

2014



Central Oregon Personal Use

FIREWOOD SYNOPSIS

Rules, Regulations and Maps for:

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests
Crooked River National Grassland
Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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REPORT illegal woodcutting or illegal off-road travel!

Call your local ranger district with details

REPORT wildfire

Call 911 or Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC) 541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560

REQUIREMENTS Checklist:

READ the RULES and REGULATIONS on pages 3-5 AND on the map of your cutting area.*

*YOU are responsible for knowing these rules and regulations.

- Permit*, Load Tags, Synopsis, Map of cutting area**
*Permittee MUST BE PRESENT when cutting, loading and transporting wood
- Shovel, Fire Extinguisher and Spark Arresters**
- Know the fire precaution level: Call 1-800-523-4737**
- Cut or remove legal trees in designated area only**
- No more than 8 cords per household annually**
- Complete a one-hour fire watch**
- Tag load properly BEFORE moving vehicle**
- Fill out product quantity removal record on permit**

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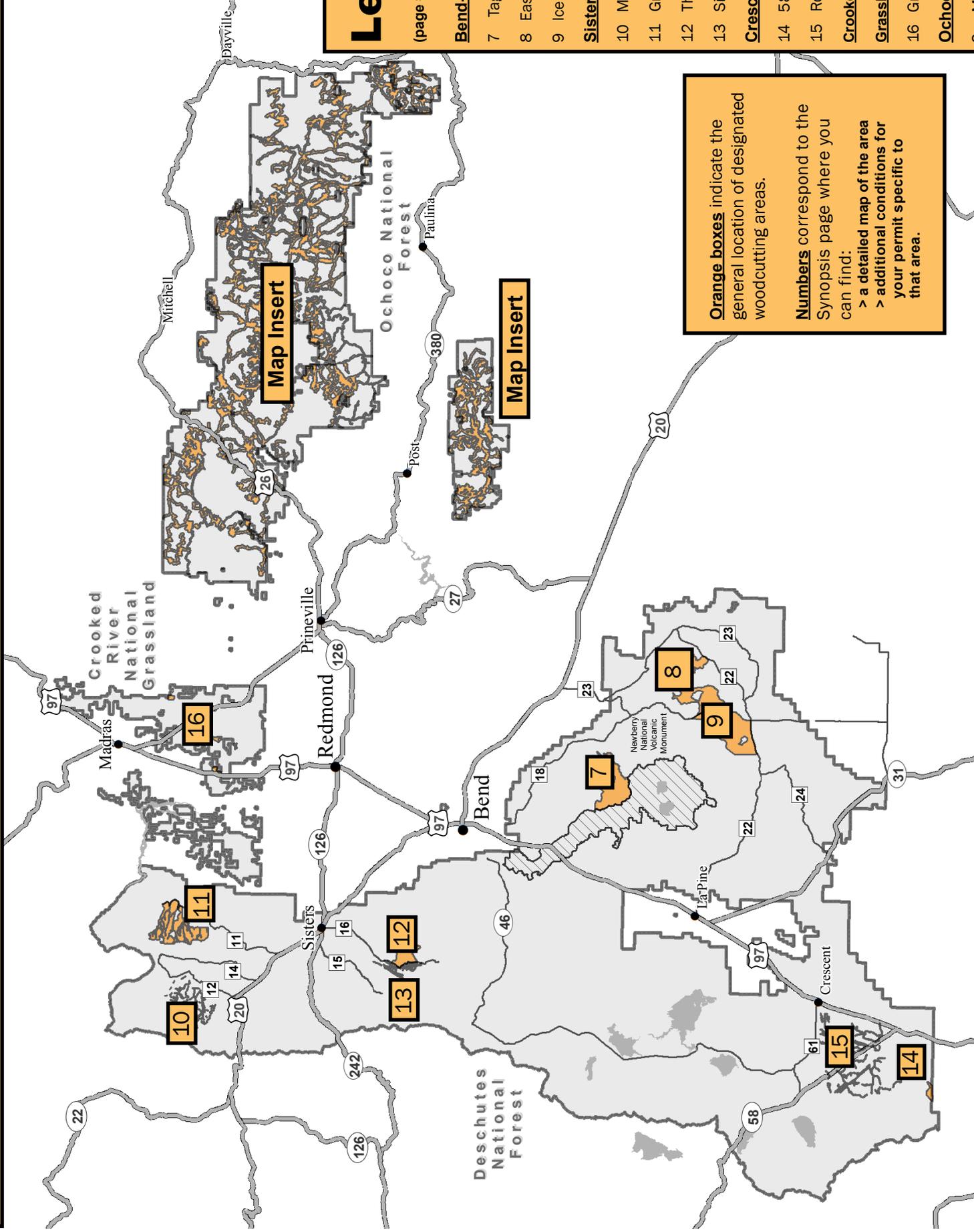
Always properly validate your load tag(s) AND fill out removal record



The **Bureau of Land Management - Prineville District** public use firewood area for western juniper is available to Central Oregon Personal Use Firewood Permit holders. The current woodcutting area is located 22 miles east of Bend/15 miles south of Prineville near the junction of Millican and Reservoir Roads. Maps of the BLM area are available at permit vendor locations (see back page) and on the BLM website: www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville Specific firewood cutting areas are subject to change.

ADDITIONAL FIREWOOD CUTTING AREAS may open after publication of the 2014 Synopsis. Contact a Ranger District office regarding the availability of new areas and to obtain a map of the new area. **The specific USDA Forest Service map noting the location of new areas is required to be in your possession when cutting or removing wood.**

2014 Central Oregon Firewood Area Vicinity Map



Legend

(page #, firewood unit)

Bend-Fort Rock RD
 7 Taghum
 8 East
 9 Ice

Sisters RD
 10 Metolius
 11 Green Ridge
 12 Three Creek
 13 Sixteen Road West

Crescent RD
 14 5840
 15 Roadside 4

Crooked River National
Grassland
 16 Grassland Units 1-4

Ochoco NF
 See Map Insert

BLM Prineville
 Not Shown. Get BLM maps at permit locations and on BLM website.

Orange boxes indicate the general location of designated woodcutting areas.

Numbers correspond to the Synopsis page where you can find:
 > a detailed map of the area
 > additional conditions for your permit specific to that area.

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Rules and Regulations

In addition to *General and Other Conditions* listed on your permit, violation of the following rules can result in fines and/or suspension of firewood cutting privileges.

1) Woodcutter must have in their possession:

- Permit. Permittee must be present.
- Synopsis with map of the area you are cutting in
- Load tags
- Fire equipment (*all 3 required*):
 - Spark arrester 0.023" or less on chain saw
 - Shovel - long handled, round point, 8" blade (size 0)
 - Fire extinguisher with a pressurized chemical of no less than 8 ounce capacity by weight.

2) A current year's load tag must be validated by completely removing the month and day that you are removing the firewood. The validated tag must be highly visible at the back of the load, and displayed prior to moving the vehicle. Previous year's tags are not valid. One tag is required for every 1/2 cord of firewood, or any portion thereof. See calendar and illustrations on page 5.

3) Fill out Product Removal Record on your signed permit.

4) Woodcutting activity is permitted only within designated firewood area boundaries as specified on woodcutting map.

5) **WOODCUTTING IS PROHIBITED** in all posted timber sales, contract areas, developed campgrounds, old growth areas, research natural areas, riparian areas, wilderness areas and all other areas posted closed to woodcutting. (Riparian areas are defined as land within 300 feet of water such as springs, streams, wet meadows, floodplains and overflow channels; or within 150 ft of these features on the Ochoco National Forest)

6) Do not cut trees (standing and/or down) marked with paint, signs, wildlife tags, blazes or with any evidence of wildlife habitation such as nests or cavities.

7) Open and close dates, species authorized for removal and other restrictions vary depending on the specific

See specific cutting area maps for opening dates.

All areas CLOSE by November 30, 2014.

designated firewood area. These restrictions are listed in the box above the individual area maps.

8) Woodcutting is authorized for dead trees only, or as specified on woodcutting maps. Some areas do not allow the cutting of standing dead trees.

9) Where cutting of standing trees is allowed, stump heights can't exceed 12 inches. Maximum length of wood allowed to be transported is 6 feet. Remove all wood down to 3 inches in diameter for less waste.

10) Protect all green trees and other vegetation during falling and removal activities. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

11) The only power equipment authorized for use are: chainsaws, winches and hydraulic splitters, unless otherwise prohibited in specific cutting areas.

12) Each household may purchase up to 8 cords of personal-use firewood annually. Cost is \$10.00 per cord; minimum purchase two cords per permit.

13) Woodcutters must comply with all road closures, seasonal road closures, and transport firewood in vehicles less than 26,000 lbs GVW.

14) Off road travel restrictions are noted on each specific cutting area map.

15) Cut and scatter limbs and tops so they lie no more than 12" from the ground. This reduces potential for wildfire. Remove all slash from roads and ditches.

16) Fire restrictions are listed on page 4 and must be followed.

Know Where You Are & Where You Are Cutting

Watch for the following signs:



Woodcutter FIRE Requirements

You must **KNOW** and **COMPLY WITH** the current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL).

Call the toll-free **24-hour recorded message line** at: **1-800-523-4737**

or Visit the Central Oregon Fire website at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire/ifpl

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVELS

Level I:

Stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts AND carry equipment listed below.

Level II:

SHUT DOWN ALL POWER EQUIPMENT AT 1:00 PM, AND STAY IN THE AREA FOR ONE HOUR after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts AND carry equipment listed below.

Level III and IV: All woodcutting activity is **PROHIBITED**.

All Precaution Levels Require:

ALL power equipment be in good repair with a screen type spark-arrester of 0.023" or less and qualified under USDA/USDI Federal standards

AND ALWAYS keep **BOTH** of the following tools with you:

- ☐ **Shovel:** Long-handled round point with an 8" blade (Size 0)
in possession of operator
- ☐ **Fire Extinguisher:** Pressurized chemical of not less than
8 ounce capacity by weight

Remember

Faulty spark arresters cause wildfires! *Maintain your saw screen and keep your saw in good working order.*

Parking on vegetation causes wildfires! *Park in cleared areas away from brush and grass.*

Careless smoking causes wildfires! *Use your ashtray.*

Wildfires are expensive! *Don't be the cause of one.*

To report a wildfire call 911 or

Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center 541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560

All Woodcutting Closes By November 30, 2014

Validate & Use Load Tags Correctly

1. Measure your load of wood to determine how many tags are necessary

ONE CORD = (4 feet) x (4 feet) x (8 feet) = 128 cubic feet
height x width x length

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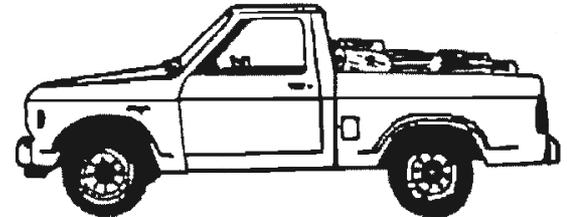
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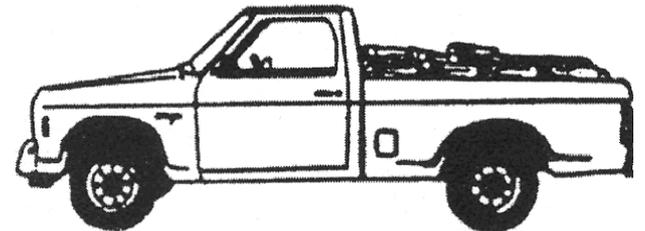
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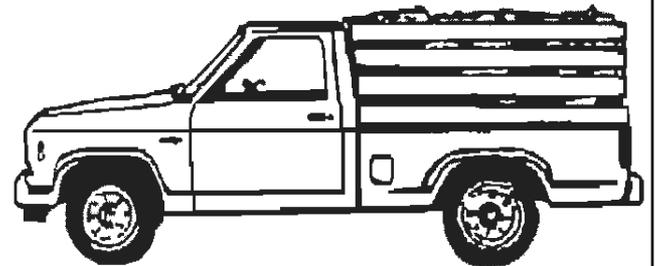
Shortbed pickup truck
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full size pickup truck
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full-size pickup with rails
1 cord = 2 tags



2. Properly validate your load tags

This permit requires you to COMPLETELY REMOVE the current day and month tabs from each load tag needed.

SECURELY ATTACH all required load tags to the back of your load in a highly visible location

ATTACH ONE CURRENT YEAR'S LOAD TAG FOR EACH 1/2 cord or portion thereof (see #2 on page 3).

FILL OUT PRODUCT REMOVAL RECORD on permit.



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Central Oregon Tree Descriptions

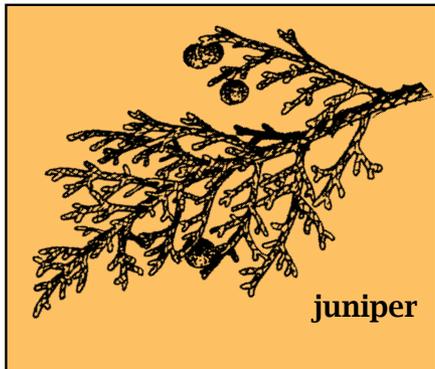
Lodgepole pine bark is thin, flaky and gray with no crevices, except near the base of the tree. Prickly, egg-shaped cones, seldom longer than 2 inches, may remain closed on the tree for years.

Ponderosa pine egg-shaped cones are 3-6 inches long and each scale is tipped with a short, straight prickle, hence the nickname "prickly ponderosa." The bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark and sheds jigsaw puzzle flakes. The bark on young trees is nearly black, while mature trees are yellow or orange in color. Bark crevices of older trees and cut branches have a pitchy smell similar to turpentine.

Lodgepole pine-two needle bundles 1-3" long, thin gray bark with no crevices.

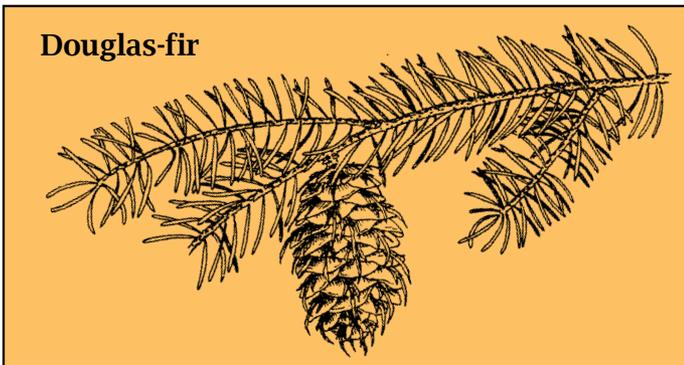
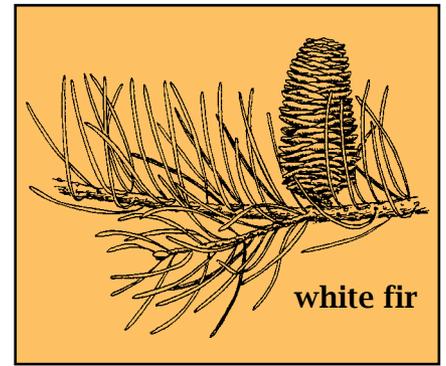


Ponderosa pine-three needle bundles 5-10" long. Bark is much thicker than lodgepole and has crevices.

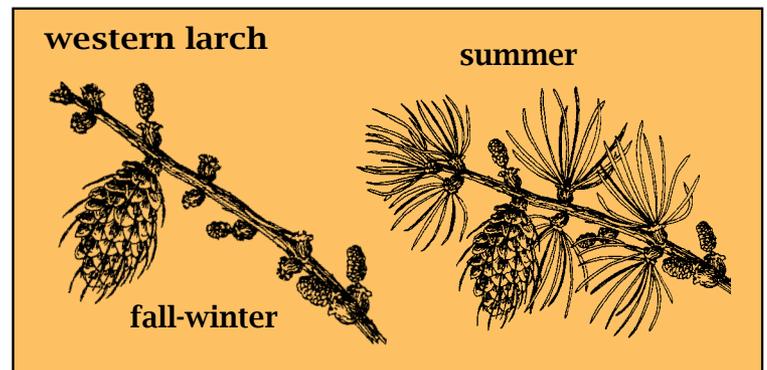
Juniper needles are tiny, scalelike and scratchy to the touch. Juniper trees have bluish-white coated berries instead of cones. The bark is thin, reddish-brown and fibrous.

White fir horizontal branches form a pointed, narrow crown. Flat, flexible needles extend in rows perpendicular to the stem. Needles are light bluish green with white lines above and are 1 to 2.5 inches long. Light gray bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark. Cones are greenish-yellow or purplish, 3-5 inches long, and cylindrical, growing upright from the topmost twigs. Cone scales have fine hairs and short concealed bracts. White fir produces a fragrant resin which rises in small blisters on the trunk.



Douglas-fir needles are 1 inch long with a blunt tip. They surround the twig like the bristles of a bottle brush and are soft to touch. Cones are 3-4 inches long. Pitchfork shaped bracts are longer than the scales and hang down. The bark has resin blisters when young and is reddish-brown with deep furrows when mature.

Western larch also called Tamarack is Oregon's only native conifer that sheds its needles after they turn yellow in the late fall or winter. Spring needles are very light green and darken over the summer. Needles cluster on stout woody pegs. Whiskery cones are small and woody, 1-2 inches long with papery bracts that are longer than the scales. Bark is reddish-orange, furrowed and flakes off in irregular shaped pieces.



Want to learn more about trees? Contact your local Ranger District.

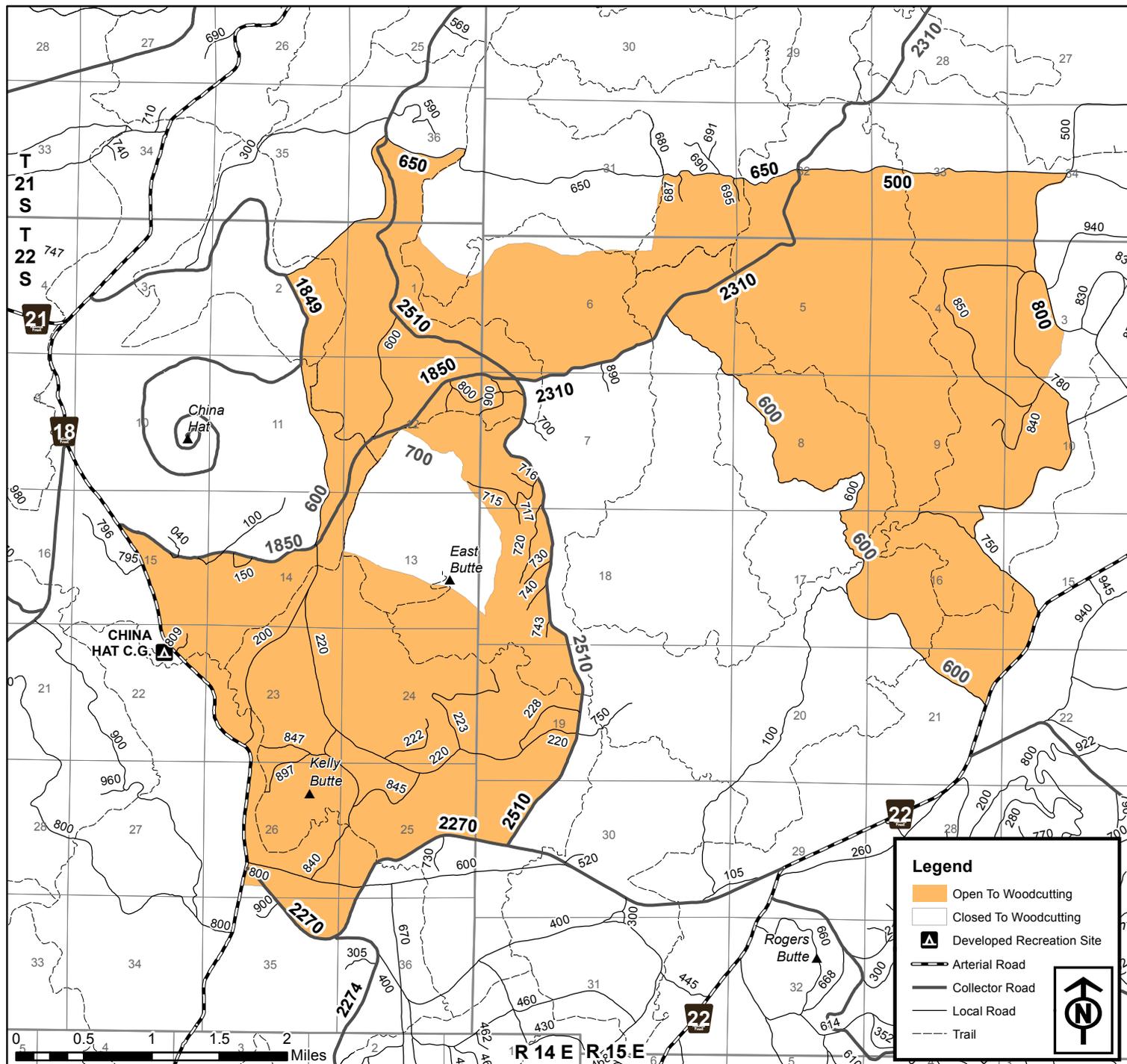
YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: Standing DEAD LODGEPOLE pine and down dead lodgepole pine.

Area Description: Wood supply IS SPARSE, especially along main roads. Remaining wood is small and on the ground.

Special Note: Use of O.H.V. trails by woodcutters is prohibited. All slash and debris must be kept off all O.H.V. trails.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may NOT be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: From Bend, travel southeast on Road 18 (China Hat Road) about 32 miles to the NW corner of the cutting area. From LaPine, travel east on Road 22 about 26 miles to Road 18. Travel north on Road 18 about 4 miles to Road 2270. This is the SW corner of the cutting area.



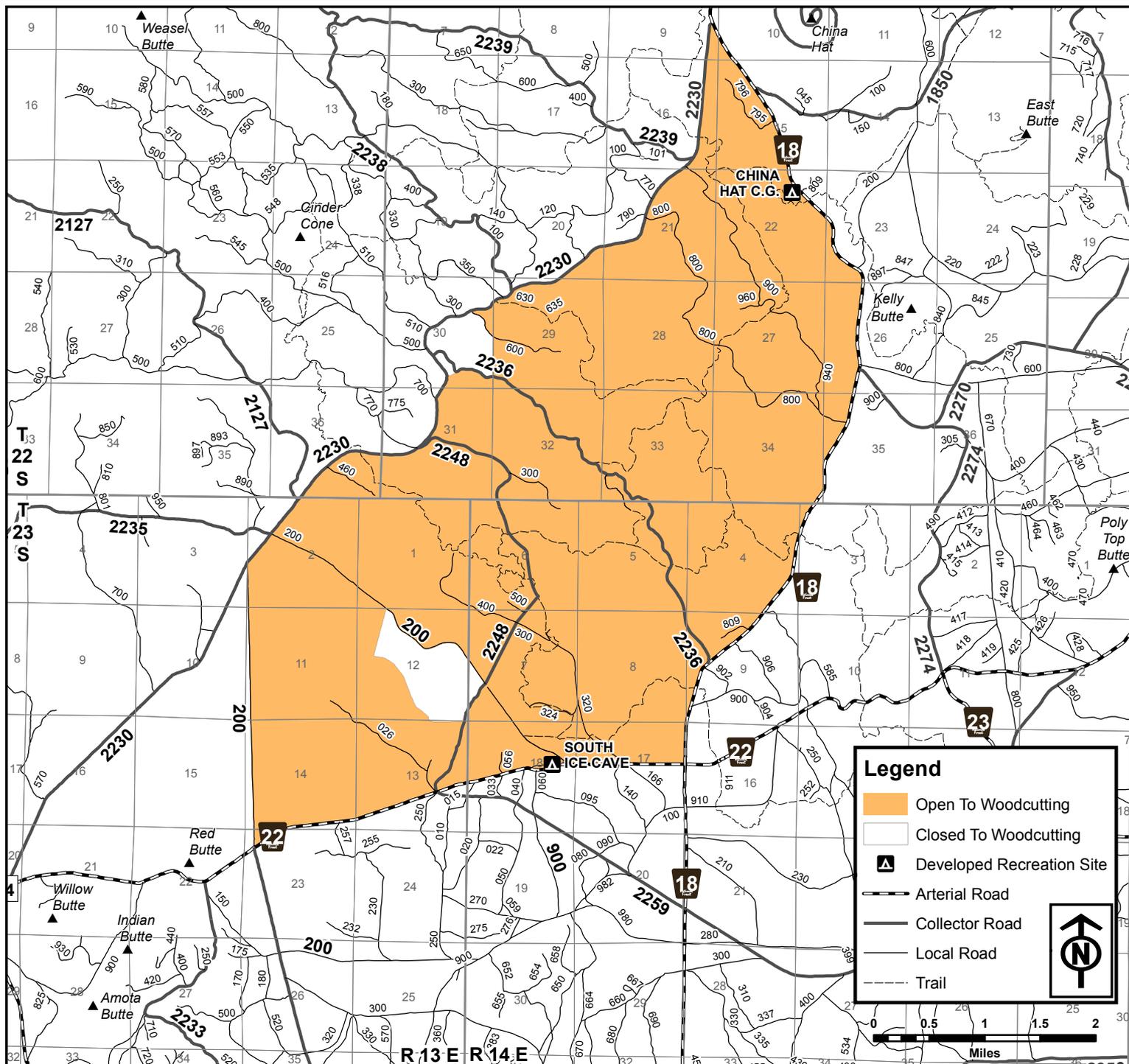
YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: Standing DEAD LODGEPOLE pine and down dead lodgepole pine.

Area Description: WOOD SUPPLY IS SPARSE, especially along main roads. Most of the remaining wood is small and on the ground.

Special Note: Use of O.H.V. trails by woodcutters is prohibited. All slash and debris must be kept off all O.H.V. trails.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may NOT be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Travel east from La Pine on Road 22 about 22 miles to Road 200, the western edge of the area.



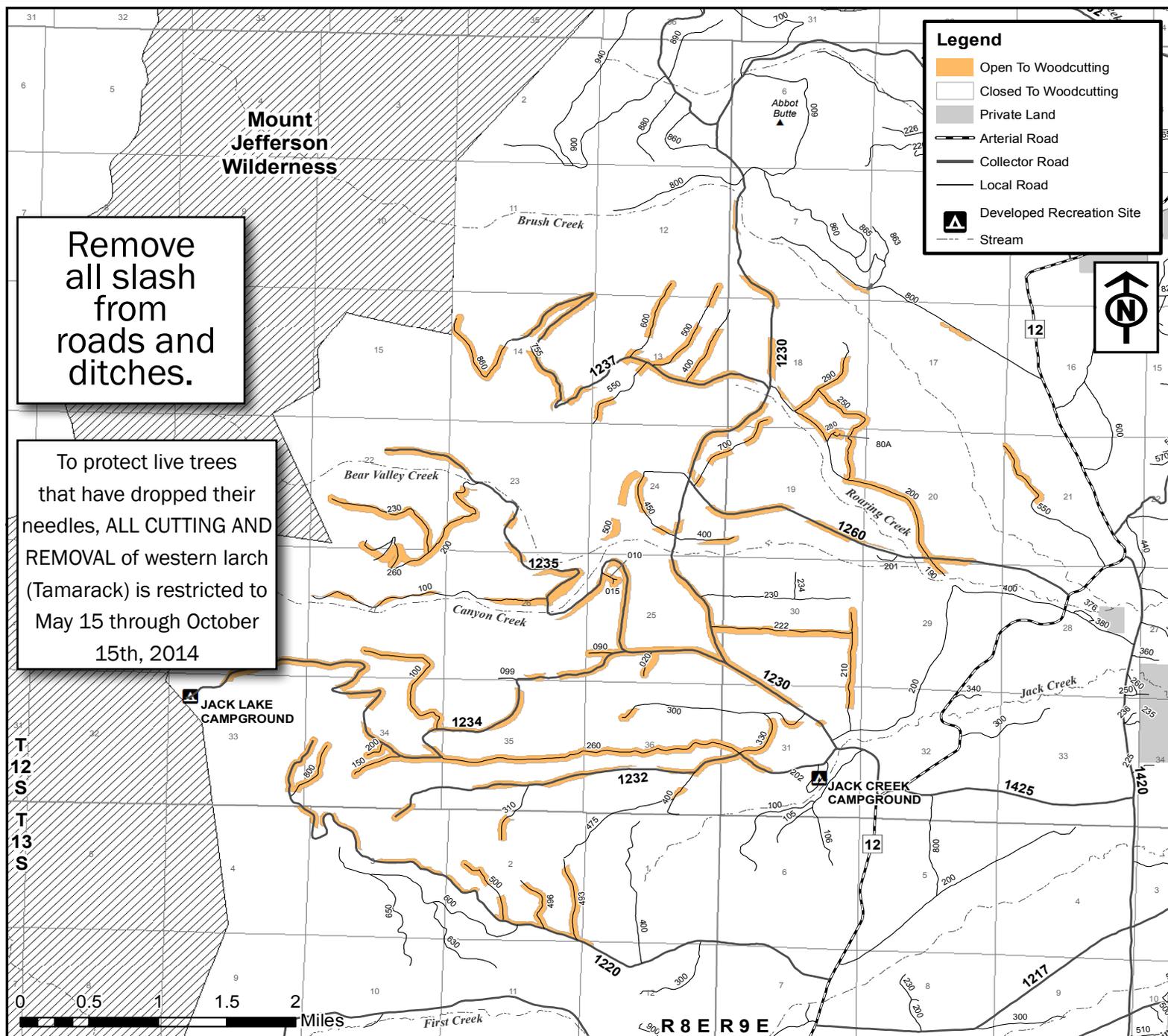
Metolius Basin

YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: All species of standing dead or down dead within 150 feet of designated roads. Cutting and removal of western larch (tamarack) is restricted to May 15 through October 15 to protect live trees that have lost their needles.

EXCEPTION: DO NOT CUT any standing Ponderosa Pine equal to or greater than 16 inches diameter, measured 4 ½ feet above ground.

Off road access is NOT allowed.

Directions: Located 17 miles NW of Sisters. From Sisters, go west on Hwy 20/126 approximately 12.4 miles. Turn right (north) on Road 12/Jack Lake Rd for approximately 2.8 miles, turn left (west) onto Road 1220 for approximately 1.7 miles to start of cutting area.



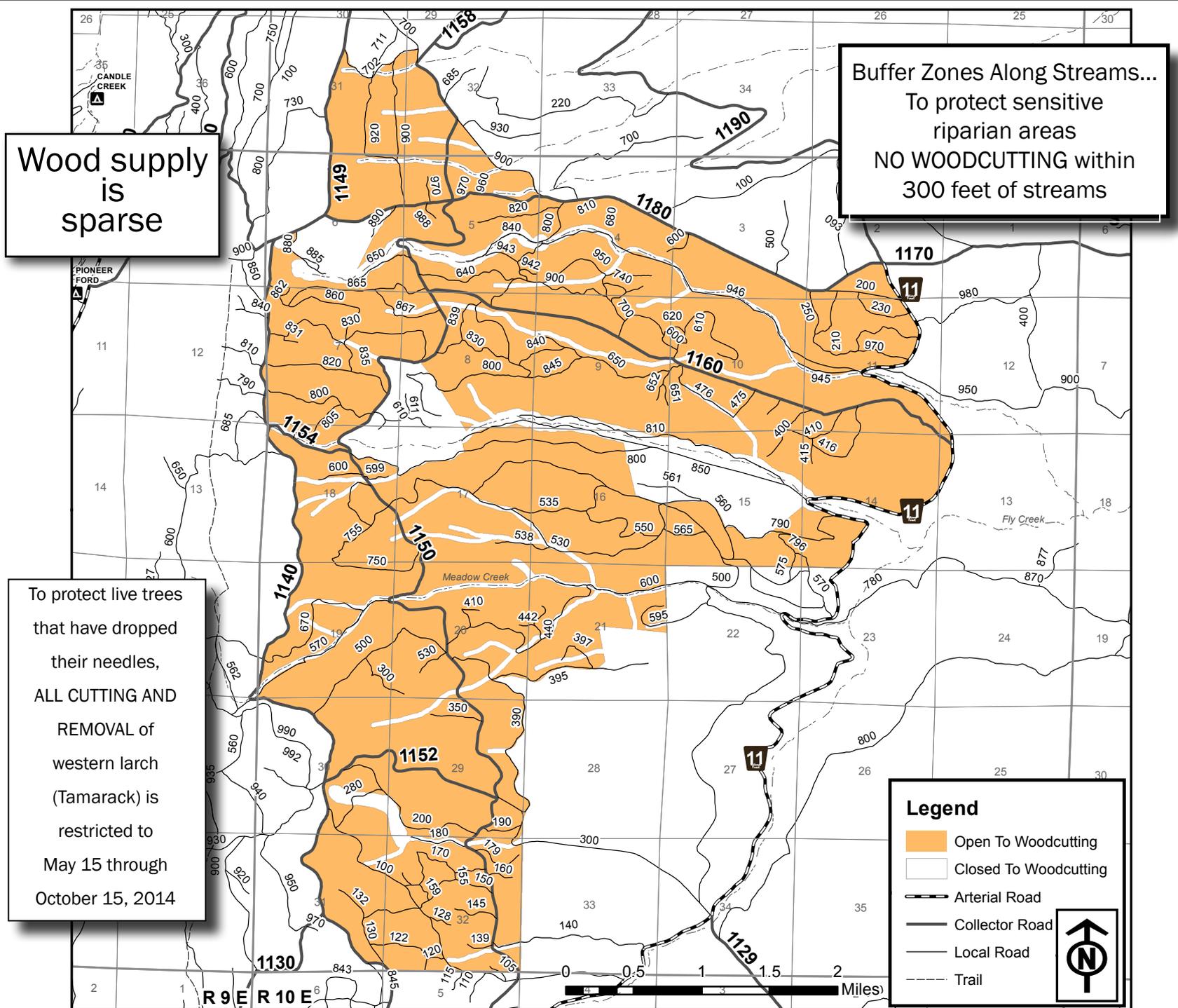
Green Ridge

YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: All species of standing dead or down dead EXCEPT ponderosa pine.

CUTTING and REMOVAL of dead DOUGLAS-FIR is allowed only for: Standing or down trees less than 22 inches diameter, measured 12 inches above the root collar; OR the down portions only of trees greater than 22 inches diameter that are down as a result of NATURAL CAUSES (windthrown with root masses, parts broken out of standing trees), NOT FELLED BY CHAIN SAW.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Located 16 miles north of Sisters. From Sisters, go NW on Hwy 20 approx. 5 miles to Road 11 at Indian Ford, then north on Road 11 approx. 10 miles to Road 1150, then 1150 north approx. 1 mile to Deschutes NF boundary and cutting area.



Three Creek

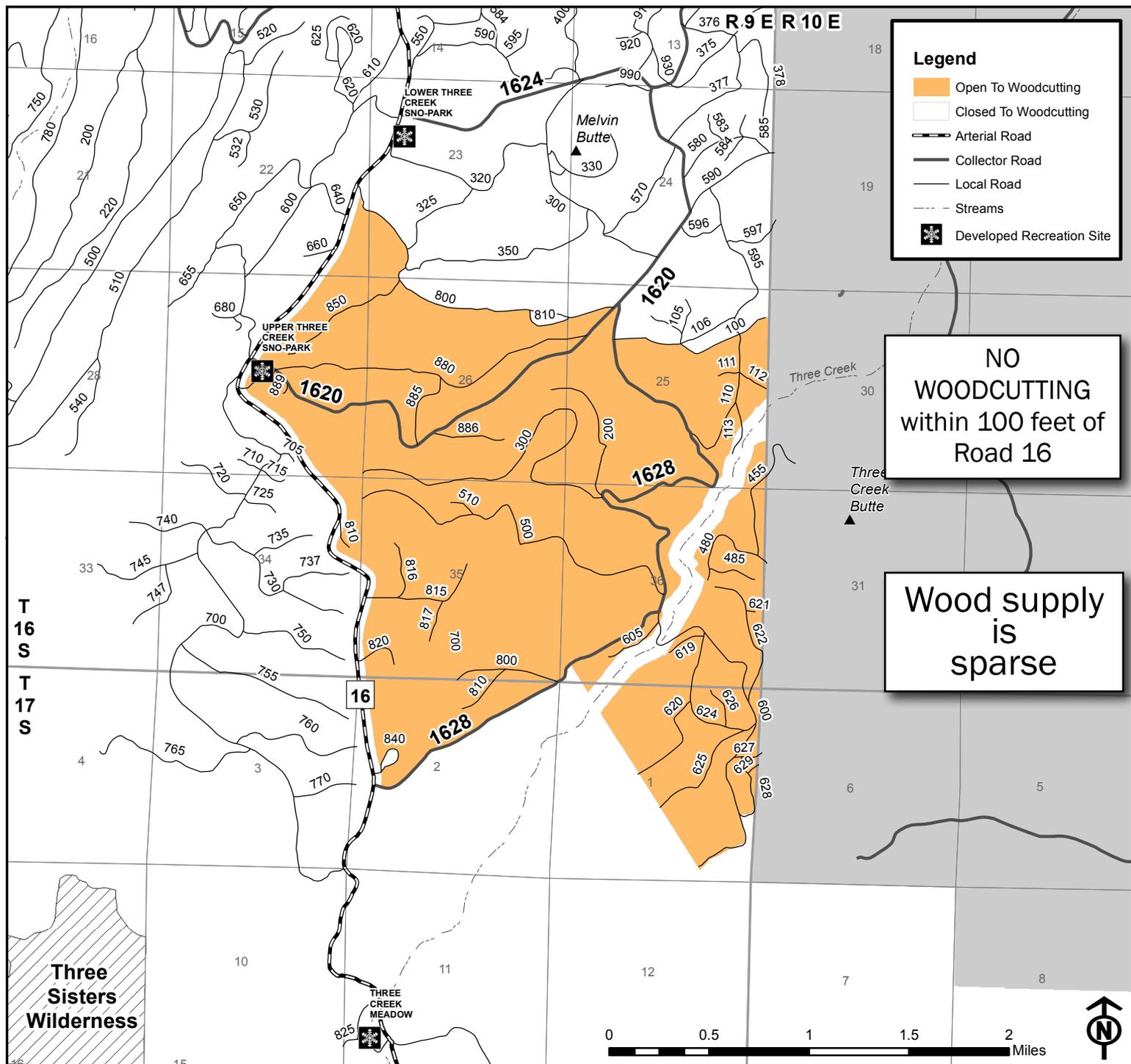
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Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

Note: Access on the 16 Road, above the Upper Three Creek Sno-Park, could be restricted early and late during the firewood cutting season due to weather and a seasonal gate closure on the 16 Road.

Directions: Located 10 miles south of Sisters on Road 16 (Elm Street becomes FS16).



16 Road West

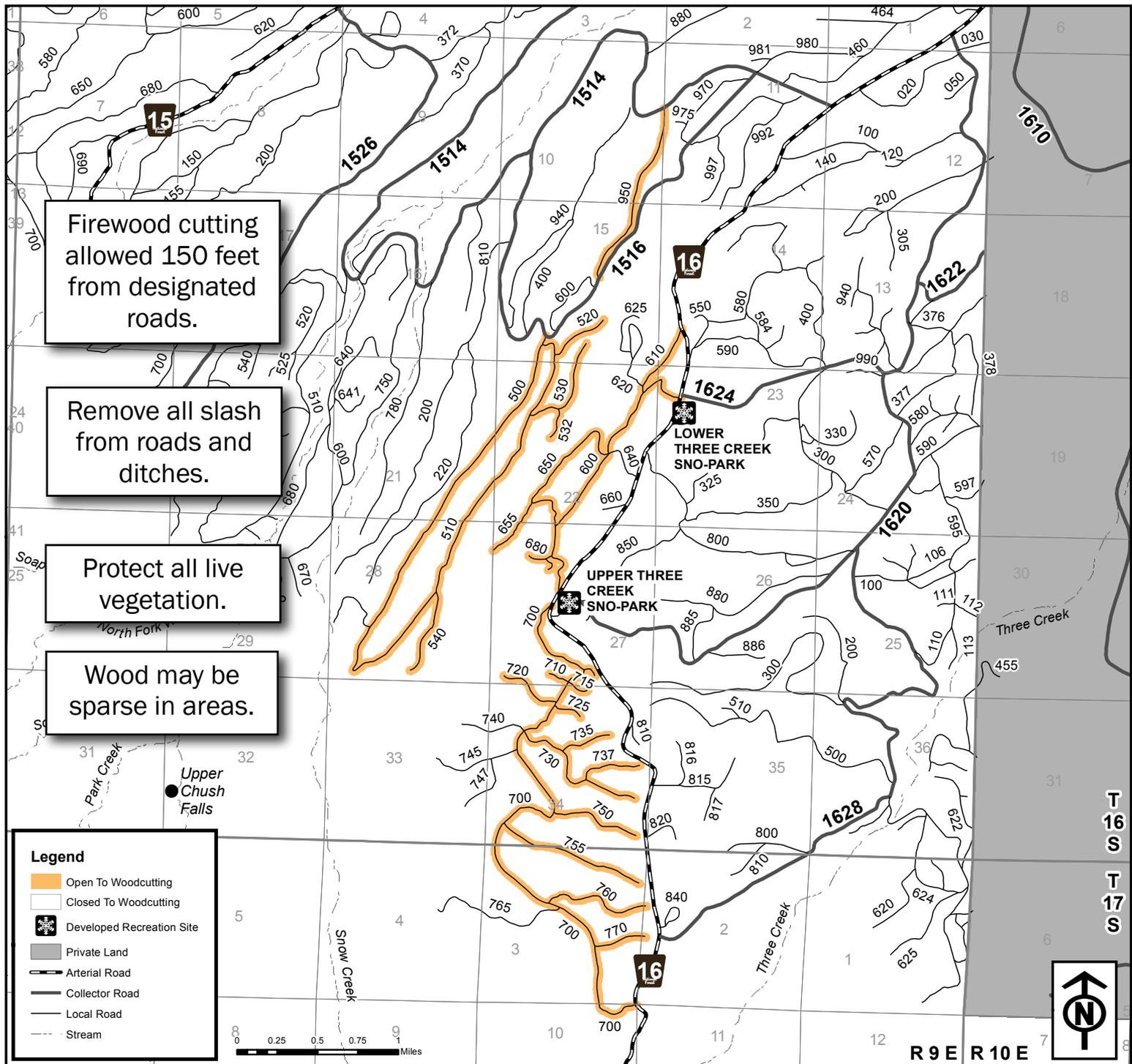
YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: All species of standing dead or down dead within 150 feet of designated roads. A standing dead tree will have no visible green needles. Trees may have been killed from fire, beetle attack, disease, mechanical or other. No firewood cutting shall occur outside of designated areas.

Restrictions: Off road access is **NOT** allowed. **No** cutting of live trees and/or vegetation shall occur in gaining access to firewood. Clear all created slash from roads.

All trees identified with "orange paint" (horizontal band) shall not be cut for firewood.

Note: Access on the 16 Road and the 1600-700 Road, above the Upper Three Creek Sno-Park, could be restricted early and late during the firewood cutting season due to weather and a seasonal gate closure on the 16 Road and the 1600-700 road.

Directions: Located approximately 10 miles south of Sisters on road 16 (Elm Street). Area is west of Forest Service Road 16.

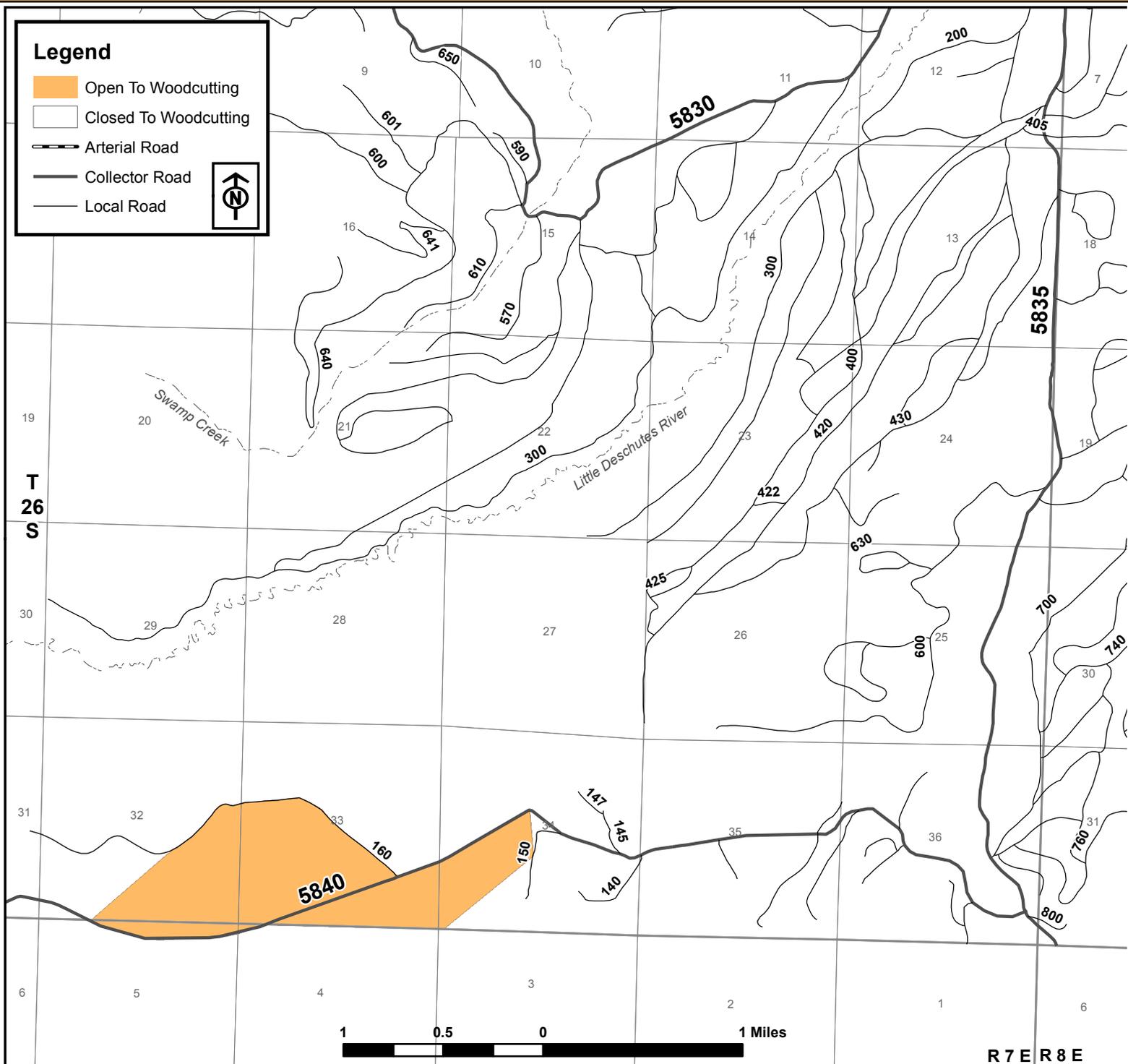


YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: DOWN dead lodgepole pine. **Felling standing trees is prohibited.**

SPECIAL NOTE: 5840 borders a firewood cutting area on the Chemult district of the Fremont Winema National Forest. You will need a separate permit to cut in that area. Most of the wood is small and scattered.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may NOT be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Travel south of Crescent on Hwy. 97 for about 15 miles to Road 9774. Head west on Road 9774 to Road 5840. West on Road 5840 to cutting area.



Grassland 1 - 4

OPENS: May 1
CLOSES: November 30

YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE: Any JUNIPER tree, live or dead, less than 22" diameter outside bark, measured 12" above the ground.

Off road access is NOT allowed.

Directions to Unit 1: Located 22 miles NW of Prineville. From Prineville, go NW on Hwy 26/Madras Hwy approximately 17 miles. Turn right (east) on Ramms Road for 1/3 mile, turn left (north) on County Road 782. Travel approximately 5 miles to SE Grizzly Road. Unit 1 is north of the County Road 782 and SE Grizzly Road intersection.

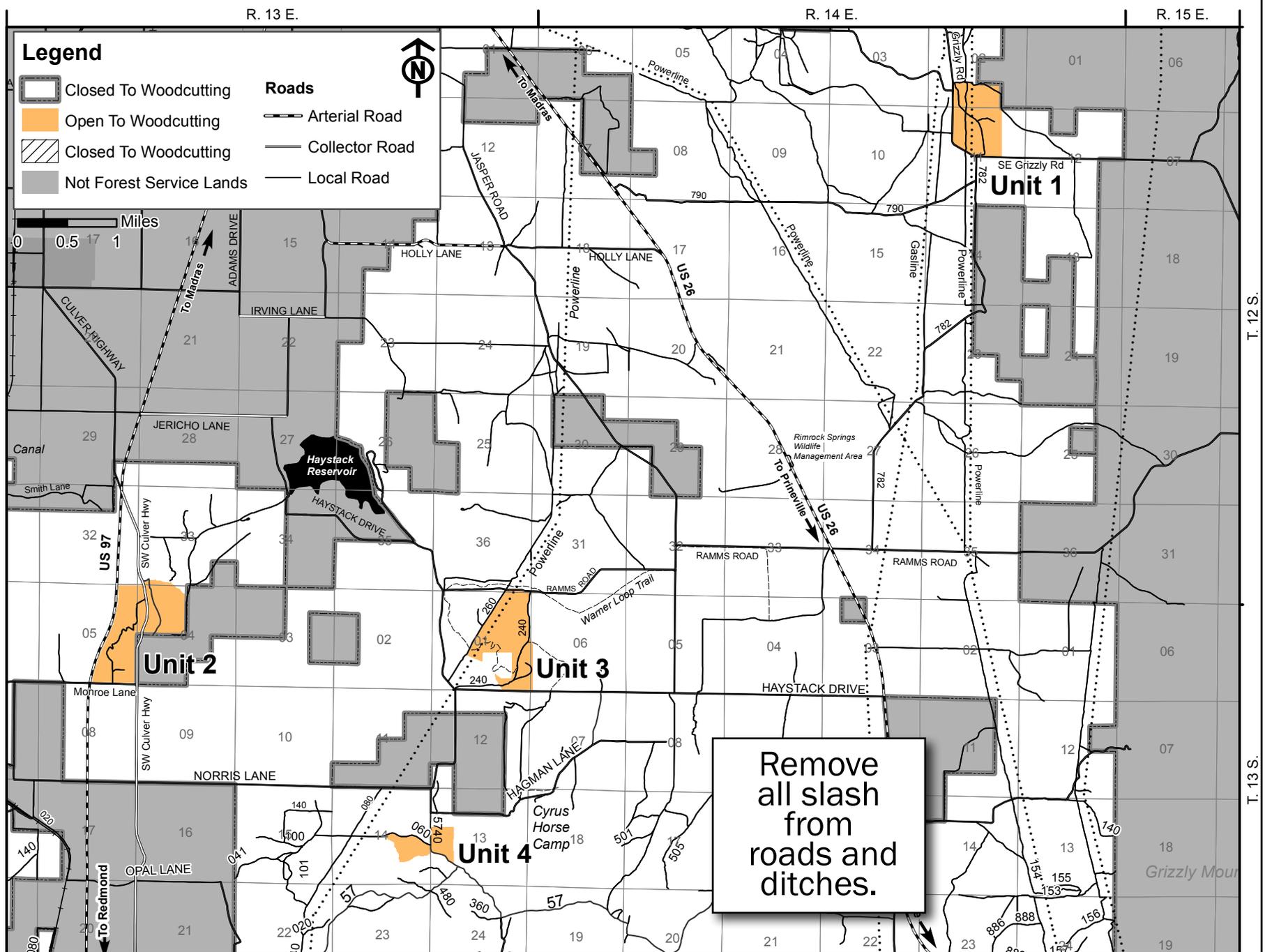
Directions to Unit 2: Located 10 miles South of Madras. From Madras, go South on Hwy 97 approximately 10 miles, turn left (east) on Monroe Lane. Unit 2 is north of Monroe Lane and east of Hwy 97.

Directions to Unit 3: From Madras, travel SE on Hwy 26 approximately 10 miles to Ramms Road and from Prineville, travel NW on Hwy 26/Madras Hwy approximately 17 miles. Turn west on Ramms Road and go approximately 3 miles to the 240 road and 260 roads (powerline).

Do not cut juniper 25 feet from the edges of the Warner Loop Trail. In May, 2014 there are horse and foot races on the Warner Loop Trail, usually Saturdays and sometimes Sundays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The trail is flagged with florescent yellow flagging.

Directions to Unit 4: From Madras, travel south on Hwy 97 approximately 11 miles to Norris Lane. Turn east on Norris Lane and go 3.5 miles to road 5740 and turn south. Travel approximately 1/2 mile south to access the unit.

If cutting near the fence line, pull slash away from the fence 10 feet.



Have an Apple (IOS) or Android device?

Try the mobile PDF Maps app available from Avenza to use geospatial information to find your exact location on these maps. The PDF Maps app can read thousands of professionally made maps available through the Avenza map store. Spatially referenced PDFs allow you to view your location, record GPS movements, save locations and find specific places.

For more information, please visit Avenza's website at <http://www.avenza/pdf-maps.com>.

To download the maps in this Synopsis, please visit Avenza's website at <http://www.pdf-maps/get-maps>. Search this website using the primary location of the firewood cutting area you are interested in, for example "Deschutes National Forest", or "Ochoco National Forest" or "Crooked River National Grassland". Once the primary location is found then look for the name of the firewood cutting area you want to download under the heading of the primary location.

DISCLAIMER: Electronic maps on the Avenza website are provided for your convenience only; they do not replace the actual maps in the 2014 Central Oregon Personal Use Firewood Synopsis. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of your firewood cutting permit, it is required for you to have a copy of the firewood permit and firewood synopsis in your possession while cutting or removing firewood.

Firewood Cutting Season:

The firewood cutting season is limited to May through November. This seasonal restriction is in place to protect roads that are more likely to be saturated with water during the period of December through April and to protect soils that could be damaged due to high soil moistures.

NOTES

Woodcutting Permits are available at the following locations:

Deschutes National Forest
Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District
Deschutes NF Supervisor's Office
 63095 Deschutes Market Rd.
 Bend, OR 97701
 (541) 383-5300 or 383-4000

Ochoco National Forest
Lookout Mt. Ranger District
Paulina Ranger District
 3160 NE 3rd St.
 Prineville, OR 97754
 (541) 416-6500

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 Prineville District
 3050 NE 3rd St.
 Prineville, OR 97754
 (541) 416-6700

Crooked River National Grassland
 274 SW 4th St
 Madras, OR 97741
 (541) 475-9272

Bend
 Bend Bi-Mart (541) 389-5505
 Butler Market South (541) 383-0146
 C.E. Lovejoy's
 Brookwood Market (541) 388-1188

Crescent/La Pine
 Crescent Ranger Dist. (541) 433-3200
 Corner Store (541) 536-0700
 Quick Stop (541) 536-2553
 La Pine Bi-Mart (541) 536-9600

Prineville/Madras/Paulina
 Prineville R&R Grocery (541)447-7231
 Prineville Bi-Mart (541) 447-0391
 Madras Bi-Mart (541) 475-1394
 Kurt's Country Store
 & Tavern (Paulina) (541) 477-3311

Redmond/Terrebonne
 Redmond Air Center (541) 504-7200
 Redmond Big R (541) 548-4095
 Redmond Bi-Mart (541) 923-7220
 Terrebonne Hardware (541) 548-8707

Sisters
 Sisters Ranger District (541) 549-7700
 Lutton's Ace Hardware (541) 549-8011
 Sisters Bi-Mart (541) 719-2000
 Sisters Rental (541) 549-9631
 Mainline Station (541) 549-5400

Sunriver
 Base Camp Grill (541) 598-8868
 Hammer Time
 Home Center (541) 593-8168

Useful Websites:

Deschutes National Forest
Ochoco National Forest
Crooked River National Grassland
www.fs.usda.gov/centraloregon

Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville

NOXIOUS WEEDS devour 4,600 acres of public land doing millions of dollars worth of damage in the west each year.
Also known as exotics and invasive plants, noxious weeds:

- REDUCE** forage diversity and quality for wildlife and livestock
- REDUCE** nesting for animals
- CHOKe OUT** native plant life
- CAN INCREASE** wildfire frequency

YOU Can Help By...

- Washing your vehicle** prior to entering Public Lands - especially the tires, undercarriage, muffler, etc to remove any noxious weed seeds that you may have picked up along roadways.
- Properly disposing of garden waste.** (no dumping on Public Lands!).
- Be aware and don't transport** loose soil and plant parts.

Prevent the spread of NOXIOUS WEEDS



Toadflax

Toadflax is a highly competitive perennial with yellow flowers similar to snapdragons.



Spotted knapweed

Spotted Knapweed is a deep rooted perennial. Purple to pink flowers bloom June - October.

Toadflax and Spotted Knapweed are just two of many noxious weeds threatening healthy plant communities in Central Oregon. For an extensive weed list and additional information go to:

www.deschutes.org/weeds

With the help of many volunteers, public land managers organize weed pulls, clip seed heads, put biocontrol agents (natural insect enemies) onto weed populations, arrange for herbicide spraying on certain sites, and participate in local weed boards and partnerships.

Need more information or want to join the battle against noxious weeds?

Contact the Invasive Plant Program Manager for the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests:
 541-416-6500



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