximately a quarter mile (0.25) miles west of Forest Service Road 4086P.

The east boundary is approximately a quarter mile (0.25) miles west of Forest Service Road 4086V.

The area boundaries are not marked.
A high clearance, preferably 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended in traveling off Forest Service Road 152.

The area is not accessible during wet muddy conditions.

## Available Wood

Standing dead trees or dead \& down trees as specified in this guide.

Do not cut any trees marked in orange paint, regardless of size or species. These are wildlife habitat trees.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to be sure that any trees cut are the correct species and size.

Cut stems and branches to lie less than 2 feet off the ground.

Cut stumps to within 6 inches of the ground.


## Cedar Breaks Fuelwood Area Glenwood Ranger District

## Cross country travel and the use of closed road and motorized trails are permitted within this firewood area for the purpose of firewood cutting.

The Cedar Breaks Fuelwood area is on the east side of Highway 180, seven miles north of Glenwood, N.M. Dead and down alligator and shaggy bark juniper were mechanically pushed over in this area. Dead and Down Fuelwood gathering is permitted within this area, as specified in the guide. There are three mechanically pushed areas within this Fuelwood area.

## Travel Directions <br> and Area Boundaries

For the Alma Flats unit travel north on Highway 180 from Glenwood NM, approximately 7 miles (MM 45), turn east on Forest Road 4239B. Pushed areas start at the fence line. Driving cross country to retrieve Fuelwood is permissible.

For the Potholes unit travel north on Highway 180 from Glenwood NM, approximately 9 miles (MM 43), turn east on County Road 010. Pushed areas start at the fence line, on both sides of CR 010. Driving cross country to retrieve Fuelwood is permissible.

For the Stout Mesa unit travel north on Highway 180 from Glenwood NM, approximately 9 miles (MM 43), turn east on County Road 010. Drive approximately 4 miles to the junction of FR 4056I. Pushed areas encompass most of the mesa. Driving cross country to retrieve Fuelwood is permissible.

The area boundaries are not marked.
The area is not accessible during wet conditions
Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.

## Available Wood

Remove Dead and/or Down juniper and pinon trees in mechanically pushed areas.

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).


# Deep Creek Dead/Down Fuelwood Area Glenwood Ranger District 

## Cross country travel and the use of closed road and motorized trails are permitted within this firewood area for the purpose of firewood cutting.

The Deep Creek Fuelwood area is on the east side of Highway 180, nine miles north of Glenwood, N.M. Dead and Down Fuelwood gathering is permitted within this area, as specified in the guide. Dead and down alligator and shaggy bark juniper were mechanically pushed over in this area.

## Travel Directions <br> and Area Boundaries

From Glenwood N.M. travel north on Highway 180, approximately 9 miles (MM 43), turn east on County Road 010 for approximately 4 miles, to the junction of Forest Road 4056Z. Follow FR 4056 Z for 4 miles to the pushed areas. Driving cross country within the pushed areas to retrieve Fuelwood is permissible.

The area boundaries are not marked.
The area is not accessible during wet conditions
Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.
A high clearance, preferably 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended for accessing the area.

Do not cut any trees marked in orange paint, regardless of size.

## Available Wood

Remove Dead and/or Down juniper and pinon trees in pushed areas.

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).


## Snare Mesa Dead Fuelwood Area Glenwood Ranger District

## Cross country travel and the use of closed road and motorized trails are permitted within this firewood area for the purpose of firewood cutting.

The Snare Mesa Fuelwood area is on the west side of Highway 180, five miles west of Alma, N.M. The area is bounded by County Road 004, County Road 003 and the Arizona state line. Dead Fuelwood gathering is permitted within this area, as specified in the guide. No cutting within signed commercial fuelwood areas within this unit.

## Travel Directions <br> and Area Boundaries

From Glenwood N.M. travel north on Highway 180, approximately 5 miles (MM 47), turn west on County Road 004 for approximately 5 miles, to the junction of County Road 003 and County Road 004. Driving cross country within the pushed or cut areas to retrieve fuelwood is permissible.

The area boundaries are not marked.
The area is not accessible during wet conditions.
Cut stems and branches to lie within 2 feet of the ground.
Maps of past and current thinning and cutting areas are available at the Glenwood District office.

## Available Wood

Remove Dead and/or Down juniper and pinon trees in thinning and cutting areas.

Cut and Remove any species or size of dead wood lying on the ground, dead standing juniper of any size; dead standing ponderosa pine or pinyon pine that is less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

Dead standing oak up to 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC) may be cut only from June1 to September 30.

# Firewood permits may be obtained at these Gila National Forest offices: 

Gila National Forest<br>Supervisor's Office

3005 E. Camino del Bosque
Silver City, NM 88061
(575) 388-8201
www.fs.usda.gov/gila

## Black Range Ranger District

1804 N. Date Street
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
(575) 894-6677

## Glenwood Ranger District

18 Ranger Station Drive
P.O. Box 8

Glenwood, NM 88039
(575) 539-2481

## Quemado Ranger District

\#1 Forest Service Circle
P.O. Box 159

Quemado, NM 87829
(575) 773-4678

## Reserve Ranger District

5 Smokey Bear Circle
P.O. Box 170

Reserve, NM 87830
(575) 533-6231

Silver City Ranger District

3005 E. Camino del Bosque
Silver City, NM 88061
(575) 388-8201

Wilderness Ranger District
3697 Highway 35
Mimbres, NM 88049
(575) 536-2250


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