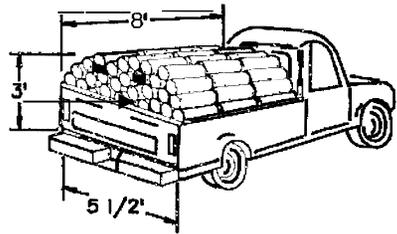


BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD GUIDE

Permits are for use only on the Bighorn National Forest!!!

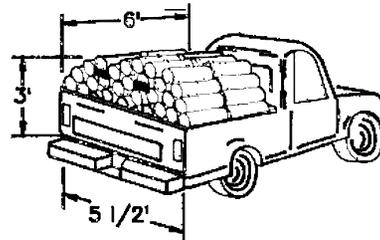
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A FIREWOOD PERMIT, AND OTHER GENERAL FOREST & FIREWOOD GATHERING INFORMATION?
Permits and/or general information can be obtained from the following:

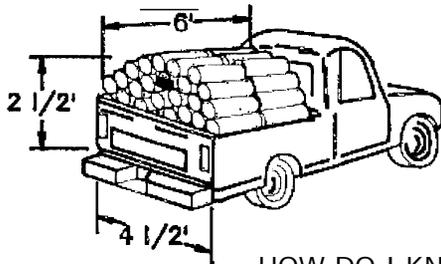


FULL SIZE PICKUP
1 CORD
(TWO TAGS REQUIRED)

FULL SIZE PICKUP W/SHORT BED
3/4 CORD
(TWO TAGS REQUIRED)



COMPACT PICKUP
1/2 CORD
(ONE TAG REQUIRED)



HOW DO I KNOW HOW MUCH WOOD I HAVE?

A cord of wood measures 4 feet high by 4 feet wide and 8 feet long. A full-size pickup with an 8-foot bed will normally hold just about a cord when it is stacked-rounded to the top of cab. This amount would require two tags.

A smaller vehicle will hold about 3/4 of a cord of wood and thus two tickets would be required, except for a very small vehicle where only one ticket would be necessary. Of course using side racks to increase the vertical height will require more tickets to be placed on the load since more wood can be added. A cord of wood occupies a space of 128 cubic feet, that is, 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long with about 25 percent of the area as air space/voids.

Please remember, cutting and transporting wood can be hazardous. Consult your vehicle users handbook for weight and towing limitations. Please use caution and follow safe procedures while operating a chainsaw.

DISCLAIMER: IF CONFLICTS ARISE BETWEEN INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE AND THE PERMIT CONDITIONS, ESTABLISHED LAWS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS, OR ORDERS, THE PERMIT CONDITIONS, ESTABLISHED LAWS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS, OR ORDERS PREVAIL.

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Powder River Ranger District 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, Wyoming 82834 307-684-7806 M- F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medicine Wheel Ranger District 95 Highway 16/20 Greybull, Wyoming 82426 307-765-4435 M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tongue Ranger District 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 307-674-2600 M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
Mail-in forms can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/bighorn/home <u>Passes & Permits</u> <u>Forest Products</u> 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 weekends and Federal Holidays.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CUTTING AND REMOVING FIREWOOD?

The requirements for cutting and removing firewood are listed on the FS 2400-1 Forest Product Removal Permit. Your signature on the Permit and Tags (Load Tickets) 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.

CAN SOMEONE ELSE CUT ON MY PERMIT IF I'M NOT THERE?

You cannot transfer the permit or tags to someone else without signing a Bighorn Optional Form 0202-2460-1a, authorizing specific individuals designated to cut on your permit. The form must be attached to your permit. Because **you** are the permittee, you remain responsible, even if you do authorize others. This form is available online along with other mail-in forms, and must be filled out with the name of the designated person and your signature, and sent in with the permit request.

WHAT IS THE COST AND HOW MUCH CAN I PURCHASE?

ONLY full cord units are sold. **Each** purchase is a minimum of three cords (six, ½ cord tags) at a cost of \$7.50 per cord. There is a **maximum** limit of **12** cords per calendar year, per person 18 years or older. **Remember, there are no refunds.** Payment may be made by U.S. currency, cashiers check, personal check, credit card or money order. Please make checks payable to USDAFS.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE TAGS GIVEN TO ME?

To validate each firewood load, cut out and completely **remove** the specific **month** and **day** from each tag for the date the firewood is moved from the cutting site. A validated tag must be securely attached to the **BACK** of each 1/2 cord or less and be clearly visible as observed by approaching from the back of the vehicle/trailer. This is to be done **BEFORE** the vehicle/trailer is moved to another location to: cut another tree, load more wood, or transport the wood from the National Forest Lands. A Special Uses Authorization Permit from the District Ranger will be needed to unload on National Forest Land and subsequently reload and remove with other fuelwood.

WHEN DO THE PERMIT (FS-2400-1) & TAGS EXPIRE?

The expiration date is midnight December 31 of each year.

WHERE CAN I USE MY VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT SUCH AS AN ATV TO REMOVE FIREWOOD?

Current Forest Orders address the use of motorized vehicles/equipment on or off Forest roads and trails. An important point is: Firewood cutters may travel **up to** 300 feet off designated routes providing there is no resource damage caused.

DOES THE PERMIT GIVE ME PERMISSION TO USE MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR ATV EQUIPMENT ON A ROAD SYSTEM THAT IS CLOSED TO ACCESS USE? **NO.**

WHAT TYPE OF WOOD CAN BE CUT FOR FIREWOOD?

You may cut only non-painted standing DEAD or DOWN trees in areas open to firewood cutting. Standing dead conifer will have no

needles remaining, or **ALL** needles will be brown or red. A "down" tree will be broken off of 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. *Do not cut trees with marking paint of any color on them, dead trees that have bird cavities (holes), nests, or wildlife tree signs attached.*

CAN I CUT OR REMOVE FIREWOOD FROM ANYWHERE I WANT TO?

You **CANNOT** cut or remove firewood in the **Cloud Peak Wilderness**, all active timber sales, research natural areas, administrative sites, campgrounds, picnic grounds, recreation sites, resorts, and in areas signed/posted as being closed to firewood cutting, or **areas marked with blue, orange, or yellow paint.** Some common named areas closed to firewood gathering are: **1.** Portions of the Hunter Area (where the Lost Fire is located, contact the Powder River District for open areas); **2.** Porcupine Fuels Project; **3.** Babione Stewardship Contract; **4.** Any of the following timber sales: Crater Ridge; Bitmore/Antelope Butte; Johnson Creek; Caribou; Poison Creek; Billy Creek or Canyon Creek.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH AND DIAMETER LIMITATION FOR FIREWOOD? Trees/pieces must be cut to **LESS** than **EIGHT (8.0')** feet in length prior to loading onto a vehicle or trailer. There are no minimum or maximum diameter requirements.

WHAT ABOUT FIRE, TRAVEL OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS?

The Bighorn National Forest Map, Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) Forest Service Personnel, and Orders posted at each office will provide you with information. At times information will also be posted along roads in the Bighorn Mountains.

ARE SPARK ARRESTORS REQUIRED?

In accordance with current Forest Orders, the following prohibition applies at all times on the Bighorn National Forest: "Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or (2) appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). [36 CFR 261.52(j)]." An owner's manual or chainsaw dealer should have information on proper spark arresting devices. Spark arrestors are also required on motorcycles & ATVs.