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Zone V to Open for Woodcutting

Susanville, May 26, 2009.... The Eagle Lake Ranger District (Zone V) on the Lassen National Forest opened for woodcutting today.

District Ranger Terri Frolli would like to caution woodcutters that although woodcutting has re-opened, many roads and meadows remain wet. Frolli stated, "We are concerned about public safety and resource protection." She added, "While driving in the Forest, please use good judgment. The potential to get stuck is still high even in what seems to be a dry spring. This could lead to unnecessary resource damage by tearing up the roads, meadows, or streamside areas. In some instances, drivers may be held liable for damages to these resources." The District has annually closed Zone V since 1995, to prevent ruts being carved into the roads and meadows.

Woodcutters are urged to check their maps to make sure they are on national forest land and that they are not cutting in a non-cutting area. Woodcutters are required to call the 24-hour number (530) 257-4188 for current restrictions on the Eagle Lake Ranger District where wood cutting will be done. All material included in each wood permit packet should be carefully read. Down or dead wood on the ground or standing snags may not be cut in Timber Sale Areas or other commercial operations marked with "No Woodcutting" signs. Please remember that no trees, even blown over trees, may be cut that have paint on them with the exception of down lodgepole pine.

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The price of personal wood permits remains at \$10.00 per cord and multiple permits may be purchased up to a ten cord limit with a minimum purchase of two cords per permit. Personal use tags purchased on the Lassen National Forest are valid on the Plumas National Forest and vice versa.

Permits may be purchased at the Eagle Lake Ranger District Office, located at the intersection of Highway 36 and County Road A-1 (Eagle Lake Road), three miles west of Susanville. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call (530) 257-4188.

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