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NEWS RELEASE

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Firewood Cutting Permits Now on Sale

Personal use firewood permits are now available for sale on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests. These permits are valid until March 31, 2010. Permits may be purchased at the following local businesses:

- Rae Brothers or Tackett's Saw Service in Grangeville
- Harpster Store in Harpster
- Southside Chevron on Spotswood, or Woodland Enterprises and Northwest Showcase on North Main in Moscow
- Idaho Rigging, Highway 95, Potlatch
- Helmer Store and Café in Helmer

The price of firewood remains at \$5 per cord, with a minimum charge of \$20 per permit. Each household may purchase up to 12 cords during the firewood season. There is no cost difference between purchasing a 2-cord permit or a 4-cord permit. Permits can be purchased for any amount between 1-12 cords; however, the permit will cost a minimum of \$20 or a maximum of \$60. The \$20 minimum also applies to any additional permits purchased throughout the year.

There are areas designated as "no-firewood-cutting zones." The Lolo Trail Corridor, which is north of U.S. Highway 12 on the Clearwater National Forest, is off-limits to firewood cutting for personal use. The Lolo Trail Corridor is a special place – a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. The no-cutting zone extends ¼ mile on either side of the Lolo Motorway (Road 500) or the historic trails that wind through the corridor.

Firewood cutters are reminded that chainsaw operations on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests are restricted with Public Use Fire Restrictions which are fire closures that prohibit certain activities including operating an internal combustion engine, use of campfires, driving off forest roads, etc. during high fire danger. Pay attention to news releases and other public announcements for times when these restrictions may be in place.

Please verify that you are on National Forest land before cutting firewood, and follow these few common sense rules:

- Cut only dead standing or down trees.
- Maximum length piece is 6 feet.

- The personal use firewood permit does not allow cutting cedar or yew trees.
- Clear all slash from the roadway, including the shoulder and ditches.
- Leave snags with trunk holes or visible nests standing for the wildlife.
- Do not cut trees with paint marks, tags, or signs.
- Do not cut near developed recreation areas or wild and scenic corridors.
- Do not cut, pile, or gather firewood within 300 feet of fish bearing streams or 150 feet from non-fish bearing streams.
- Skidding firewood material is not permitted and vehicles must remain on existing roads that are open to the public.
- Firewood obtained with a personal use permit is intended for personal use only.

For additional information call the Nez Perce Forest Supervisor's office at (208) 983-1950, or the Clearwater National Forest Information Desk at (208) 476-4541.

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