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Parks Ranger District Offers Free Firewood Permits

(WALDEN, Colo.) September 8, 2014 – Beginning today, the Parks Ranger District in Walden will be issuing personal free-use firewood permits. This program allows the public to gather firewood at specific sites on the Parks Ranger District where beetle-killed and other hazard trees have been cut and stacked.

Participation in the program does require a firewood permit and load tags.

Currently, Big Creek Lakes Campground, Forest Road 615, and the Jack Creek area are the only sites on the Parks Ranger District that have free-use firewood available. Maps and directions to the free-use firewood areas will be provided with the issued permits.

The free-use permits are available through Dec. 31, 2014 or until supplies are exhausted. Users can obtain permits for up to 10 cords per household. These specific free-use permits can be obtained only through the Parks Ranger District.

Typically, all Routt National Forest Districts, including Parks, sell firewood permits at \$10 per cord, with a minimum two-cord purchase (\$20) per transaction.

Public gathering of the wood helps to remove excessive amounts of dead trees from multiple sites and reduces public safety hazards. Firewood gatherers need to respect the rights of other forest users by not blocking roads, adhering to recreation area quiet times, and not gathering wood within an occupied campsite.

Parks Ranger District visitors are encouraged to call the District Office at (970) 723-2700 with questions or visit the District Office at 100 Main St. in Walden between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Information about the Parks Ranger District may also be found on this website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG).

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