



## Public Lands Center Salmon-Challis National Forest

### North Zone & South Zone Maximum Cut 8 ft. 4 inch Length Firewood (Dead Trees)

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**A permit and load tickets are required.** A firewood cutting permit and load tickets are required to cut, gather, and transport firewood on Public Lands. Firewood permits are valid from January 1 until December 31 of the year purchased. Only dead or down trees may be gathered for firewood. **This permit is only valid on Salmon-Challis National Forest only and not valid for Bureau of Land Management, State or private lands.**

**Permit cost:** \$10.00 per cord with a 2 cord or \$20 minimum purchase. A maximum of 30 cords total per individual per year may be cut and/or transported from the Salmon-Challis National Forest lands using this permit.

**Information needed to purchase permit:** name, physical address, identification number, vehicle information (year, make, model, color, and license plate number of vehicle being used to haul firewood), in addition to number of cords to be purchased.

**Where to get permits at SCNF District Offices and the Public Lands Center:** Firewood cutting permits are available at the Salmon-Challis National Forest District Offices in Challis, Mackay, North Fork and Leadore and the Public Lands Center office in Salmon, Idaho. Contact the nearest [Forest office](#) for details.

**Where to go South Zone:** Not all lands on Public Lands are open to firewood cutting. Please [consult the firewood map](#) to be sure you are in an area where cutting is permitted. Remember that not all land within the Public Lands is publicly owned. It is your responsibility to be certain you are not trespassing on private land. The permit is for the Salmon-Challis National Forest lands only and not valid for Bureau of Land Management, State or private lands.

**Where to go North Zone:** Not all lands on Public Lands are open to firewood cutting. Please [consult the firewood map and maximum cut 8 ft. 4 inch length firewood vicinity map](#) to be sure you are in an area where cutting is permitted. Remember that not all land within the Public Lands is publicly owned. It is your responsibility to be certain you are not trespassing on private land. The permit is for the Salmon-Challis National Forest lands only and not valid for Bureau of Land Management, State or private lands.

To reflect Implementation of the Salmon-Challis National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) open travel routes are identified on the current MVUM and governs use of all motor vehicles on the Forest. Motorized vehicles are allowed within 300 feet from the centerline of the designated routes for the purpose of cutting and removing firewood, provided that vegetation is not destroyed. A motorized vehicle may be permitted in other areas that are specifically designated for firewood cutting.

**Terms and Conditions:** Terms and conditions 1 thru 13 are the same for both North Zone and South Zone Maximum Cut 8 ft. 4 inch Length Firewood Permits. Term and condition 14 refers only to the North Zone Maximum Cut 8 ft. 4 inch Length Firewood Permit. Vicinity Map provided at time of purchase.

#### Terms and Conditions:

1. No firewood cutting is allowed within 200 feet of administrative sites, campgrounds, active timber sales, research natural areas, or other areas signed on the ground as closed to firewood cutting. In addition, no firewood cutting is allowed in those areas designated by color shading or by description as portrayed on the Salmon-Challis National Forest fuelwood map that is attached.
2. Up to 30 cords per individual per year may be cut and/or transported from the Salmon-Challis National Forest lands using this permit.
3. No cutting of firewood is allowed on BLM lands using this permit.

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4. Firewood material cut and/or transported under this permit must not exceed 100 inches in length (8 feet, 4 inches), regardless of diameter.
5. No cutting within 300 feet of streams, lakes, ponds, or wet/boggy areas. Do not fall or drag trees across streams.
6. Instead of General Condition #7, slash will be treated as follows: Concurrent with Forest Product removal activities, slash and unused vegetative material smaller than 4 inches in diameter resulting from the Permittee's activities shall be hand piled in the vicinity away from live trees to prevent scorching and away from road drainage ditches.
7. Permittee must have an approved, functioning spark arrester or muffler properly mounted on power equipment, a size 'O' or larger shovel, and a fire extinguisher at the cutting site during the period May 10 to October 20.
8. Unless otherwise designated, only dead or down trees may be gathered for firewood.
9. To reflect implementation of the Salmon-Challis National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), open travel routes are identified on the current MVUM and governs use of all motorized vehicles on the Forest. Motorized vehicles are allowed within 300 feet from the centerline of the designated routes for the purpose of cutting and removing firewood, provided that vegetation is not destroyed. A motorized vehicle may be permitted in other areas that are specifically designated for firewood cutting.
10. Do not cut trees that are signed and protected for other resource purposes.
11. Maps and all other included materials received with this permit are considered a part of this permit and therefore binding.
12. Attach a tag for each ¼ cord of wood being hauled. Cut out and completely remove the notch for the month and day.
13. Leave stumps as low as possible, but no higher than 8 inches.

**Term and condition 14 refers only to the North Zone Maximum Cut 8 ft. 4 inch Length Firewood Permit.** Maps provided at time of purchase.

14. In addition to the Motor Vehicle Use restrictions of this permit, this permit is not valid for cutting or removing wood along the following roads: Stormy Peak Road (Road 023) from forest boundary to intersection with Road 300); Jureano Mountain Road (Road 300 from intersection with Road 023 to its terminus with intersection with Road 061); Williams Creek Road (Road 021 from forest boundary to intersection with Road 076); Moccasin-Napias Road (Road 076 from intersection with Road 021 to intersection with Road 242); Phelan Road (Road 098 from intersection with Road 076 to intersection with 242); Leesburg Road (Road 242 from intersection with Road 098 to its terminus at Beartrack Mine); and the Ridge Road (Road 020 from intersection with Road 021 to intersection with Road 023). Refer to attached vicinity map which shows the roads highlighted in yellow where this permit is not valid.

**Standing dead and down trees** may be gathered for firewood. Refer to firewood maps for locations where cutting is allowed.

**How to tell if the tree is dead:** Trees without any green needles may still be alive. Western Larch (tamarack) loses its needles in the fall and is still a live tree. A wind blown tree may take several months or years to die. Do not cut the tree if it has any green needles and/or the inner bark, called the cambium, is green, wet, spongy, light in color. To test a questionable dead tree before it is cut, peel away a small section of the bark and examine the thin cambium layer between the bark and the wood. A dead tree has no green needles and the cambium is dry and dark color.

**Hauling restrictions:** Firewood material 8 inches in diameter or larger must be cut to 100 inches in length (8 feet 4 inches). Only dead or down trees may be gathered for firewood.

**To validate the load ticket:** After loading the firewood, completely remove the month and day on the colored load ticket, corresponding with the date the firewood is being removed. On the back of the load, firmly staple, nail, or tack one ticket for each 1/4 cord being transported. All load tickets must be clearly visible.

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## Measuring and Transporting



A standard cord can be described as a well-stacked pile, 4 by 4 by 8 feet.

The load accountability portion on the front of the permit must be filled out in ink and load tags punched and displayed before transporting any wood. Failure to do so will result in a citation.



**What is a cord of firewood?** One cord of firewood measures 4ft. X 4ft. X 8ft. which equals 128 cubic feet and weighs approximately 2,662 lbs. The average half-ton pickup can carry a 1/2 cord of dry wood without overloading the vehicle. Remember to validate the firewood load tickets before leaving the cutting area.

**Fire requirements & restrictions:** Firewood cutters are required to have the following equipment while cutting and transporting firewood:

**Saw:** Exhaust system in good repair. Screen-type spark arrestor of 0.023" mesh or less, qualified under US Forest Service standards.

**Shovel:** Long-handled, '0' or larger shovel.

**Fire extinguisher:** At the cutting site during the period May 10 to October 20. Charged with pressurized chemical. Not less than 8 oz. capacity by weight. Type AB.

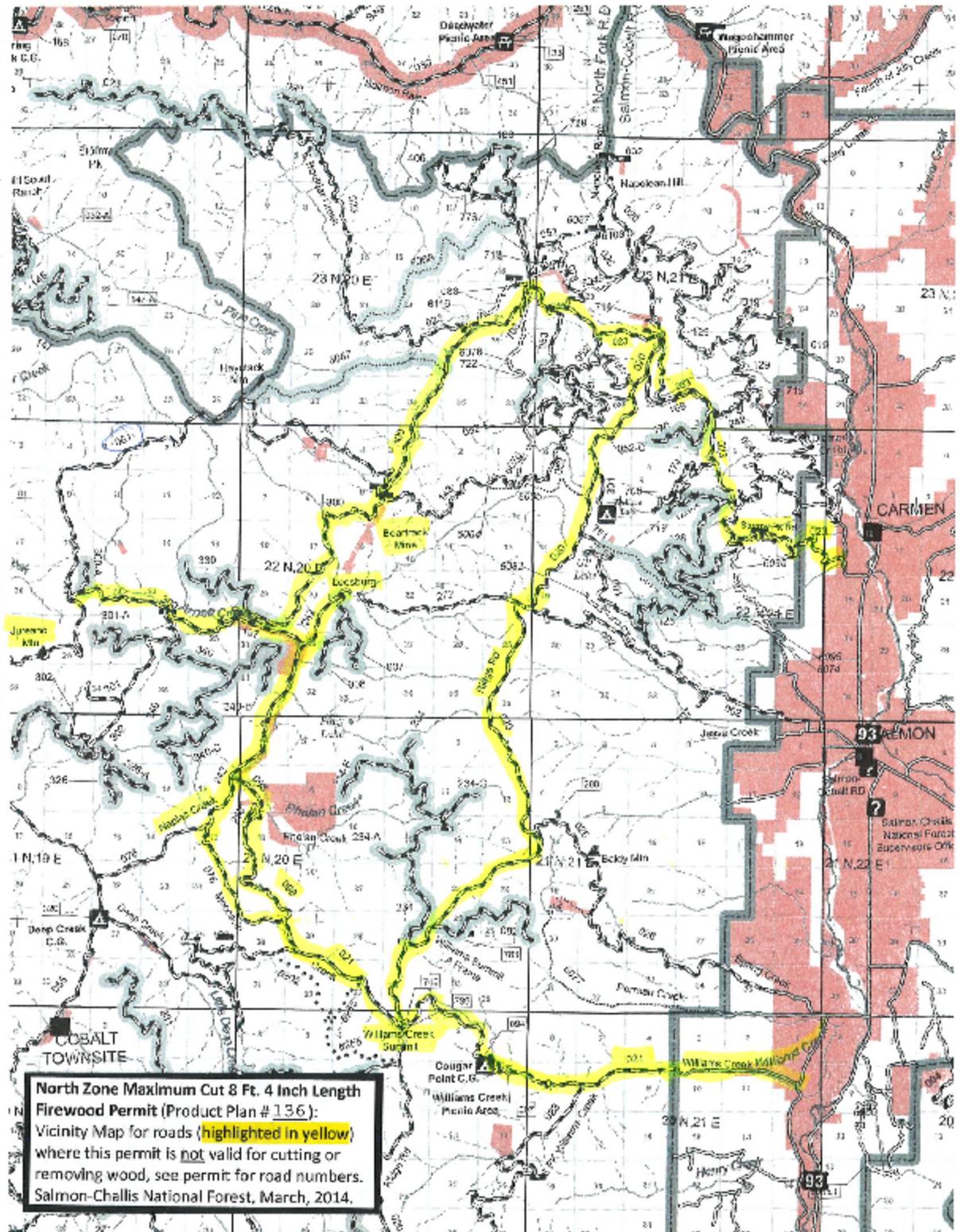
**Fire watch:** A one-hour fire watch is required after shutting down the chainsaw.

**During periods of high fire danger, restrictions that prohibit fuelwood cutting may be enacted.**

**Contact the nearest [Forest office](#) for current fire restrictions:**

**Use of permit by another party:** No third party allowed for these permits.

**Citations:** Citation is a Class C Misdemeanor. Max \$5,000.00 fine, six months in jail or both.



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