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## Inyo National Forest Announces Continuation of Special Fuelwood Sale for Whitney Portal

The Mount Whitney Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is planning to continue a special personal use fuelwood sale in the Whitney Portal area this season. A limited number of participants for this fuelwood event will be selected by lottery since there is a very limited amount of wood, approximately 10 cords, available.

Whitney Portal is normally closed to fuelwood gathering for personal use. One specific area within the drainage will be opened for fuelwood because of bug kill trees. A lottery will be used to determine who will be allowed to gather wood. Lottery entries will be accepted during the period August 25, 2014 through August 29, 2014.

Individuals may submit one lottery entry per person. Entries can be submitted in person or by phone at the Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine at (760) 876-6222. Lottery entrants must provide their name, address, and contact information. The first selections will occur on September 2, 2014.

Individuals will be randomly selected from the current pool of entries when wood becomes available. Selectees will be notified via the personal contact information they provide and will be given a map of the specific locations where fuelwood can be gathered. Wood gathering will start September 4, 2014 and will end October 31, 2014, or sooner, if the wood runs out.

Selected entrants will only be allowed to collect fuelwood on set days and must possess a valid personal use fuelwood permit along with identification. Participants may gather a maximum of two cords of wood; though the maximum amount is not guaranteed. Participants may gather down wood only. No falling of snags or trees will be permitted.

For questions or additional information, you may contact the project leader, Rick Napoles, by phone at 760-876-6205.

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