

## **Thinning/Firewood Cutting Areas**

These maps show the areas of wood cutting activities on the National Grasslands.

On the West Kiowa - Mills Area Units,

Specific areas in the piñon-juniper woodlands are mechanically thinned to certain specifications, usually leaving the larger, older piñon trees and removing the smaller-diameter trees. The public is then allowed to buy firewood permits to aid in the removal of the downed material (slash). Removal of slash helps in the restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems. Once firewood gathering activities are concluded and remaining slash has had adequate time to dry out, the thinned areas are prescribed burned, aiding in re-establishing native grasses. This map shows areas thinned between 1997-2005.

On the Black Kettle Units,

The areas shown on the map are those where the Forest Service permits the public to cut and remove black locust trees to help control the spread of this invasive species while providing wood products. These areas were based on black locust infestations delineated in 2005.