Dear Woodcutter,

Welcome to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. Our fuelwood program is a service provided to the public for personal use. The program is designed to also reduce the fire hazards around communities and improve overall ecosystem health of the forest.

To minimize the impacts and spread of the COVID-19, firewood permits will only be processed via email, and permit holders may begin cutting and collecting wood starting Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, and only after permit and load tags are received via U.S. Postal Service. Interested woodcutters may also contact the following individuals for additional information…

**From Sept. 21 to Sept. 30**

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[Dionysius-Caesar.Nicolas@usda.gov](mailto:Dionysius-Caesar.Nicolas@usda.gov)

**October 1 to Nov. 14**

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[Richard.Grande@usda.gov](mailto:Richard.Grande@usda.gov)

Please remember that once a personal firewood permit is purchased it cannot be refunded if not used.

Also, help keep the National Recreation Area clean by taking your garbage home with you. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you will have a pleasant trip.

Thank You,

USDA Forest Service  
Spring Mountains Recreation Area
1. This permit is for collecting **down wood only in designated areas**. Any breach of the permit conditions may be cause for permit to be revoked (36 CFR 261.10(L). **PUBLIC CUTS AT THEIR OWN RISK!** **Permits will be sold starting on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022. They will be sold until all are gone or until Friday, Nov. 14, 2022, whichever comes first.**

2. The designated firewood areas include:

   **Kyle Borrow Pit:** Kyle Borrow Pit gate will **only be opened on the weekends (Friday to Sunday)** starting on Saturday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fuelwood consists of seasoned ponderosa pine that is cut and split. Trailers **ARE** allowed. Approximately 150 cords are at this location. **See Figure 1.**

   **Directions:** From Las Vegas take Exit 96 off Highway 95 heading west up NV State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road). Around 16 miles up NV State Route 157 turn south onto Forest Road 531A through the opened gate. The Kyle Borrow pit is located quarter mile down the 531A road.

   **Potosi Pass:** Potosi Pass will be open starting on **Saturday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 20.** Fuelwood consists of pinyon pine and juniper in various sizes. Chainsaw are required to cut pieces down to a manageable size. Wheelbarrows are permitted to carry wood to your vehicle. The boundaries of the cutting unit will be identified with flagging and signage (See attached map of site location and boundaries). There are approximately 10 cords at this location. **See Figure 2.**

   **Directions:** From Las Vegas take Interstate 15 south to NV State Route 160. Take NV State Route 160 west towards Pahrump to mile marker 19. Take a left on Potosi Canyon Road. Follow the dirt road south for two miles and fuelwood collection site will be on either side of the road.

   **Coal Spring:** Fuelwood collection at Coal Springs Units will be open starting **Saturday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 20.** Fuelwood consists of various sizes (approximately 4”-20” in diameter) of downed pinyon and juniper. Chainsaw are required to cut pieces down to a manageable size. Wheelbarrows are permitted to carry wood to your vehicle. Trailers are allowed, but the area is one way in and out and turnaround locations are limited. The boundaries of the cutting unit will be identified with flagging and signage (See attached map of site location and boundaries). There are approximately 50 cords at this location. Please be mindful of private property. **See Figure 3.**
**Directions:** From Las Vegas take NV State Route 160 west towards Pahrump. At Mile Marker 23 of Highway 160, take a right on the narrow-paved Lovell Road. Continue up Lovell Road for approximately 13 miles to the end of the pavement and go left on the Forest Service Road 536. Continue up that dirt road approximately 2 miles and you enter the first unit in the pinyon and juniper trees. If you continue for one more mile it takes you to next unit and bulk of downed wood. From Pahrump, go eastbound on Highway 160 to Trout Canyon Road (maintained dirt road) approximately 7 miles until you get to a dirt road on your right marked Forest Service Road 536. Continue on the non-maintained dirt road for approximately 3 miles and you enter the west end of the collection area. Most wood is located further up the 536 road about one more mile.

3. The Spring Mountains National Recreation’s **year-round fire restrictions** are in place. No campfires are allowed within one mile of homes in Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon, Cold Creek, Mountain Springs, Trout Canyon, Lovell Canyon, and Coal Springs. Signs are posted in these areas to remind the public of this restriction. For information on fire restrictions, visit: [https://bit.ly/HTNFFireRestrictions](https://bit.ly/HTNFFireRestrictions).

4. It is recommended that the permittee have a shovel and fire extinguisher in case of fire emergency while cutting fuel wood.

5. Only dead and downed trees can be cut into firwood at identified locations. Cutting live trees, including Christmas trees, is prohibited.

6. Fuel wood is $40.00 per cord and with a limit of 2-cords per household. This permit is for personal use only. You may not resell this wood.

7. **VEHICLES MUST STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS.** Those found driving off designated road or on roads officially closed will be cited (36 CFR 261.9(a), 36 CFR 261.9(c) and/or 36 CFR 261.10(L)).

8. To ensure public safety and prevent damage to unpaved roads, the public should refrain from driving on soft, muddy unsurfaced Forest Service Roads. Causing resource damage can be a violation of federal regulations, which could carry a fine up to $5,000 and/or six months in jail.

9. Chainsaws must be equipped with Forest Service approved spark arrestors (.16-inch gap). Have your saw inspected by Forest Service personnel if in doubt.

10. Permits are **not** transferable. Only the vehicle with the license shown on the permit may transport wood (notation on permit remarks section may indicate exceptions).

11. Load must be measured and tagged before leaving the designated fuel wood area. **The tag must be posted and visible on the rear of the load.**
STEP TO OBTAIN A FIREWOOD PERMIT

A. Submit an email to the appropriate person with the following information:

- From Sept. 21 to Sept. 30 - Dionysius-Caesar.Nicolas@usda.gov
- October 1 to Nov. 14 - Richard.Grande@usda.gov

- Name of person the permit will be issued to and will sign as the responsible party, plus:
  - Residential address
  - Mailing address for the permit
  - Phone number with area code
  - Email address
  - Copy of driver’s license

- Vehicle information:
  - Year
  - Make and model
  - Color
  - State of issued license plate and the plate number of vehicle(s) that will be used to collect product

- Number of cords you would like to purchase. (Remember there is a 2-cord limit per household)

- How you would like to make the purchase. Credit card, money order, or check

B. When we receive your information, we will start the process and generate your permit via email. If paying with credit card, we will call you. If paying with money order or check it should be mailed to:

   HTF-SMNRA Fuelwood
   4701 N Torrey Pines Dr
   Las Vegas, NV 89130

Once the purchase is complete, we will send you the permit via email. Upon receipt sign both copies of the permit and email it back to us. This can be scanned or a picture. Please note this process may take up to a week.

C. Once we receive the signed permit, you will be emailed your approved permit with the comprehensive list of rules, regulations, and instructions. Your load tags will be mailed to you.
   You need both your permit and load tags before you can collect your wood.
Figure 1: Kyle Barrow Pit Location
Figure 2: Potosi Fuel Wood Units Location
Figure 3: Coal Spring Collection Site