Cross-country travel within 300 feet of an open road is currently permitted under the Targhee Forest Travel Plan. It is NOT intended to be abused or allow the public to construct short unauthorized user-created routes. The intent is to allow someone to drive to a dead or downed tree, remove that firewood and drive back to the road. Once the firewood cutter has removed the firewood (tree) there should be no longer a reason to travel off road into that area. It is our intention that a cross-country route would be used only one or two times.

An open road is defined as a DESIGNATED ROUTE as shown on the Summer Travel Map or Motor Vehicle Use Map for the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts, Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Exceptions for firewood harvest within 300 feet (either side) of an open road on the Palisades Ranger District are as follows:

1. Driving off designated roads (cross-country travel) for the purpose of firewood harvest is NOT allowed when the ground is wet.

2. District-wide, the cutting and taking of standing dead cottonwood snags or downed dead cottonwood logs IS NOT permitted to prevent loss of this wildlife habitat and to prevent disturbance to bald eagles.

3. No firewood cutting is allowed on the north and east side of Highway 26 from the Palisades Dam to the Alpine 4-H Camp.

4. No firewood cutting is allowed on or along the following Palisades Ranger District roads:
   - South Fork Snake Corridor (206)
   - Big Burns (210)
   - Corridor below Palisades Dam to Hwy 26 on the following roads:
     - Snake River-Calamity (076)
     - Gravel Flats (277)

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