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Sandia Ranger District postpones personal woodcutting permit season

Tijeras, NM. May 12, 2014. Sandia District Ranger Cid Morgan announced that they are postponing the start of the personal woodcutting permit season. “We had planned on opening up an area for firewood permits, but due to the continued drought and fire restrictions, I felt it was best to delay the season until conditions improve,” Morgan said.

The Sandia Ranger District is in Stage I fire restrictions. However, if the drought continues, the district may soon move into Stage II fire restrictions. “Stage II restrictions bans the use of chainsaws during the day, which would make it difficult for most people to cut wood,” Morgan said.

The woodcutting season will begin when there is enough precipitation to decrease the likelihood of human-caused wildfires. The district will issue a media release and post information on the web to announce the beginning of the season.

The current fire restrictions and information about woodcutting permits can be found on the Cibola’s web: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>

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