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Free Use Permit Information

Mineral Material Collection for Landscape Rock

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest



Each year many homeowners work to transform their yards using rock as a form of decorative landscaping material. National Forests have a variety of rock materials available for free collection. However, there are a few things you need to know before you collect your landscaping rocks.

You will be required to obtain a free use permit before collecting rock. Your permit will allow you to collect up to two short tons per year for personal landscape rock collection only. This is approximately four pickup loads.

You can collect your rock by hand picking only with little or no disturbance to the ground, other resources and environment. No motorized equipment is allowed for collecting. While collecting, be courteous to other visitors by keeping the roadways clear. Park up to one vehicle length off roads.

Be advised that it is illegal to collect archaeological artifacts, such as arrowheads, old bottles, and other historic artifacts on National Forest lands. Petrified wood is not considered landscape rock and if you wish to collect it, then please discuss this with the District Ranger of the area you are interested in prior to collection.

Collecting rock is not allowed in the following areas:

- ♦ Wild and Scenic River corridors
- ♦ Historical or archeological sites
- ♦ Campgrounds
- ♦ Wilderness Areas
- ♦ Administrative sites
- ♦ Areas "withdrawn" from mineral entry

Stop in at your local Forest Service office to obtain your free use permit and for information related to good areas to collect landscaping rock.

For more information contact one of the following office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF Headquarters and Dillon Ranger District

420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725
(406) 683-3900

Butte Ranger District

1820 Meadowlark Lane
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-2147

Madison Ranger District

5 Forest Service Road
Ennis, MT 59729
(406) 682-4253

Pintler Ranger District

88 Business Loop
Philipsburg, MT 59858
(406) 859-3211

Sheridan Work Center

402 S. Main
Sheridan, MT 59749
(406) 842-5432

Wisdom Ranger District

PO Box 238
Wisdom, MT 59761
(406) 689-3243

Wise River Work Center

PO Box 100
Wise River, MT 59762
(406) 832-3178
*Open May—Late November

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