

## **BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST**

### **POST/POLE &**

### **TEEPEE POLE GUIDE**



(4. cont.) products. Some common named areas closed to cutting and/or removal of products are: **1.** Portions of the Hunter Area (where the Lost Fire is located, contact the Powder River Ranger District for open areas); **2.** Woodrock Stewardship near Woodrock Guard Station, near the splash dam, and near Tie Flume Campground; **3.** SW Teepee Timber Sale via road #434; **4.** Dullknife Stewardship near Hazelton Rd; **5.** Canyon Creek Timber Sale on road #25; **6.** Paradise Fuels Unit on road #19; and **7.** Foot Creek Fuels Unit on Road #368.

5. Cut all stumps to less than 12 inches in height.
6. Cut all branches so as to lay within a maximum height of 18 inches off the ground.
7. Do not leave limbs or other excess material from cutting on roads, road cut and fill slopes, or in ditches. Scatter the unused vegetation on the surrounding landscape.

#### **LIVE POST/POLE/TEEPEE POLE CUTTING AND REMOVAL**

Live post and pole and teepee pole cutting is limited to specific areas on the Bighorn National Forest. Only **LIVE** trees less than 7" in diameter when measured 12" from the ground may be removed. Your tag is 7" wide. A map of open areas **must** be attached to your permit, **no** cutting of live trees is permitted outside of those mapped areas. A permit **IS** required for cutting a set of teepee poles for family ceremonial use. One FS-2400-8 permit and one tag will be issued per family upon request and at no charge. Maps will be provided with your permit.

#### **WHERE CAN YOU DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE /ATV TO OBTAIN PRODUCTS?**

- You may drive a vehicle, ATV or other piece of equipment **up to** 300 feet directly off of an existing open road system available for travel, provided no resource damage occurs as a result.
- ATVs, motorcycles, and chainsaws must be equipped with an exhaust system in good repair and an approved spark arrestor. An owner's manual or vehicle dealer should have information on proper spark arresting devices.

**The price per tag as of this printing is \$9.00. The minimum purchase is \$27.00 (three tags) for both dead and live products. This price is subject to change during the year, based on the market index.**

**Disclaimer:** If conflicts arise between information provided here and the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs, the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs prevail.

Many areas on the Bighorn National Forest have restrictions concerning off-road vehicle travel. Check the Bighorn National Forest Recreation Map, the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), or one of the District offices listed below for information on areas with travel restrictions or additional information about our Forest Product Programs.

**Powder River Ranger District**  
1415 Fort Street  
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834  
8 a.m to 4:30 p.m.  
307-684-7806

**Medicine Wheel-Paintrock  
Ranger District**  
604 E. Main  
Lovell, WY 82431  
307-548-6541 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Tongue Ranger District**  
2013 Eastside 2nd Street  
Sheridan, WY 82801  
307-674-2600 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mail-in forms can be found at:  
[www.fs.usda.gov/main/bighorn/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bighorn/home)  
Passes & Permits  
Forest Products

Completed forms must be mailed to one of the District offices at the addresses above.

**Federal offices are open Monday through Friday and closed on Federal Holidays**

## INFORMATION AND SOME GENERAL CONDITIONS COMMON TO DEAD AND LIVE PRODUCTS

Permits issued for the Bighorn National Forest are valid only on the Bighorn National Forest, not on any other Federal, State, County, or Private Lands. ALL conditions for cutting and removing post/poles/teepee poles are listed on the FS-2400-1 or FS-2400-8 permit. You must sign the Permit and the Load Tickets (tags) with your full signature before leaving the issuing office, or upon receipt of mailed permits. Your signature on the permit and tags indicates you understand that it is your responsibility to know and follow all permit requirements stated on the face and reverse of the permit, and that you agree to abide by them. Please understand, we **cannot** give refunds for any reason. A minimum of 3 tags is required at **each** purchase, with the exception of the family ceremonial teepee pole permit which is issued with a single tag and no required purchase.

- Each tag represents a maximum quantity of 20 posts, poles, or teepee poles.
- A minimum of one tag per 20 product pieces or portion thereof is required when transporting. Examples:
  - Cutting or Hauling 1 piece requires 1 tag.
  - Cutting or Hauling 20 pieces requires 1 tag.
  - Cutting or Hauling 21 pieces requires 2 tags.
- The **maximum** number of post and pole tags that can be purchased per adult (18 years or older) per calendar year is 20 tags which is 400 product pieces.
- All power saws must be equipped with an exhaust system in good repair with a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrestor. An owner's manual or chainsaw dealer should have information on proper spark arresting devices.
- The 2400-1 or 2400-8 permit you signed, and the signed tags, must be in your possession while cutting.
- The tags must be validated and attached to the rear of the vehicle and be clearly visible as approached from the back of the vehicle prior to transporting the product. Validation requires tearing the month and day of removal off of the tag before hauling.

- You are **not** authorized to cut individual trees over the total products permitted by the number of unused tags you have in your possession at the cutting site.
- The permit and tags are not transferable **unless** you have signed a Bighorn Optional Form 0202-2460-1a **and** it is attached to your permit. Otherwise, you **must** be present at the cutting site when cutting and loading is being done by someone else. (Forms available online for mail-in.)
- There is no maximum length per piece but there is a maximum diameter of less than 7 inches on the large end of each piece. Your tags are 7" wide.
- The permit expiration date for DEAD products is midnight December 31 of the year issued.
- The permit expiration date for LIVE product permits is midnight September 30 of the year issued.
- The permit expiration date for Free Use Teepee Pole (family ceremonial use) permits is midnight August 31 of the year issued.

## SOME SPECIFIC FOREST-WIDE DEAD POST/POLE CUTTING/REMOVAL CONDITIONS

1. Standing dead or down trees may be removed under the Dead Post & Pole Permit. Standing dead conifer will have no needles left, or **all** of the needles will be brown or red. A "down" tree will be broken off the trunk and lying on the ground, have roots showing if laid over, or roots sprung from the ground if leaning. Hardwood trees, such as aspen, may be cut and removed under the same conditions. Remember, from mid-fall through late spring hardwood trees do not have leaves, so be careful not to cut a live hardwood.
2. Only **DEAD** trees **less than 7 inches** in diameter when measured 12 inches from the ground may be removed. As a guide, the width of the tag is 7 inches.
3. Do not cut trees marked with signs or paint of any color.
4. Cutting is not permitted in the **Cloud Peak Wilderness**, all active timber sales, research natural areas, administrative sites (including recreation residences, campgrounds, picnic areas, recreation sites, resort areas, or any area signed as closed to cutting forest (cont.)