

BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD GUIDE

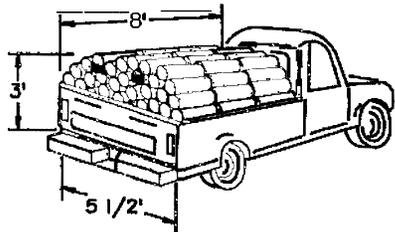
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[UPDATED FOR THE 2010
FIREWOOD GATHERING SEASON]

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

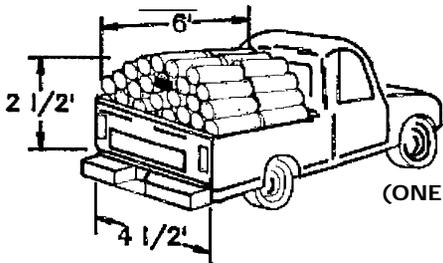
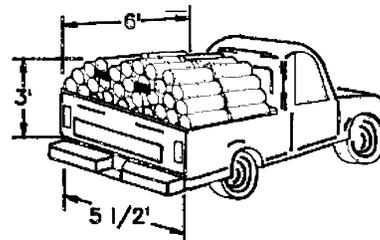
WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A FIREWOOD PERMIT, AND OTHER GENERAL FOREST & FIREWOOD GATHERING INFORMATION?

Permits and/or general information can be obtained from the following:



FULL SIZE PICKUP
1 CORD
(TWO LOAD TICKETS
REQUIRED)

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



COMPACT PICKUP
1/2 CORD
(ONE LOAD TICKET REQUIRED)

A smaller vehicle will hold about three quarters 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.

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.

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<p>Powder River District Office 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, Wyoming 82834 307-684-7806 M- F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District Office 604 E. Main Street Lovell, Wyoming 82431 307-548-6541 M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>USDA Greybull Service Center 408 Greybull Avenue Greybull, Wyoming 82426 307-765-2663 M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30p.m.</p>	<p>Worland VIS @ BLM Office 101 S. 23rd Street Worland, Wyoming 82401 307-347-5105 M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Tongue District and Forest Supervisor's Offices 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 307-674-2600 M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	

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 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 load tickets to someone else without signing a Bighorn Optional Form 2400-1 a, authorizing specific individuals designated to cut on your permit, which must be attached to your permit. Because **you** are the permittee, you remain responsible, even if you do authorize others. Once the wood is legally removed from the Forest, you may sell it or give it away.

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 load tickets) 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, or money order. Please make checks payable to USDA, Forest Service.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE LOAD TICKETS GIVEN TO ME?

To validate each firewood load, cut out and completely **remove** the specific **month** and **day** from each load ticket for the date the firewood is moved from the cutting site. A validated load ticket 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. Note, you will have previously signed the load tickets at the time you paid for them. Also, 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) & LOAD TICKETS EXPIRE?

The expiration date is midnight December 31, 2010.

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

Orders 05-02 and 06-08 addresses 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 FS-2400-1 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 opened to firewood cutting. 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 laying on the ground, have roots showing if layed 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 dead trees which have bird cavities (holes), nests, or have 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, or resorts, and in areas signed/posted as being closed to firewood cutting. Some “common named” areas closed to firewood gathering as of January 2010 are: **1.** Portions of the Hunter Area (where the Lost Fire is located, contact the Powder River District for open areas), **2.** Trees along road #271 towards Shell Reservoir, **3.** Woodrock Stewardship near Woodrock Guard Station, and **4.** Southwest Fuels Salvage via road #434.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH AND DIAMETER LIMITATION FOR FIREWOOD? Trees/pieces must be cut to **LESS** than **EIGHT** 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, 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 Order 98-04, 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 & ATV's.

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 load tickets. (Continued on back page)