



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Fuelwood Guide

2015 Season

REMINDER

Fuelwood cutters are required to keep a record of the date, time, and amount of fuelwood removed from National Forest Lands on the *Product Quantity Removal Record* located on the front of your fuelwood permit. This requirement is being enforced (see insert for detailed instructions).



Remember to bring an ink pen for filling in the Product Quantity Removal Record.

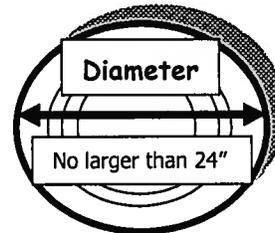
Fuelwood Authorized to be Removed

Only dead trees (standing or down, without any green needles) less than 24 inches across the stump, may be cut and removed, *except for ponderosa pine. No standing or down ponderosa pine are to be cut or removed.* Trees (standing or down) with signs, tags or paint *are not to be removed.*

Remember it is illegal to cut and remove a live tree. Even though a tree is down or standing without any green needles, it may still be alive. Western larch (tamarack) loses its needles every fall and is still a live tree. A wind blown tree may take several months or years to die. *When in doubt... do not cut the tree.*

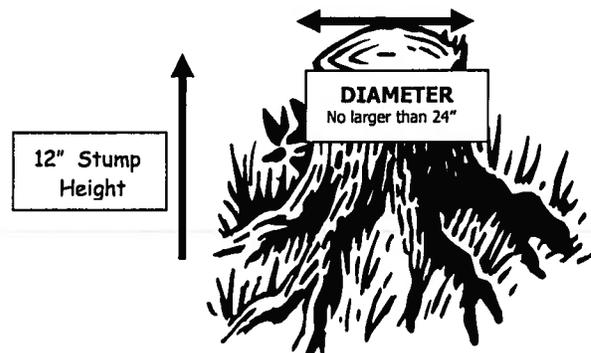
Stump Diameter

Dead or down trees less than 24 inches across the stump (measured outside the bark), and with no signs, tags or paint, may be cut and removed for fuelwood.



Stump Height

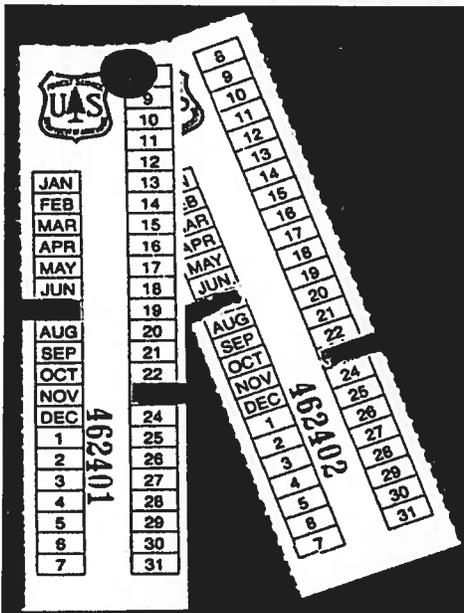
When cutting down a dead tree for fuelwood, you should measure 12 inches up from the base of the tree on the uphill side. This will ensure that you are meeting the stump height requirement of no more than 12 inches.



To validate your load ticket:

1. Completely remove the month and day on the colored load ticket, corresponding with the day you are removing your fuelwood.
2. Firmly staple, nail or tack one ticket on the back of the load for each $\frac{1}{2}$ cord or portion thereof, on the truck.
3. All load tickets must be clearly visible. Do not stack tickets on top of each other.

Below is an example of a properly validated load ticket.



Sign Language

You will encounter signs, ribbons and markings while cutting your fuelwood. The signs shown here are important for woodcutters to be aware of as they pertain to Conditions listed on your fuelwood permit.

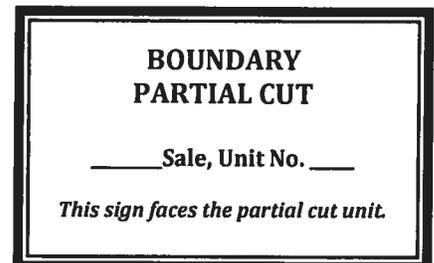
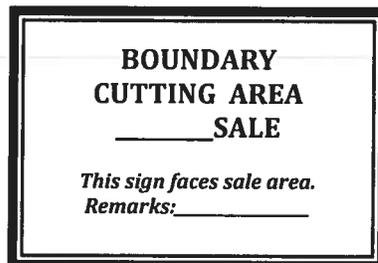
Fuelwood Cutting is allowed when these signs are posted:



Fuelwood Cutting is NOT allowed in areas where this sign is posted:



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Reminder:

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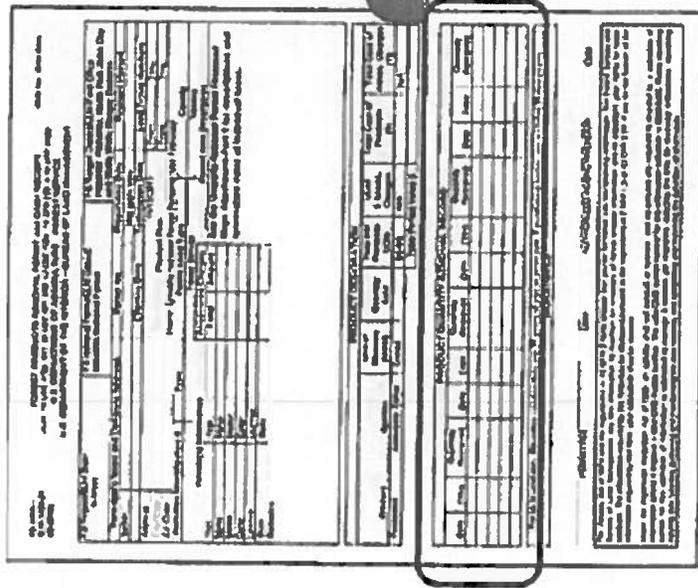
When you purchase a firewood permit, you sign and agree to all terms and conditions of the permit. General condition #15, located on the back of the firewood permit, states:

"Permittee shall complete the Product Quantity Removal Record in ink prior to transporting products. When load tickets are issued, the Permittee is required to complete load tickets when Permittee moves between collection sites or leaves a permit area. Load tickets must be securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle."

Example:

PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD						
Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Quantity Removed
5/14/14	10 AM	1 CORD				
5/14/14	12:30 PM	1/2 CORD				
6/3/14	1 PM	1/4 CORD				

Please remember to carry an ink pen in your vehicle for filling in the Product Quantity Removal Record information before leaving each woodcutting site.



Needles of five, keep it alive!

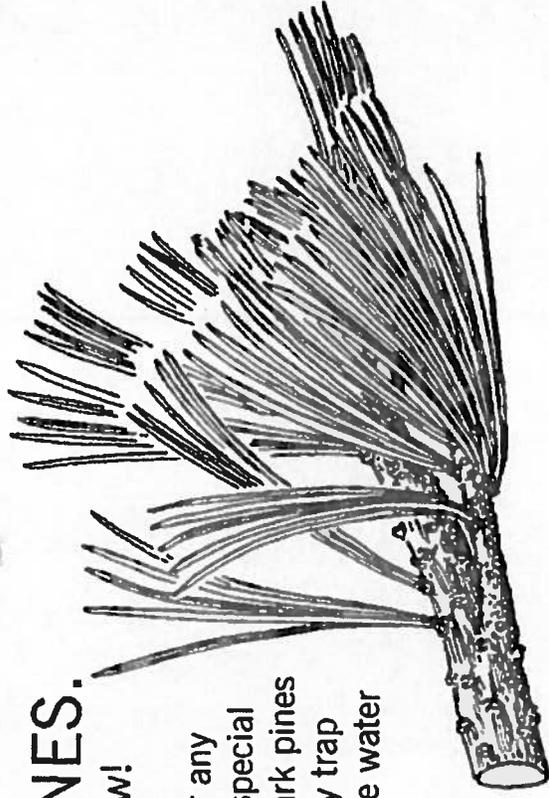
Please do not cut WHITEBARK PINES.

If a tree's needles grow in clusters of five, leave it to grow!

Whitebark pines live in the mountains, often in areas too harsh for any other tree. More than 100 kinds of living things depend on these special pines, including bears and many bird species. People love whitebark pines for their beauty and strength, and we also need them because they trap snow in the high country, slowing spring runoff and helping provide water to the valleys in summer.

But whitebark pines are in trouble. Many whitebark forests now contain more dead pines than living ones.

- Blister rust, a non-native fungus, weakens the trees, reduces cone production, and eventually causes death.
- Whitebarks are also killed by bark beetles, and beetle epidemics may increase with global climate change.
- Wildfires may kill whitebark pines, although burned areas are good habitat for seedlings. Careful management of fire is essential.



So remember: *If it has five, let's keep it alive!*

For more information and to learn how you can help,
visit the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation at www.whitebarkfound.org.

Where can you cut fuelwood??

Your personal use fuelwood permit is valid for all ranger districts on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. There are areas on the Forest, however, where this permit is not valid:

Areas excluded from cutting:

- *Designated old growth areas
 - *Wilderness Areas
 - *North Powder Wild & Scenic River Corridor
 - *Wild & Scenic Snake River Corridor
 - *Wild & Scenic Eagle Creek
 - *Wild & Scenic North Fork John Day
 - *Wild & Scenic Imnaha River
 - *Native vegetation areas on the HCNRA
 - *Research Natural Areas
 - *Starkey Experimental Forest
 - *Designated Scenic Byways
 - *Baker City Watershed
 - *La Grande Watershed
 - *Spring Creek Winter Range Area
- *Falling and cutting of fuelwood is not allowed on either side of Forest Road 39, within 100 feet of the road, the entire length of the road.
- *Fuelwood is not to be removed from developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trail heads, administrative sites (such as guard stations and cabins), within timber sale cutting units or other posted contract areas.
- *Trees with signs, tags, or paint are not to be removed.



Fire Requirements & Restrictions:

You are required to have the following equipment while cutting and transporting your fuelwood:

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

Axe: Minimum 2 lb. head and 26" length.

Shovel: Long-handled, round point with 8 inch blade.

Extinguisher: Charged with pressurized chemical. Not less than 8 oz. Capacity by weight. Type AB.

After your chainsaw is shut off, remain in the immediate area for a minimum of one hour to watch for and suppress any fires or smoldering duff.

During periods of high fire danger, restrictions may be enacted that include prohibiting all fuelwood cutting activity under this permit, as well as other activities such as off-road travel and campfires.

The telephone numbers you may call to hear a recorded message regarding the status of fuelwood cutting restrictions on the forest are:

Baker City: (541) 523-1234

La Grande: (541) 962-8679

Enterprise: (541) 426-5552

You may still call the local ranger district office if you have additional questions regarding fuelwood cutting.



Walla-Whitman National Forest 2015 Fuelwood Cutting Season

May 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2015

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July 2015

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August 2015

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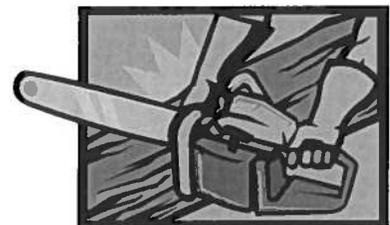
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October 2015

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November 2015

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					





Load Tickets: How many do you need?

Cords	Tickets
$\frac{1}{2}$ cord	1 ticket
1 cord	2 tickets
2 cords	4 tickets

Use the following formula for determining how many cords of wood you have in your load or woodpile. Measure the length, width and height and divide by 128:

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Length} \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Width} \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Height} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \div 128 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Cords}$$

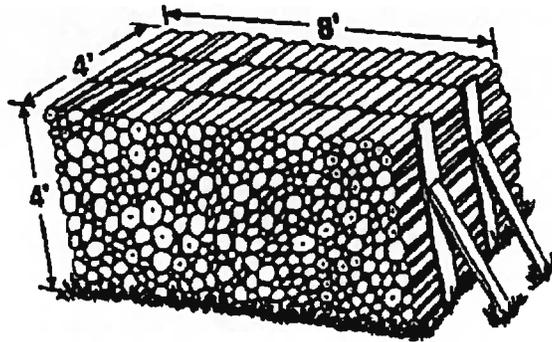
* Round your measurements to the nearest 1/4 foot and express it as a decimal. For example, if the length of your load is 7'5" round to 7'6" and express as 7.50 in the formula.

** There is 128 Cubic ft./cord.

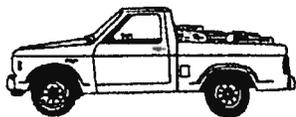
For example:

Your load of wood measures: 6'3"x4'1"x3'8"
 Round to nearest 1/4 foot expressed as decimal: 6.25x4.0x3.75
 Multiply these three together and divide by 128: 93.75÷128=.73 cord, which is 2 tickets

Use the guidelines below or the above formula to estimate the size of your load. If you have a truck without racks and you stack your wood higher than the sides of the truck bed, you will have exceeded 1/2 cord and your load will require two tickets.



One cord = 128 cu. ft. or a stack 4' x 4' x 8'



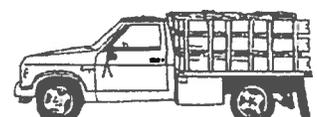
Small pickup
(1/4 ton)
Without racks = 1/2 cord
With racks = 3/4 cord



Long bed pickup
(1/2 or 3/4 ton)
Without racks = 1/2 cord
With racks = 1 cord



Short bed pickup
(1/2 or 3/4 ton)
Without racks = 1/2 cord
With racks = 1 cord



Standard 1 ton
Flat bed truck
With 4' racks and 8' bed =
Approx. 2 cords

Don't overload your truck with firewood. Check your owner's manual for your vehicle's weight restriction.

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Firewood Permits Are Available From The Following Locations:

Forest Service Offices:

Whitman Ranger District
Baker Office
1550 Dewey Ave.
Baker City, OR 97814
(541) 523-6391

Whitman Ranger District
Pine Office
38470 Pine Town Road
Halfway, OR 97834
(541) 742-7511

Wallowa Mountains Office
201 East 2nd Street
Joseph, OR 97846
(541) 426-5546

La Grande Ranger District
3502 Highway 30
La Grande, OR 97850
(541) 963-7186



Local Business Offices:

Wilkins Saw & Power Equipment
201 SE 2nd Street
Ontario, OR 97914
(541) 889-9250

S&W Hardware
820 Dogwood
Elgin, OR 97827
(541) 437-0330

Ron's Place
210 E. 1st. Street
Wallowa, OR 97885
(541) 886-2271

Burnt River Market
P.O. Box 148
Unity, OR 97884
(541) 446-3660

Sports Corral
401 Main Street
Joseph, OR 97846
(541) 432-4363

Willow Creek Store & Cafe
4712 John Day Highway
Vale, OR 97918
(541) 473-3312

Gold Post
150 N. Mill Street
Sumpter, OR 97877
(541) 894-2362

The Dollar Stretcher
604 S. River St.
Enterprise, OR 97828
(541) 426-5833

The Waterhole Cafe
224 Main Street
Unity, OR 97884
(541) 446-3492

Hometown Hardware
206 S. Main Street
Union, OR 97883
(541) 562-5472



Island City Market and Deli
Island City, OR 97850
(541) 963-7140

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