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 Original Forest Product Permit issued to the permittee; and
3) the firewood removal tags given with that permit.
4) This firewood permit is valid Forestwide (except in prohibited areas).

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

☑ Have Your Permit - This includes the printed permit, cutting and removing instructions from the 2020 Firewood Guide, Designated Firewood Area Maps from the 2020 Firewood Guide (if cutting green firewood), and removal tags.

☑ MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE A PERMIT.

☑ Check road conditions and closures.

☑ Study the cutting area maps. Use 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.

☑ Recommend carrying a chain saw, an axe, wedges, shovel, fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.

☑ Fill out “Product Quantity Removal Record” portion of the permit.

☑ Designated cutters may be under the age of 18.

Note: The maps in this firewood guide are reproduced from geospatial information prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. GIS data and product accuracy may vary. They may be: developed from sources of differing accuracy; accurate only at certain scales; based on modeling or interpretation; incomplete while being created or revised, etc. Using GIS products for purposes other than those for which they were created may yield inaccurate or misleading results. The Forest Service reserves the right to correct, update, modify or replace GIS products without notification. For more information, contact the Gila National Forest supervisor's office GIS department at (575) 388-8223. Projection: UTM Zone 12 NAD 83.
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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 Tags and Removing Instructions from this 2020 firewood guide, the Green Firewood Area Maps from this 2020 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 authorized for off road travel. All permit holders are responsible for adhering to the 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 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. Specific areas may have limited Seasons.

- 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 Pg. 7 “Filling in Your Permit & Load Tag). 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 “Combined Softwood” for soft species of wood (juniper, pine, etc.) and “Combined Hardwood” (oak, etc.) 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 clipped/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:

  ✧ 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.

  ✧ On the Glenwood Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: Bighorn, Cosmic and Pueblo Park Campgrounds, Cottonwood, and Whitewater Picnic Area, Leopold Vista Day Use and Catwalk National Recreation Trail, Glenwood District Administrative Areas, Gila Wilderness, and Blue Range Wilderness.

  ✧ On the Quemado Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removal of firewood: Armijo Springs, Head of the Ditch, Valle Tio Vinces Campgrounds, Quemado Lake Recreation Area (El Caso, Juniper, and Pinon Campgrounds), Quemado District Office, Luna Work Center, Jewett Gap Administrative site and the Swenson Place.

  ✧ On the Reserve Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: Ben Lilly, Dipping Vat, Willow Creek, Aeroplane Mesa, Snow Lake, Apache Creek Campgrounds, Reserve District Administrative Areas, and Negrito Work Center Administrative Area.

  ✧ 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.

  ✧ On the Wilderness Ranger District, the following areas are closed to cutting and removing of firewood: All Campgrounds, (Upper and Lower Scorpion, Upper Black Canyon, Lower Black Canyon, Rocky Canyon, Mesa, Upper End, Sapillo Group Area Campgrounds) Lake Roberts Picnic Area, 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 1 person 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:

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

• Cutting and removing all dead standing species of any size with the exception of oak and Ponderosa Pine.

• Cutting and removing dead standing ponderosa pine less than 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC).

• Dead standing oak up to 9 inches diameter root crown (DRC) may be cut only from June 1 to September 30.

• 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, Patterson, Cold Springs, Martinez, Roadside, Aragon, Telephone, Six Shooter Black Deer, Georgetown, Willow, North Star, Cedar Breaks and Deep Creek 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

Removal Tags

To properly tag your load remember:

- **Separate** — Separate each 1/4 cord tag from the other removal tags.
- **Notch** — Notch out the month and the day on each 1/4 cord tag.
- **Attach** — Attach each 1/4 cord tag to your load where it is visible from the road.

- 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 punched 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.

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

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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.

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 1/4-cord 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.

Measuring the Diameter Root Crown (DRC) & Diameter Breast Height (DBH)
Diameter Root Crown (DRC) is measured between the ground line and 12 inches above the ground line. Diameter Breast Height (DBH) is diameter at 4.5 feet from the ground.

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
Travel Directions 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 (DRC) 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 DRC or less.

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

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

Legend

- Trujillo Park - Tierra Blanca
- Designated Dead & Down Wood
- City/Town
- Gila National Forest Boundary
- Private Ownership

- Highway
- Improved Road, Paved
- Improved Road, Gravel
- Improved Road, Dirt
- Unimproved Road

Miles

0 0.5 1
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.
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 DRC 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.
Patterson Canyon Fuelwood Area
and Other Forest Products
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

Legend
- Cold Springs Green Firewood Area
- City/Town
- Motorized Trail
- Highway
- Improved Road, Gravel
- Improved Road, Dirt
- Unimproved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Private Ownership

Cold Springs
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 and continues cross country to FS 233. FS Road 233 and Wilson Canyon form the boundary on the southeast side.

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.

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

No cutting is allowed within 600 feet of the Tularosa River.

Available Wood

**From January 1 – December 31:** Cut and Remove live single stem juniper trees up to 12 inches diameter root crown (DRC); live multi stem juniper trees up to 18 inches DRC; live pinon pine trees up to 9 inches diameter breast height (DBH); live ponderosa pine up to 12 inches DBH; 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 live single stemmed gray oak up to 6 inches diameter root crown (DRC) and live multiple stemmed gray oak up to 10 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.
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 US Highway 180; and from Alma, NM, by traveling about 21.6 miles north on US 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; CAT -B006 and FS Road 4042N (Mail Trail) is the boundary to the west/northwest; and the boundary to the east is FS Road 33 and FS Road 4040M (lower Leggett loop) 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 up to 18 inches in diameter root crown (DRC), live single stem juniper up to 12 inches diameter root crown, live multiple stem 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 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 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

Legend

- Roadside Designated Free Personal Use Area (dead standing, dead down, & dead tress that have been decked/piled of all sizes & species, marked or unmarked within 100 yards of road edge)
- Improved Road, Gravel
- Improved Road, Dirt
- Unimproved Road
- Private Ownership
- Gila Wilderness
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 153S 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 153S 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 (such as but not limited to aspen, cottonwood, white pine fir, spruce, oak, ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper), 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.
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
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.

**From Apache Creek:** From Hwy 12 take Forest Road 94. Take Forest Road 94 for 20.8 miles to the fuelwood area boundary.

**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.

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 4045Y and 161. The boundary to the south of Collins Park and West of FR 28 has a coinciding boundary with timber sales 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 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 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 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).

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 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.
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 County 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.

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

Available Wood

Live junipers with one stem with a diameter at breast height (DBH) 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 diameter at root collar (DRC) 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
Firewood Cutting Area

North Star

Legend
- North Star Green Firewood Area
- Highway
- Improved Road, Dirt
- Unimproved Road
- Motorized Trail
- Private Ownership
- Wilderness Area
North Star 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.
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.

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).

Travel Directions 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.
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 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 4056Z 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).
Firewood permits may be obtained at these Gila National Forest offices:

**Gila National Forest 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**
3 Lyle Loop
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 N.
Mimbres, NM 88049
(575) 536-2250

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