



LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST FUELWOOD GUIDE 2020

You may collect fuelwood on the Lincoln National Forest year-round (January 1 – December 31).

With a personal use fuelwood permit you may collect up to 10 cords of wood per year. Each cord costs \$2.00. To collect more than this, you will need a different type of fuelwood permit.

Fuelwood permits are non-transferable.



ABOUT YOUR PERMIT

The information in this fuelwood guide and the permit issued to you from the Lincoln National Forest can only be used on Lincoln National Forest lands.

By signing this permit, the permittee hereby consents to being stopped and inspected by any forest officer, County Sheriff, State Police Officer, Federal law enforcement officer or any official of the New Mexico Department of Forestry while cutting, possessing, or transporting fuelwood.

Vehicles and power saws are subject to inspection by forest officers. Failure to allow inspections shall cause the Forest Service agency 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.

WHERE TO PURCHASE A PERMIT

Permits and more information are available at any of our four offices.

Supervisor's Office

3463 Las Palomas Rd.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
575-434-7200

Smokey Bear Ranger District

901 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-257-4095

Sacramento Ranger District

4 Lost Lodge Rd.
Cloudcroft, NM 88317
575-682-2551

Guadalupe Ranger District

5203 Buena Vista Dr.
Carlsbad, NM 88220
575-885-4181

CUTTING AND TRANSPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Fuelwood areas can change throughout the year. **If it's been a while since you've bought your permit, please call the district office to check on the available fuelwood areas.** Cutting in closed fuelwood areas may result in a fine.

It is a good practice to keep this fuelwood guide and area maps on hand when cutting or transporting fuelwood from the Lincoln National Forest. This fuelwood guide contains cutting and transporting regulations. Always read this fuelwood guide, the area maps, the permit and the Load Removal Tags before cutting. It is a good idea to carry this guide and the maps with you when harvesting your fuelwood. Attached to the fuelwood guide are the fuelwood area maps.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CUTTING, HARVESTING AND TRANSPORTING FUELWOOD



PRINTED COPY OF THE PERMIT

The permit is a contract between you and the Forest Service. This contract states what fuelwood products you will be cutting and how much you will be harvesting.

LOAD REMOVAL TAG(S)

Load removal tag numbers must match the numbers printed on the permit. The load removal tags account for the fuelwood you are harvesting.

PROHIBITED AREAS

Fuelwood harvesting is always prohibited in any area posted as closed as well as the areas listed below.

- **Smokey Bear Ranger District Prohibited Areas:** White Mountain Wilderness, Capitan Mountain Wilderness, Ski Apache Recreation Area, Smokey Bear Ranger Station, Capitan Work Center, Mesa Barn, Cora Dutton Commercial Fuelwood Area, Baca Campground and roads designated on the provided map.
- **Sacramento Ranger District Prohibited Areas:** Sacramento Ranger Station, Mayhill Work Center, and Sacramento Work Center
- **Guadalupe Ranger District Prohibited Areas:** Queen Work Center, Sitting Bull Falls, and Guadalupe Escarpment Wilderness Study Area.

GREEN-STANDING FUELWOOD PERMITS

All three districts offer green-standing fuelwood permits. The product designation species listed on the Green-Standing Fuelwood Permit will be “Combined Softwood.” The softwoods available for this permit are piñon, pine and juniper. Refer to the designated fuelwood area map for specific information.

RULES TO FOLLOW

- **You may cut and remove live, green trees only from within the designated areas on the Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger Districts district.**
- On the Guadalupe Ranger District, you may harvest green-standing wood off any open forest road up to 50 feet from the road’s edge.
- Only piñon, pine and juniper are available to cut with green standing permits. Hardwoods such as aspen, cottonwood, oak, maple, and walnut shall not be cut.
- Specific cutting areas will be laid out with blue flagging designating the fuelwood boundary or with three orange stripes painted on the trees facing into the unit.
- Do not cut trees tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, or with transect location signs.
- It is the permittee’s responsibility to be sure live, green trees cut are the correct species and size. With this permit you can only cut and remove pinyon with a Diameter at Root Collar (DRC) (see image below) of 14 inches and below. You can only cut and remove juniper with a DRC of 18 inches and below.
- Diameter at Root Collar is measured just off the ground line (see picture to the right).
- To protect wildlife species and riparian habitat, no cutting is permitted within 100 feet from the center of any stream.
- Do not fell trees into roads, trails, trailheads, picnic areas or campgrounds where people are congregated or likely to be.
- Do not fell trees onto fences, structures, or other improvements. You will be held liable for any damages incurred.
- Stumps shall be cut as low to the ground as is practical, and in no case higher than 6 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.



DEAD FUELWOOD PERMITS

Dead fuelwood includes two types of permits:

1. Dead and down
2. Dead-standing

Not all three districts offer both types of dead fuelwood permits.

Specific cutting areas will be laid out with blue flagging designating the fuelwood boundary or with three orange stripes painted on the trees facing into the unit.

Dead and Down Fuelwood Harvesting

SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

Dead and down wood is available throughout the district except in areas posted as closed, on any road indicated on the district fuelwood map as being closed to fuelwood, and the areas listed in the Prohibited Area section of this fuelwood guide.

All species and sizes of material are available with a dead and down permit on the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

This permit may be used 150 feet from the road's edge, along selected open forest roads as indicated on the district fuelwood map.

SACRAMENTO RANGER DISTRICT

There are certain designated areas on the district where you can get dead and down wood. Maps for these areas will be provided with the permit. In addition, you can request to retrieve dead and down wood along open Forest Roads through the Sacramento Ranger District.

All species and sizes of material are available with a dead and down permit on the Sacramento Ranger District.

This permit may be used 150 feet from the road's edge.

GUADALUPE RANGER DISTRICT

Species available on the Guadalupe Ranger District are piñon, pine and juniper. You may harvest dead and down wood off any open Forest Road on the district up to 50 feet from the road's edge with the exception of the areas listed in the Prohibited Areas **section** of this fuelwood guide.

Dead-Standing Fuelwood Harvesting

AVAILABILITY AND PROHIBITED AREAS

Dead-standing permits are only available on the Smokey Bear Ranger District. Dead-standing permits are NOT available on the Guadalupe or Sacramento Ranger Districts.

Dead-standing wood is available throughout the Smokey Bear Ranger District except for areas posted as closed, on any road indicated on the district fuelwood map as being closed to fuelwood harvest, and in any of the areas listed Prohibited Areas section of this fuelwood guide.

Dead-standing fuelwood harvesting is allowed 150 feet from the road's edge along select open forest roads as indicated on the district fuelwood map, or in designated dead-standing fuelwood areas.

TYPES OF WOOD YOU ARE ALLOWED TO HARVEST

Dead-standing fuelwood harvesting is open to softwoods (pinon pine, ponderosa pine, juniper, fir, and spruce) up to an 18 inch DRC. Hardwoods such as aspen, cottonwood, oak, maple, and walnut shall not be cut. A dead tree is defined as one having no live branches, limbs, needles or leaves. You may not cut dead limbs from live trees.

- It is the permittee's responsibility to be sure that dead-standing trees cut are the correct size. With this permit you can only cut and remove dead-standing trees with a DRC of 18 inches and below (see image to the right). Diameter at Root Collar is measured just off of the ground line.
- Trees tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, or trees with transect location signs shall not be cut.
- Do not fell trees into roads, trails, trailheads, picnic areas or campgrounds where people are congregated or likely to be during felling operations.
- Do not fell trees onto structures, fences, or other improvements. You will be held liable for any damages incurred.
- Stumps shall be cut as low to the ground as is practical, and in no case higher than 6 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.
- To protect wildlife species and riparian habitat, no cutting is permitted within 100 feet from the center of any stream.
- Do not cut any logs, log piles, or snags in active timber sale areas or where posted with signs.
- Live green trees may not be cut and removed from the Lincoln National Forest with a Dead-standing Fuelwood Permit.
- Do not cross any locked gates. Do not cut on or enter private land.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL TIPS

REFUNDS. All fuelwood gathering may be subject to closure due to weather, fire conditions or any other unforeseen circumstance. Bad weather, fire closures, or court-imposed injunctions are not grounds for permit refunds or extension of permit.

DO NOT DRIVE WHEN DAMAGE TO SOIL OR ROADS MAY OCCUR. Operate vehicles only when the ground is dry enough to prevent rutting. During wet or muddy conditions, please wait to cut on another day when the roads are drier to prevent ruts and resource damage.

BE AWARE OF RESTRICTIONS TO FUELWOOD CUTTING. During fire season, certain conditions may limit or prevent fuelwood cutting. If the forest is under Stage 2 fire restrictions, chainsaws may not be used from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Under Stage 3 fire restrictions, all or part of the forest is closed, and chainsaw use is prohibited. Chainsaw use is also prohibited under a Red Flag Warning. Call the nearest Forest Service office for current conditions.



KNOW WHICH ROADS TO USE

Utilize open roads indicated on the free Motor Vehicle Use Map available at any Lincoln National Forest office.

The map shows the system of roads, trails, and areas open to the public for motor vehicle use. All permit holders are responsible for adhering to the MVUM and any directions for motorized uses in the fuelwood guide.



TAKE TRAFFIC PRECAUTIONS

Make sure to have orange traffic cones, triangles, flagging or signs in place when cutting immediately off of roads. This lets others know you are working in the area



WORK AT YOUR COMFORT LEVEL

All fuelwood areas are in natural forest terrain with no modifications for handicap accessibility.

Know your limits. Fuelwood cutting can be fun, but it is also hard work. Be sure you and your equipment are in good working condition.

All chainsaws must have a spark arrester installed.

For more information about fuelwood areas please visit our forest webpage:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/lincoln/passes-permits/forestproducts>

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov .

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