

## Special Forest Products

It is the policy of Mark Twain National Forest not to sell or issue Free Use under the Forest Products Permit system, the right of collection of more than minor amounts of Special Forest Products. These products include, but are not limited to, bark, berries, boughs, bryophytes, bulbs, burls, Christmas trees, cones, ferns, forbs, fungi including mushrooms, grasses, mosses, nuts, pine straw, roots, sedges, seeds, transplants, tree sap, and wildflowers.

Incidental Free Use without a permit is allowed under FSH 2409.18 Chapter 80\*.

Notwithstanding, Special Forest Products listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act are not included. Please check with your local district biologist if you have questions on specific species.

Gathering small amounts of minor products is a privilege on national forest lands, and persons doing so are expected to exercise reasonable care in protecting the resource from damage. Minor/small amounts, for the purpose of this policy, include “reasonable amounts for an individual’s personal use.” Commercial use collections are prohibited.

Additionally, campers on national forest lands are allowed to gather firewood, but only from dead and down trees or parts of trees.

Special Forest products DO NOT include minerals, animals, insects, worms, rocks, water, and soil.

\* Forest Service Handbook 2409.18, Chapter 80, Sec 87.51, Item 1.