

Klamath National Forest Personal Use Firewood Conditions

These Conditions and Attachments are part of your Personal Use Firewood Permit

In order to get the most out of your woodcutting trip, it is important that you review and become familiar with the terms of your Permit prior to cutting. If you have questions about any terms or conditions, please contact the District you plan to visit. Each permittee shall read all conditions pertaining to this permit prior to cutting fuel wood. **It is the permittee's responsibility to obtain the correct map for the area in which woodcutting is conducted.**

A. Forest wide Resource Protection Requirements:

1. **Cutting Conditions:** This permit authorizes cutting and removal of firewood only from Klamath National Forest Land, with the following conditions, unless otherwise posted.
 - a. No woodcutting in areas posted "*Firewood Cutting Prohibited*" or "*Woodcutting by Special Permit*", similar signs, special prohibited areas, or in signed areas of active logging or other commercial operations. Do not cut trees marked for harvest.
 - b. No cutting of any tree or snag that is marked in any manner, including paint marks, "WILDLIFE", "L" (for leave tree), "W" (for wildlife tree), "SAVE", or that is posted with a "Wildlife Tree" sign. A snag is a standing dead tree. Firewood is defined as dead and down material.
 - c. No woodcutting in campgrounds, picnic areas, or administrative sites.
 - d. No felling of trees within 250 feet of oiled or paved State or County highways.
 - e. No woodcutting of any kind within 350 feet of rivers, year-round streams, lakes, or natural ponds.
 - f. All limbs and debris must be cut and scattered to a depth of no more than 24 inches and not longer than 4 feet. No material will be left on roadways, ditches, culverts, or drainages.
 - g. This permit does not authorize cutting firewood on **Private Land**. It is the permittee's responsibility to determine ownership of the land before cutting.
 - h. All trees and limbs are to be utilized down to 3 inches in diameter.
 - i. Cedar may not be removed in lengths exceeding 20 inches. All other species may be removed in lengths up to 6 feet.
2. **General Firewood Cutting Areas:** This permit authorizes cutting and removal of firewood only from Klamath National Forest land, with the following conditions:
 - a. No cutting of standing trees (live or dead) **unless specifically designated or authorized by District Specific Cutting Conditions listed below.**
 - b. Dead and down firewood may be cut in General Firewood Cutting Areas year-round.
3. **Restricted Firewood Cutting Areas:**
 - a. **No Standing Trees** (live or dead) may be cut in the Restricted Firewood Cutting Areas (Late Successional Reserves, Road Management Areas, or the Butte Valley National Grasslands).
 - b. Late Successional Reserves – Firewood (dead and down) may be cut from August 1 to January 31. No firewood cutting is permitted in these areas outside of these dates.

- c. Road Management Areas (Gooseneck Ranger District only) – firewood (dead, down, and Lodge pole snags) may be cut from April 1 to August 14 within 100 feet of an Open Designated Forest System Road (green arrowed roads). No firewood cutting outside of these dates.

4. **Fire Prevention Precautions:** Firewood cutting restriction information can be obtained at any Forest Service Office. Fire Danger Rating and/or Firewood Cutting signs are displayed at most District Offices and Fire Outstations on the Forest. **Call (530)841-4588** to check firewood cutting status.

B. District Specific Cutting Conditions:

Oak Knoll:

- A. Snags or green hardwoods may be cut, with the exception of B and C below, in General Firewood cutting areas **only**.
- B. Green hardwoods may **not** be cut in the areas that are both south of the Klamath River and east of the Scott River.
- C. **Only** green hardwoods smaller than 18 inches in diameter may be cut in the area that is both north of the Klamath River and east of Seiad Creek.

C. Administrative Requirements:

1. **Annual Personal Use Limit:** An individual or combination of members of a household is allowed up to twelve cords during a permit year (Jan 1 – Dec 31). Personal Use fuelwood gathering requires a permit. The basic fee is \$5 per cord; the minimum permit charge is \$20.00 for a four-cord permit. Not intended for commercial resale.
2. **Load Tickets & Attachments:** Permit, load tickets, and attachments must be in your possession while cutting and transporting firewood. Permittee shall present these upon request of any Forest Officer or Peace Officer.
3. **Load Ticket Validation Instructions:**
 - A. One load ticket shall be used for each ¼ cord or portion thereof hauled;
 - B. Load ticket will be prominently displayed to the rear of the load and placed there prior to moving from the site.
 - C. Load ticket shall be clearly punched as to the date and time of transportation and shall not be re-used
4. **Third Party:** Firewood obtained under this permit shall be cut and removed personally by the permittee unless written authorization has been granted by the Forest Service for a third party to cut and haul firewood for the permittee's personal use. This permit and the written third party authorization to cut must be in the cutter's possession at all times when cutting or transporting wood obtained under this permit.
5. **Exchange Load Tickets:** No exchange of load tickets will be made on the Klamath National Forest.
6. **Commercial Firewood:** If you wish to conduct commercial woodcutting activities contact your local District Office.

Failure to abide by the conditions of this permit renders is null and void and may result in civil and/or criminal prosecution.