Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Personal Use 2016 Fuelwood/Forest Product Conditions

All parts of this permit (maps, these terms and conditions, attachments, and the permit) are required to be in permittee's possession when gathering and transporting fuelwood upon any public lands or highway.

Within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest there is a considerable amount of privately owned land. This permit does not authorize the cutting or removal of wood from private property. It is the permittee's responsibility to determine the ownership of the land before cutting. If you have any doubts, or questions, please contact the nearest Ranger District Office or Forest Officer.

Violations pertaining to the Terms and Conditions of any Forest Product Permit, Resource Damage, or Damage to Government Property shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months and/or your forest products seized. An additional restitution for Resource Damage may also be imposed.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THIS PERMIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. **Annual Personal Use Limit:** A household is LIMITED to no more than eight cords during the permit year. The basic fee is $6.25 per cord; the minimum permit charge is $25.00 for a four-cord permit.

B. **Cutting/Gathering Conditions:** This permit authorizes cutting and removal of firewood only from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest as follows:

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- This permit authorizes the felling and removal of standing dead and down trees as shown on the attached Ranger District Maps and Handouts.
- Firewood cutting is not allowed on the Ranger District before or after the date listed.
    - **DUBOIS RANGER DISTRICT – Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **ASHTON-ISLAND PARK RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **TETON BASIN RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **PALISADES RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **WESTSIDE RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **SODA SPRINGS RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
    - **MONTPELIER RANGER DISTRICT– Firewood Cutting Begins June 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2016.**
- No woodcutting is permitted in active timber sales or on logging decks within those timber sales. These areas are usually signed by yellow, orange, and/or black signs; contain trees with slashes or rings of orange, blue, yellow, green, white, pink, or red tree paint; are posted as an active timber sale or timber sale area. **(Refer to "Examples of Posted Signs," page 3.)**
- Cutting or removal of forest products is prohibited in campgrounds, summer home sites, administrative sites (guard stations), organizational camps, ski areas, designated wilderness , wilderness study areas, or research natural areas and any other area shown as "closed" on the attached maps. Areas available for removal of firewood are identified on attached maps.
- No firewood cutting is permitted within 300 feet from the edge of a live water stream, lake, pond, or wetland. No firewood cutting is allowed within 100 feet from the edge of a dry stream, lake, pond, or wetland, or as signed/posted with "Firewood Cutting Prohibited in This Area" signs.
- No cutting of any tree (**standing dead or down)** that is marked in any manner, including: paint marks, tags (Wildlife Tree, Bearing Tree), or signs (Property, Trail). **(Refer to "Examples of Posted Signs," page 3.)**
- Do not leave "hang up" trees.
- Permits are non-transferable and must be in the possession of the permittee at all times during the collection and transport of wood.
- Maximum product length shall not exceed 7 feet for fuelwood.
- Cut stumps to 12 inches or less for firewood.

- Lop slash to within two feet of ground level and scatter.
- Skidding of logs is prohibited.
- Abide by all fire prevention precautions and regulations. (See Section **E**.)
- Abide by all State and Federal Laws pertaining to the transport of minor forest products. (See Section **D**.)
- Abide by all other terms and conditions listed in attached Ranger District Maps and Handouts.

C. **Forest Resources:** Permittee shall ensure protection of all resources during woodcutting activities.

- Federal Law protects Archaeological and Historic Sites and Objects. If you discover such remains, leave them undisturbed.
- DO NOT drive on wet roads when rutting and damage would occur. You may be cited for damage.
- DO NOT block roads during cutting, bucking, and loading of firewood from use by other forest visitors.
- Remove litter such as oil cans, rags, paper, and beverage containers.
- Follow all Caribou-Targhee National Forest Travel Maps and Regulations. Travel Maps can be obtained at all Ranger District Offices. **(Refer to "Where to Obtain Permits or Additional Information," page 6.)**

D. **Transporting Fuelwood:**

- Permit must be in the permittee's possession while cutting and transporting fuelwood. Permittee shall present the permit, in its entirety, to any Forest Officer or Peace Officer upon request.
- Prior to transporting any fuelwood, permittee must complete Product Quantity Removal Record information (including date, time, number of cords) on the permit; one load ticket shall be used for each portion thereof hauled; load ticket will be prominently displayed to the rear of the load and placed there prior to moving from the site; each load ticket shall have the month and date punched out and shall not be reused. 2016 Firewood Load Ticket color is "ORANGE". **(Refer to "How to Validate Load Tickets," page 4.)**

E. **Fire Prevention Precaution Regulations:**

- Chainsaws must be equipped with an operable screen type spark arrester with an opening of 0.023 inches or less.
- Have in your possession a serviceable shovel at least 36 inches long with a pointed blade that is 10 ½ inches long and 9 inches wide and an 8 oz chemical fire extinguisher.
- Be aware of current fire restrictions.
- Permittee's are responsible for keeping informed of any daily restrictions and closures, including inclement weather or fire restrictions for the specific Ranger District you are interested in gathering fuelwood from. **(Refer to "Where to Obtain Permits or Additional Information," page 6.)**

F. **How to Measure Fuelwood:**

A standard cord of wood is a well-stacked pile equaling 4x4x8 feet. This equals 128 cubic feet. **(Refer to "Measuring and Removing Firewood from the Forest," page 5.)**

For a closer estimate on how much wood you have collected, multiply the length by the width by the height of your load. This gives you the total cubic feet. Then divide by 128 to find what percent of a cord you have collected. Remember, the tighter you stack, the more wood (and less air) you have per cord.

EXAMPLES OF POSTED SIGNS

EXAMPLES OF SIGNS IN ACTIVE TIMBER SALES OR PROHIBITED AREAS – Other signs may be posted. Please obey all signs posted.

EXAMPLES OF FIREWOOD AREA SIGNS – Other signs may be posted. Please obey all signs that are posted.

EXAMPLE OF WILDLIFE AND BEARING TREE SIGNS – Trees with these signs posted are prohibited from cutting.

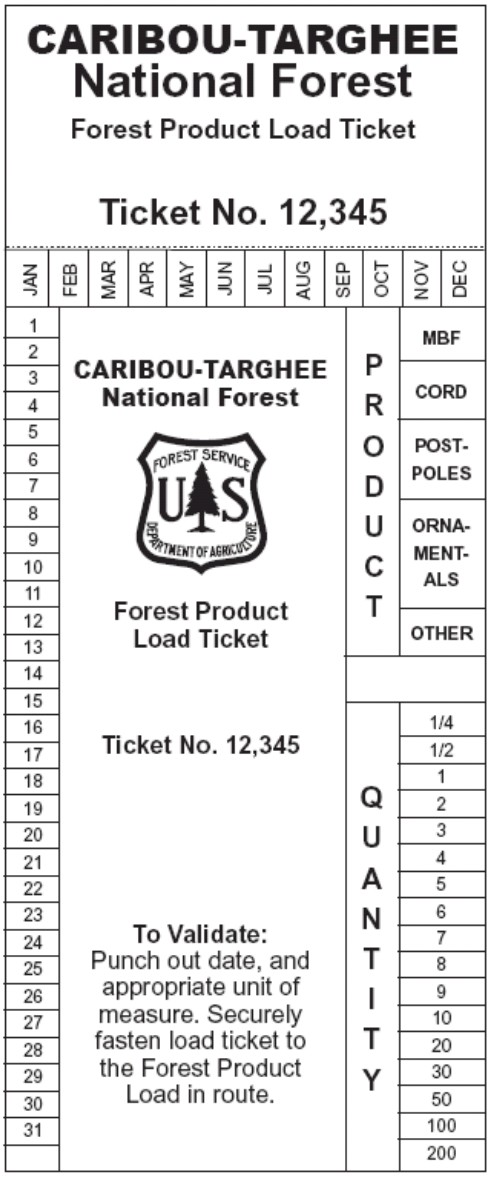
How to Validate Load Tickets

Forest Product Permit Holder — you need to do the following:

❶ Punch out the month.

❷ Punch out the day.

❸ The product and quantity will be punched out for you at the time of purchase.

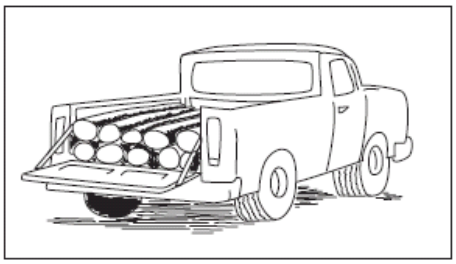


❹ The ticket is not to be used for more than one load.

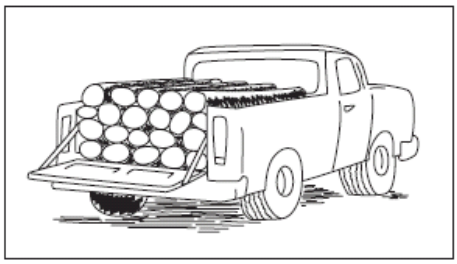
❺ Attach load ticket to the back of the load in a clearly visible location.

❻ Dispose of or destroy all unused tickets at the end of the year.

Measuring and Removing Firewood from the Forest



1/3 Cord for Long Bed
1/4 Cord for Short Bed



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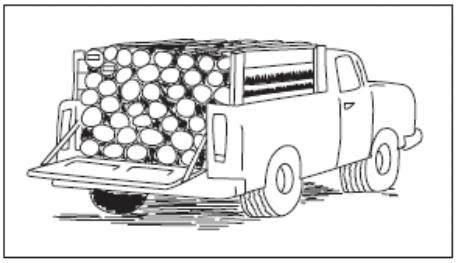
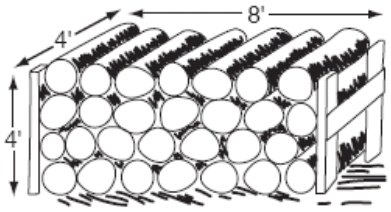


1 Cord for Long Bed
3/4 Cord for Short Bed

Number of Cords = (length x width x height) ÷ 128

Firewood is commonly measured in cords. A standard cord is the amount of lightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long.

The average half-ton pickup truck can carry a half cord of dry wood without overlapping the vehicle.



ONE CORD (128 cubic feet)

Where to Obtain Permits or Additional Information

Permits may be obtained in person at any District Office.

Palisades Ranger District
3569 East Ririe Highway
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401
(208) 523-1412
District Ranger: Tracy Hollingshead

Dubois Ranger District
98 North Oakley
Dubois, Idaho 83423
(208) 374-5422
District Ranger: Bill Davis

Teton Basin Ranger District
515 South Main
Driggs, Idaho 83422
(208) 354-2312
District Ranger: Jay Pence

Ashton-Island Park Ranger District
Ashton Office
46 Highway 20
Ashton, Idaho 83420
(208) 652-7442
District Ranger: Elizabeth Davy

Montpelier Ranger District
322 North 4th Street
Montpelier, Idaho 83254
(208) 847-0375
District Ranger: Dennis Duehren

Westside Ranger District
Pocatello Office
4350 Cliffs Drive
Pocatello, Idaho 83204
(208) 236-7500
District Ranger: Lori Bell

Ashton-Island Park Ranger District
Island Park Office
3726 Highway 20
Island Park, Idaho 83429
(208) 558-7301
District Ranger: Elizabeth Davy

Soda Springs Ranger District
410 East Hooper Avenue
Soda Springs, Idaho 83276
(208) 547-4356
District Ranger: Bryan Fuell

For more information visit the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website at:
http://www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf