

Other Conditions (continued)
Attachment 1
PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD PERMIT

2. Permit becomes effective on April 1st.
3. Permit is valid for gathering conifer softwood, hardwood or combination thereof, regardless of species shown on face of permit. Permit does not authorize the permit holder to access roads that have been closed due to weather and/or risk of resource damage. Permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the permittee's vehicle.
4. Product Removal Record must be completed each day in ink by Permittee before leaving permit area. Date entry must be completed before harvesting begins and amount must be completed before transporting more than 500 feet from where wood is loaded. Firewood may not be transported in lengths exceeding 10 feet.
5. Cutting and loading of firewood is permitted only during daylight hours.
6. Firewood material must be dead (without green leaves or needles).
7. **Standing dead oak trees may NOT be cut on the Hume Lake Ranger District.**
8. Standing dead conifer trees (snags, with no green showing in crown), can be cut between JUNE 1 and OCTOBER 15 on the Hume Lake Ranger District,
 - Provided they are no larger than 15 inches in diameter (circumference of 47 in.) at ground level.
 - Leave a stump height of less than 12 inches from the ground on the high side of the tree.
 - Cutting permitted only within 150 feet of road edge.
9. Standing dead trees (snags, with no green showing in crown), can be cut between JUNE 1 and OCTOBER 15 on the Western Divide and Kern River Ranger Districts,
 - Provided they are no larger than 15 inches in diameter (circumference of 47 in.) at ground level.
 - Leave a stump height of less than 12 inches from the ground on the high side of the tree.
 - Cutting permitted only within 150 feet of road edge.
10. The cutting or removal of giant sequoia wood is prohibited. Firewood permits are not valid for the removal of manzanita species.
11. Permit is not valid in campgrounds, giant sequoia groves, or areas posted closed to woodcutting unless authorized by the District Ranger in writing.
12. Remove branches, bark and other debris caused by your operation from roads, ditches, culverts, and stream courses.
13. Cut up and scatter all limbs so that none are higher than 18 inches above the ground.
14. Troughs cut into the ground and berms along the road, caused by the winching or dragging of logs and firewood to the road, shall be filled in and smoothed out.

15. Do not cut trees that are marked with paint or wildlife tree tags.
16. **Driving off the road, beyond the area reasonably required for safe parking is prohibited.** You are permitted to pull your vehicle completely off the edge of the road for safe parking.
17. If you choose to operate a chainsaw, you must have:
 - *A chainsaw with the original equipment from the manufacturer with no modifications to the spark arrester. (Spark arrester/exhaust systems have been tested and approved at the Forest Service – San Dimas Technology Development Center.)*
 - An approved fire extinguisher (PRC 4431), or a serviceable, round point shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches, within 25 feet of your operating chain saw.
18. **Chain saw operations may be restricted because of high fire danger.** Permittee is responsible for checking on the fire danger and the use of chainsaws **DAILY** prior to use. To determine if chainsaws may be used in a specific area on a given day, contact the local District Office for the area in which you will be cutting firewood, or listen to local radio broadcasts (see page 3).

During Fire Restrictions operation of chainsaws are subject to the following conditions:

A. When the predicted fire danger rating within any fire danger rating area reaches "**HIGH**," chainsaw operation will be **PROHIBITED AFTER 1:00 P.M.** in that area.

B. When fire danger rating is "**VERY HIGH**" OR "**EXTREME**," chainsaw operation will be **PROHIBITED ALL DAY.**

19. Noncompliance with permit conditions may result in permit termination and/or issuance of a violation notice. This permit must be surrendered, upon request to a Forest Officer. Collecting, taking, possessing or transporting any part of a tree or plant without a valid permit is in violation of 36 CFR 261.6 (a), (e), (h) or 261.10 (k). Violators could have wood confiscated and possibly chainsaw impounded until court hearings for gross violation of permit conditions. This violation carries a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine.
20. The **maximum number of cords of firewood that can be purchased per household, per year, is 12 cords** on the Sequoia National Forest, under the Personal Use Permit program. Purchaser must be 18 years of age or older. **Minimum purchase on a permit is \$20.00**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The purchase of this firewood permit does not guarantee that you will find the type and amount of wood desired.
- Vehicle exhaust can start a fire when it comes in contact with dry vegetation. Do not park over dry vegetation.
- It is recommended that permit holders do not smoke while cutting or gathering wood. We recommend that you smoke only in cleared areas (3 foot circle cleared to mineral soil). Be sure cigarettes are dead out before leaving the smoking area. During seasonal fire restrictions, smoking will be restricted to inside vehicles, buildings, or developed recreation sites.

- Firewood is commonly measured in cords. A standard cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long or 128 cubic feet.
- The average 1/2 ton truck can carry 1/2 cord dry wood stacked 2 feet high. (*See table below for estimated cord wood volume.*)

APPROXIMATE CONVERSION TABLE

Estimates of truck bed capacities					
Bed Size in feet	Stack height				
	1 ft	2 ft	3 ft	4 ft	5 ft
6 x 4.5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord
6 x 5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord
6 x 5.5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord
6.5 x 5.5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.50 cord
7 x 4.5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord
7 x 5	.25 cord	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord
8 x 5	.25 cord	.50 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord	1.50 cord
8 x 5.5	.25 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.25 cord	1.75 cord
8 x 6	.25 cord	.75 cord	1.0 cord	1.50 cord	1.75 cord
8.5 x 6	.50 cord	.75 cord	1.25 cord	1.50 cord	2.0 cord
9 x 7	.50 cord	1.0 cord	1.50 cord	2.0 cord	2.5 cord
10 x 8	.50 cord	1.25 cord	1.75 cord	2.5 cord	3.0 cord
12 x 8	.75 cord	1.50 cord	2.25 cord	3.0 cord	3.75 cord

If your bed size is not in the above table, multiply the length (ft) times the width (ft) times the height (ft) and divide this by 128 cubic feet. Round this amount to the nearest 1/4 cord and enter on your permit as required.

Fire danger information and woodcutting restrictions are faxed to the following:

- BLM Office** (Bureau of Land Mgmt) (Bakersfield) - 1-661-391-6000
- KFRE** (AM) 94 (Fresno)
- KMJ** (FM) 107.1 (Fresno)
- KNZR** (AM) 1560 kHz (Bakersfield)
- KCNQ** (FM) 102.5 mHZ Every day at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:00 am, and noon. (Lake Isabella)
- KLOA** (FM) 104.9 mHZ Everyday at 8:00 am. (Ridgecrest)

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