



Colville National Forest Free Personal Use Firewood Authorization for 2020

In order to practice social distancing related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Colville National Forest staff will offer free personal use firewood authorizations at our offices using a self-service procedure. Partnering retailers (if open for public service) will also continue to provide free firewood authorizations. The authorization allows removal of up to 12 cords of firewood per household and is valid from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Please note the authorization obtained at a Forest Service office will not look exactly like those obtained at partnering retailers, but terms and conditions are the same as in years past and both will be valid for the 2020-2021 season.

Here's how it will work:

- Colville National Forest district offices and the headquarters in Colville will each provide a self-service station to obtain your free 12-cord authorization and firewood cutting map packet in an area accessible to the public (typically outside the visitor entrance door).
- Visit the office during business hours (see below) to pick up a packet and take it with you. The requirement to present a valid photo ID has been waived this year.
- Fill out the authorization before cutting firewood.
- Follow the rules printed on the maps and the terms and conditions in the packet.
- Record your firewood cutting activity on the firewood quantity removal record.
- If you have questions about firewood cutting, please call the nearest Colville National Forest office.
- Carry both the authorization and firewood cutting map with you while cutting firewood on the Colville National Forest.

If partnering businesses are open to serve the public, forest users can also obtain the 2020 free firewood cutting authorization and map packet at the following locations. We recommend you call in advance to make sure stores are open and have packets on hand.

- Harding's Hardware – Republic, WA (509) 775-2952
- North 40 Outfitters – Colville, WA (509) 684-1444
- North 40 Outfitters – Mead, WA (509) 465-8100
- North 40 Outfitters – Spokane Valley, WA (509) 922-1090
- Selkirk Ace Hardware – Oldtown, ID (208) 437-5669

Our offices remain operational, but access to offices is restricted. We ask that members of the public make an appointment if you have business that requires a face-to-face visit. Please read more at <https://bit.ly/33GWUaP>.

Colville National Forest headquarters in Colville, WA, Open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 509-684-7000

Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District in Newport, WA, Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (Sullivan Lake Ranger Station is currently closed for the season), 509-447-7300

Republic Ranger District in Republic, WA, Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 509-775-7400

Three Rivers Ranger District in Kettle Falls, WA, Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 509-738-7700

