

2012



Central Oregon Personal Use

FIREWOOD SYNOPSIS

Rules, Regulations and Maps for:

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests
Crooked River National Grassland
Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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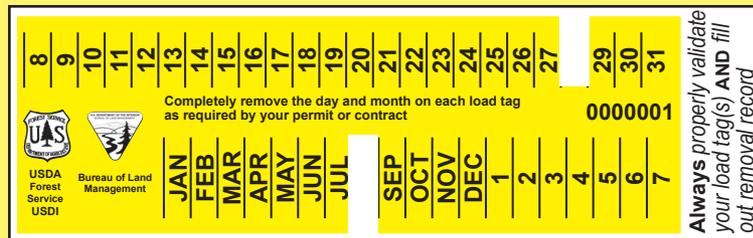
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REPORT illegal woodcutting or illegal off-road travel
call your local ranger station with details

REPORT wildfire
call 911 or Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC) 541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560

REQUIREMENTS Checklist:

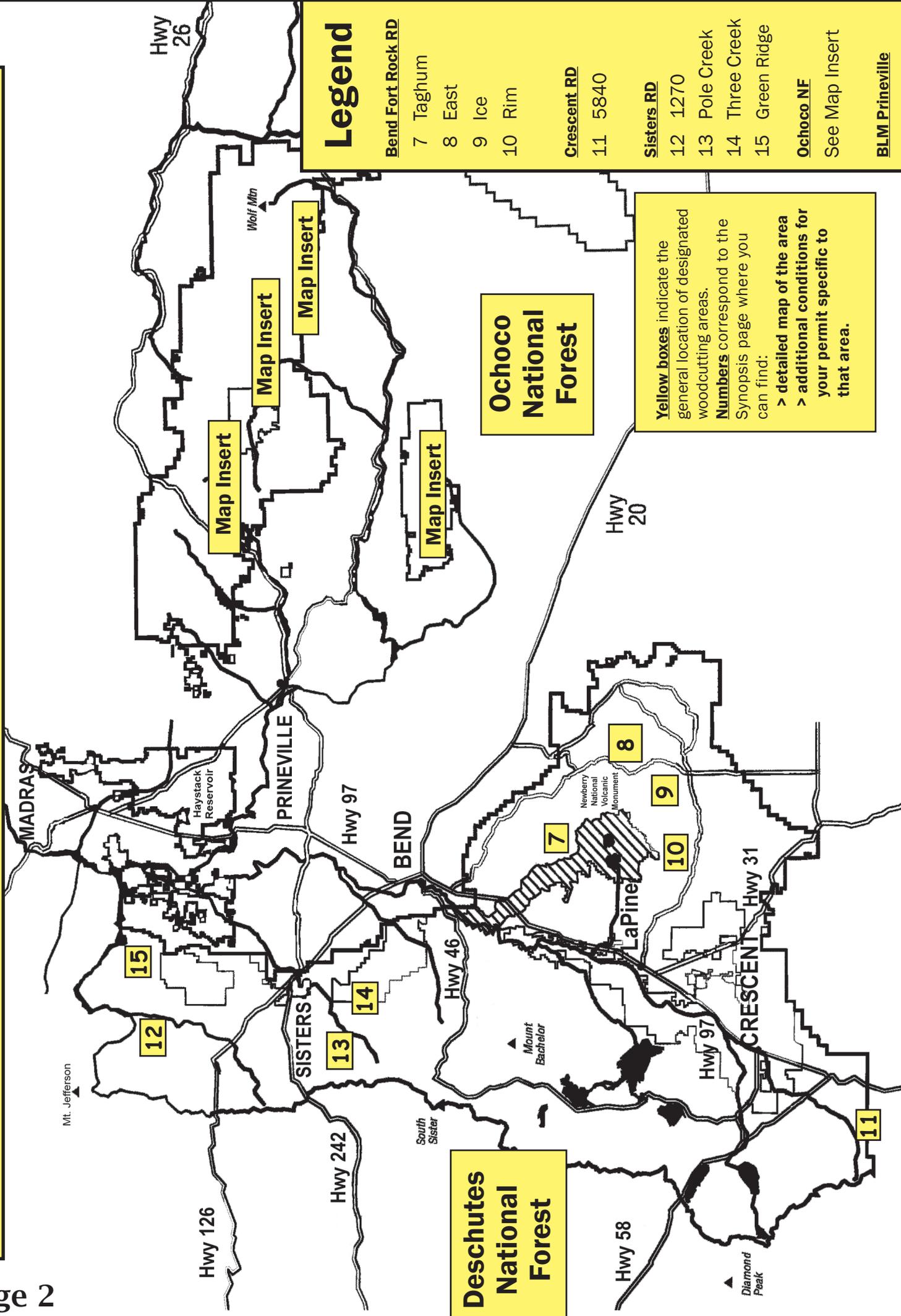
- ___ READ the RULES and REGULATIONS on pages 3-5 AND on the map of your cutting area.*
- *YOU are responsible for knowing these rules and regulations.
- ___ Permit*, Load Tags, Synopsis, Map of cutting area
- *Permittee MUST BE PRESENT when cutting, loading and transporting wood
- ___ Shovel, Fire Extinguisher and Spark Arresters
- ___ Know the fire precaution level: Call 1-800-523-4737
- ___ Cut or remove legal trees in designated area only
- ___ No more than 8 cords per household annually
- ___ Complete a one-hour fire watch
- ___ Tag load properly BEFORE moving vehicle
- ___ Fill out product quantity removal record on permit



The **Bureau of Land Management - Prineville District** public use firewood area for western juniper is available to Central Oregon Personal Use Firewood Permit holders. The current woodcutting area is located 22 miles east of Bend/15 miles south of Prineville near the junction of Millican and Reservoir Roads. Maps of the BLM area are available at permit vendor locations (see back page) and on the BLM website: www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville Specific firewood cutting areas are subject to change.

ADDITIONAL FIREWOOD CUTTING AREAS may open after publication of the 2012 Synopsis. Contact a Ranger District office regarding the availability of new areas and to obtain a map of the new area. **The specific USDA Forest Service map noting the location of new areas is required to be in your possession when cutting or removing wood.**

2012 Central Oregon Firewood Area Vicinity Map



Legend

- Bend Fort Rock RD**
- 7 Taghum
- 8 East
- 9 Ice
- 10 Rim
- Crescent RD**
- 11 5840
- Sisters RD**
- 12 1270
- 13 Pole Creek
- 14 Three Creek
- 15 Green Ridge
- Ochoco NF**
- See Map Insert
- BLM Prineville**

Ochoco National Forest

Deschutes National Forest

Yellow boxes indicate the general location of designated woodcutting areas.
Numbers correspond to the Synopsis page where you can find:
 > **detailed map of the area**
 > **additional conditions for your permit specific to that area.**

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Not Shown.
 Get BLM maps at permit locations and on BLM website.

Rules and Regulations

In addition to “*General and Other Conditions*” listed on your permit, violation of the following rules can result in fines and/or suspension of firewood cutting privileges.

- 1) Woodcutter must have in their possession:
 - Permit. Permittee must be present.
 - Synopsis with map of the area you are cutting in
 - Load tags
 - Fire equipment (*all 3 required*):
 - Spark arrester 0.023” or less on chain saw
 - Shovel - long handled, round point, 8” blade (size 0)
 - Fire extinguisher with a pressurized chemical of no less than 8 ounce capacity by weight.
- 2) A current year’s load tag must be validated by completely removing the month and day that you are removing the firewood. The validated tag must be attached to a piece of firewood at the back of the load prior to moving the vehicle and must be clearly visible. Previous year’s tags are not valid. One tag is required for every 1/2 cord of firewood, or any portion thereof. See calendar and illustrations on page 5.
- 3) Fill out Product Removal Record on your signed permit.
- 4) Woodcutting activity is permitted only within designated firewood area boundaries as specified on woodcutting map.
- 5) **WOODCUTTING IS PROHIBITED in all posted timber sales, contract areas, developed campgrounds, old growth areas, research natural areas, riparian areas (riparian areas are defined as land within 300 feet of water such as springs, streams, wet meadows, floodplains and overflow channels) and all other areas posted closed to woodcutting.**
- 6) Do not cut trees (*standing and/or down*) marked with paint, signs, wildlife tags, blazes or with any evidence of wildlife habitation such as nests or cavities.
- 7) Open and close dates, species authorized for removal and other restrictions vary depending on the specific designated firewood area. These restrictions are listed in the box above the individual area maps.

See specific cutting area maps for opening dates.

All areas **CLOSE** by November 30, 2012.

- 8) Woodcutting is authorized for dead trees only as specified on woodcutting maps. Some areas do not allow the cutting of standing dead trees. Do not cut live western larch (Tamarack) which loses it’s needles in the fall and is NOT dead.
- 9) Where cutting of standing trees is allowed, stump heights can’t exceed 12 inches. Maximum length of wood allowed to be transported is 6 feet. Remove all wood down to 3 inches in diameter for less waste.
- 10) Protect all green trees and other vegetation during falling and removal activities. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.
- 11) The only power equipment authorized for use are: chainsaws, winches and hydraulic splitters, unless otherwise prohibited in specific cutting areas.
- 12) Each household may purchase up to 8 cords of personal-use firewood annually. Cost is \$10.00 per cord; minimum purchase two cords per permit.
- 13) Woodcutters must comply with all road closures, seasonal road closures, and transport firewood in vehicles less than 26,000 lbs GVW.
- 14) Off road travel restrictions are noted on each specific cutting area map.
- 15) Cut and scatter limbs and tops so they lie no more than 12” from the ground. This reduces potential for wildfire. Remove all slash from roads and ditches.
- 16) Fire restrictions are listed on page 4 and must be followed.

Know Where You Are & Where You Are Cutting

Watch for the following signs:



Woodcutter FIRE Requirements

You must **KNOW** and **COMPLY WITH** the current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL).

Call the toll-free 24-hour recorded message line at: **1-800-523-4737**

or Visit the Central Oregon Fire website at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire/ifpl

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVELS

Level I :

Stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts AND Carry equipment listed below.

Level II :

SHUT DOWN ALL POWER EQUIPMENT AT 1:00 PM, AND stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts AND Carry equipment listed below.

Level III and IV : All woodcutting activity is **PROHIBITED**.

All Precaution Levels Require:

ALL power equipment be in good repair with a screen type spark-arrester of 0.023" or less and qualified under USDA/USDI Federal standards

AND ALWAYS keep BOTH of the following tools with you:

- Shovel:** Long-handled round point with an 8" blade (Size 0) in possession of operator
- Fire Extinguisher:** Pressurized chemical of not less than 8 ounce capacity by weight

Remember

Faulty spark arresters cause wildfires! *Maintain your saw screen and keep your saw in good working order.*

Parking on vegetation causes wildfires! *Park in cleared areas away from brush and grass.*

Careless smoking causes wildfires! *Use your ashtray.*

Wildfires are expensive! *Don't be the cause of one.*

**To report a wildfire call 911 or
Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center 541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560**

**All Woodcutting Closes By
November 30, 2012**

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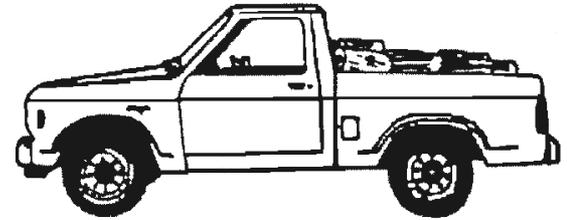
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Validate & Use Load Tags Correctly

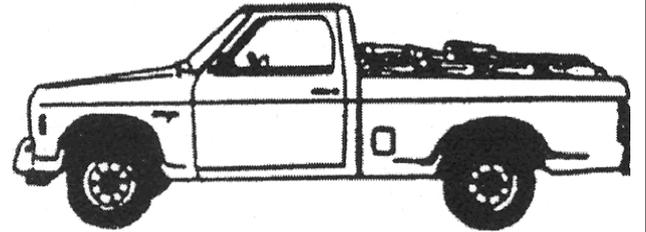
1. Measure your load of wood to determine how many tags are necessary

ONE CORD = (4 feet) x (4 feet) x (8 feet) = 128 cubic feet
height x width x length

Shortbed pickup truck
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full size pickup truck
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full-size pickup with rails
1 cord = 2 tags



2. Properly validate your load tags

This permit requires you to **COMPLETELY REMOVE** the current day and month tabs from each load tag needed.

SECURELY ATTACH all required load tags to a piece of firewood at the back of your load in a highly visible location.

ATTACH ONE CURRENT YEAR'S LOAD TAG FOR EACH 1/2 cord or portion thereof (see #2 on page 3).

FILL OUT PRODUCT REMOVAL RECORD on permit.



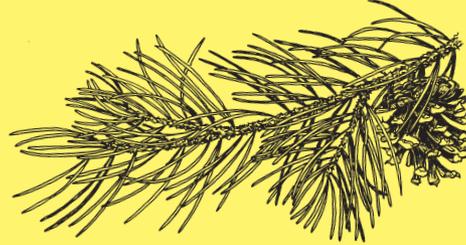
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Central Oregon Tree Descriptions

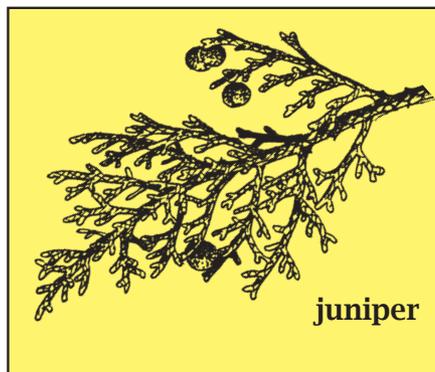
Lodgepole pine bark is thin, flaky and gray with no crevices, except near the base of the tree. Prickly, egg-shaped cones, seldom longer than 2 inches, may remain closed on the tree for years.

Ponderosa pine egg-shaped cones are 3-6 inches long and each scale is tipped with a short, straight prickle, hence the nickname “prickly ponderosa.” The bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark and sheds jigsaw puzzle flakes. The bark on young trees is nearly black, while mature trees are yellow or orange in color. Bark crevices of older trees and cut branches have a pitchy smell similar to turpentine.

lodgepole pine-two needle bundles 1-3” long, thin gray bark with no crevices.



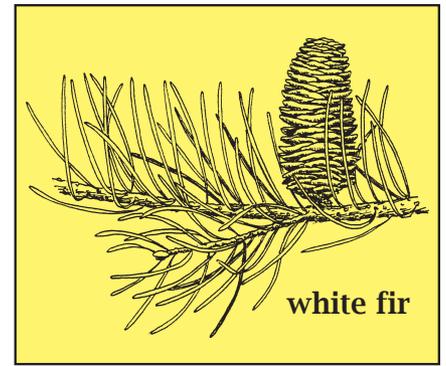
ponderosa pine-three needle bundles 5-10” long. Bark is much thicker than lodgepole and has crevices.



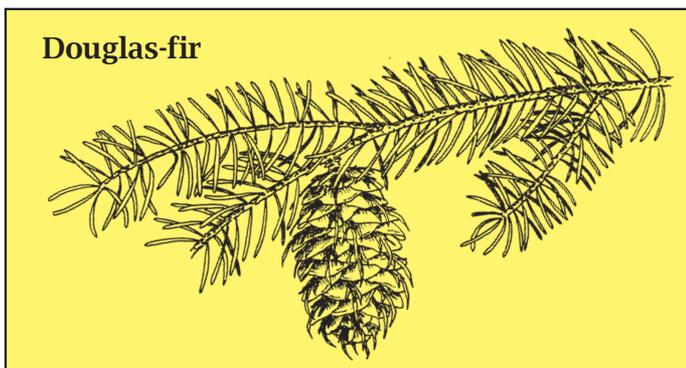
juniper

Juniper needles are tiny, scalelike and scratchy to the touch. Juniper trees have bluish-white coated berries instead of cones. The bark is thin, reddish-brown and fibrous.

White fir horizontal branches form a pointed, narrow crown. Flat, flexible needles extend in rows perpendicular to the stem. Needles are light bluish green with white lines above and are 1 to 2.5 inches long. Light gray bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark. Cones are greenish-yellow or purplish, 3-5 inches long, and cylindrical, growing upright from the topmost twigs. Cone scales have fine hairs and short concealed bracts. White fir produces a fragrant resin which rises in small blisters on the trunk.



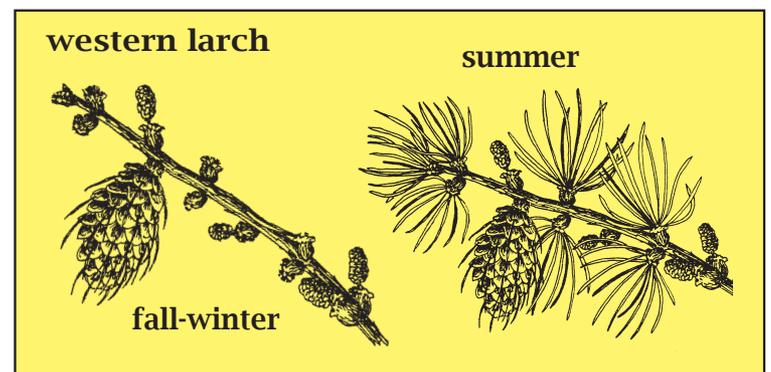
white fir



Douglas-fir

Douglas-fir needles are 1 inch long with a blunt tip. They surround the twig like the bristles of a bottle brush and are soft to touch. Cones are 3-4 inches long. Pitchfork shaped bracts are longer than the scales and hang down. The bark has resin blisters when young and is reddish-brown with deep furrows when mature.

Western larch also called Tamarack is Oregon’s only native conifer that sheds its needles after they turn yellow in the late fall or winter. Spring needles are very light green and darken over the summer. Needles cluster on stout woody pegs. Whiskery cones are small and woody, 1-2 inches long with papery bracts that are longer than the scales. Bark is reddish-orange, furrowed and flakes off in irregular shaped pieces.



western larch

summer

fall-winter

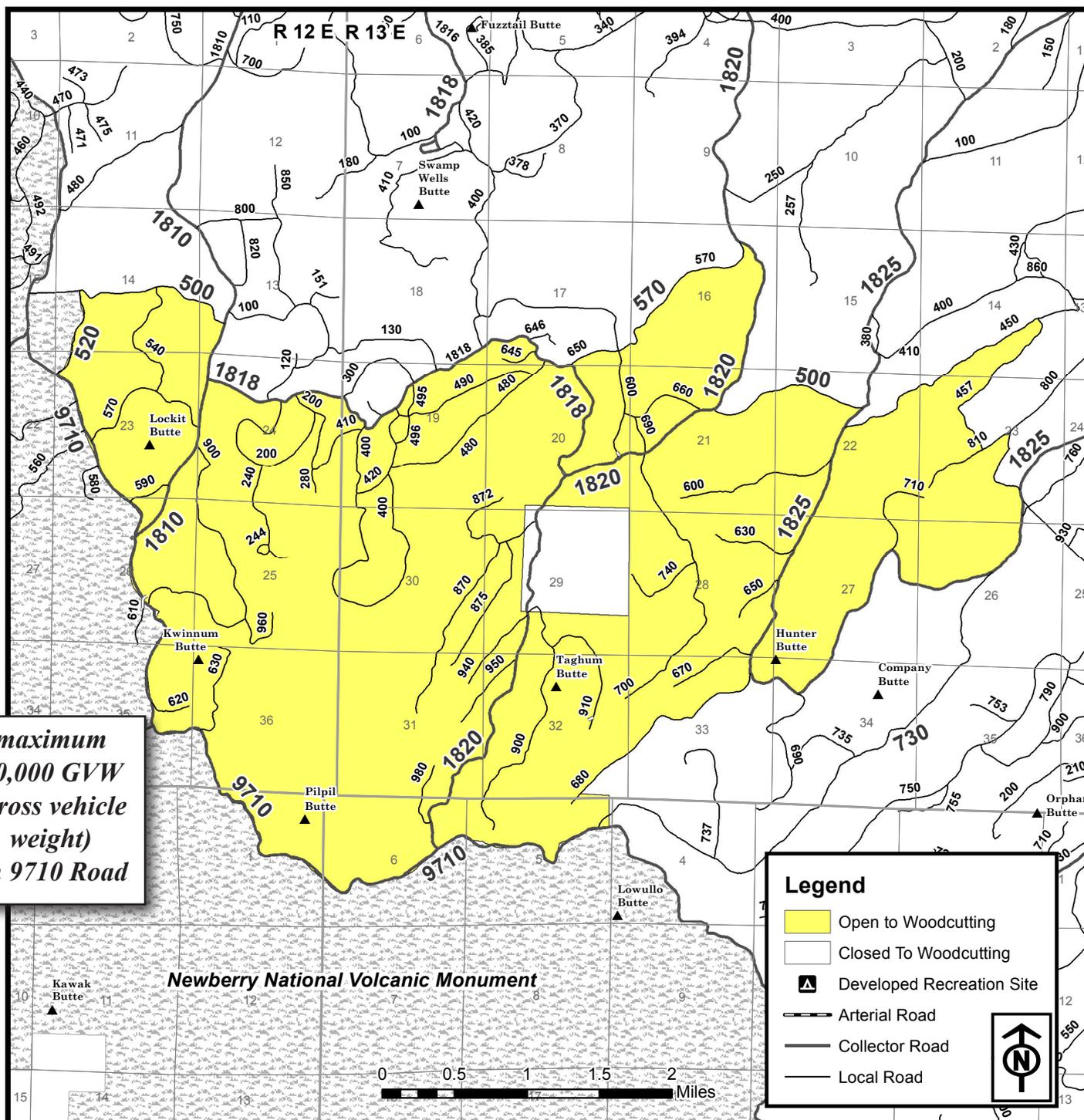
Taghum

YOU CAN CUT: Standing DEAD LODGEPOLE pine and down dead lodgepole pine.

Area Description: Wood supply IS SPARSE, especially along main roads. Most of the remaining wood is small and on the ground.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may **NOT** be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: From Bend, travel southeast on Road 18 (China Hat Road) about 5 miles to Road 1810. Go south about 10 miles to Road 1818 in the NW corner of the Taghum cutting area.



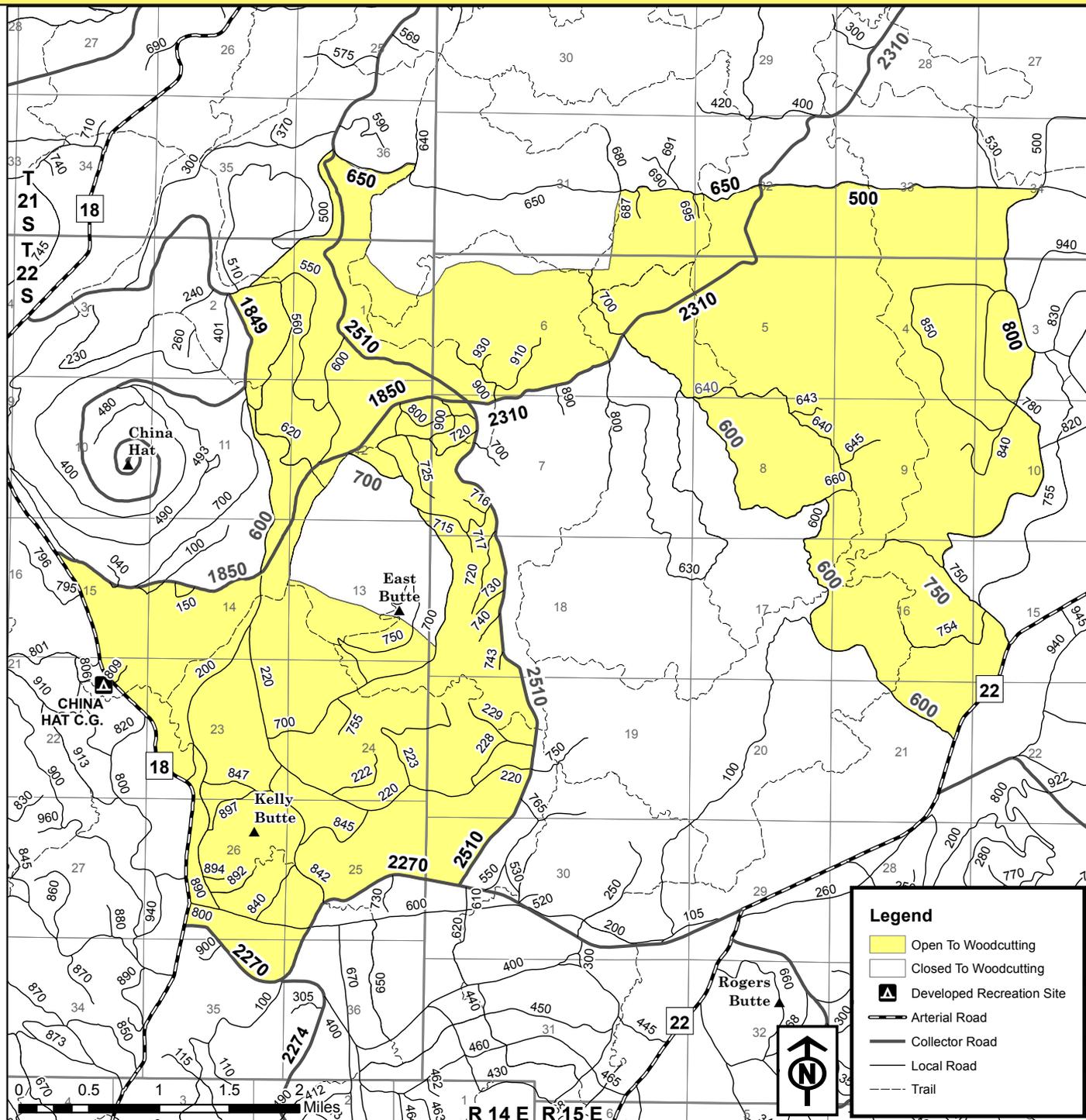
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Special Note: Use of O.H.V. trails by woodcutters is prohibited. All slash and debris must be kept off all O.H.V. trails.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may **NOT** be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: From Bend, travel southeast on Road 18 (China Hat Road) about 32 miles to the NW corner of the cutting area. From LaPine, travel east on Road 22 about 26 miles to Road 18. Travel north on Road 18 about 4 miles to Road 2270. This is the SW corner of the cutting area.



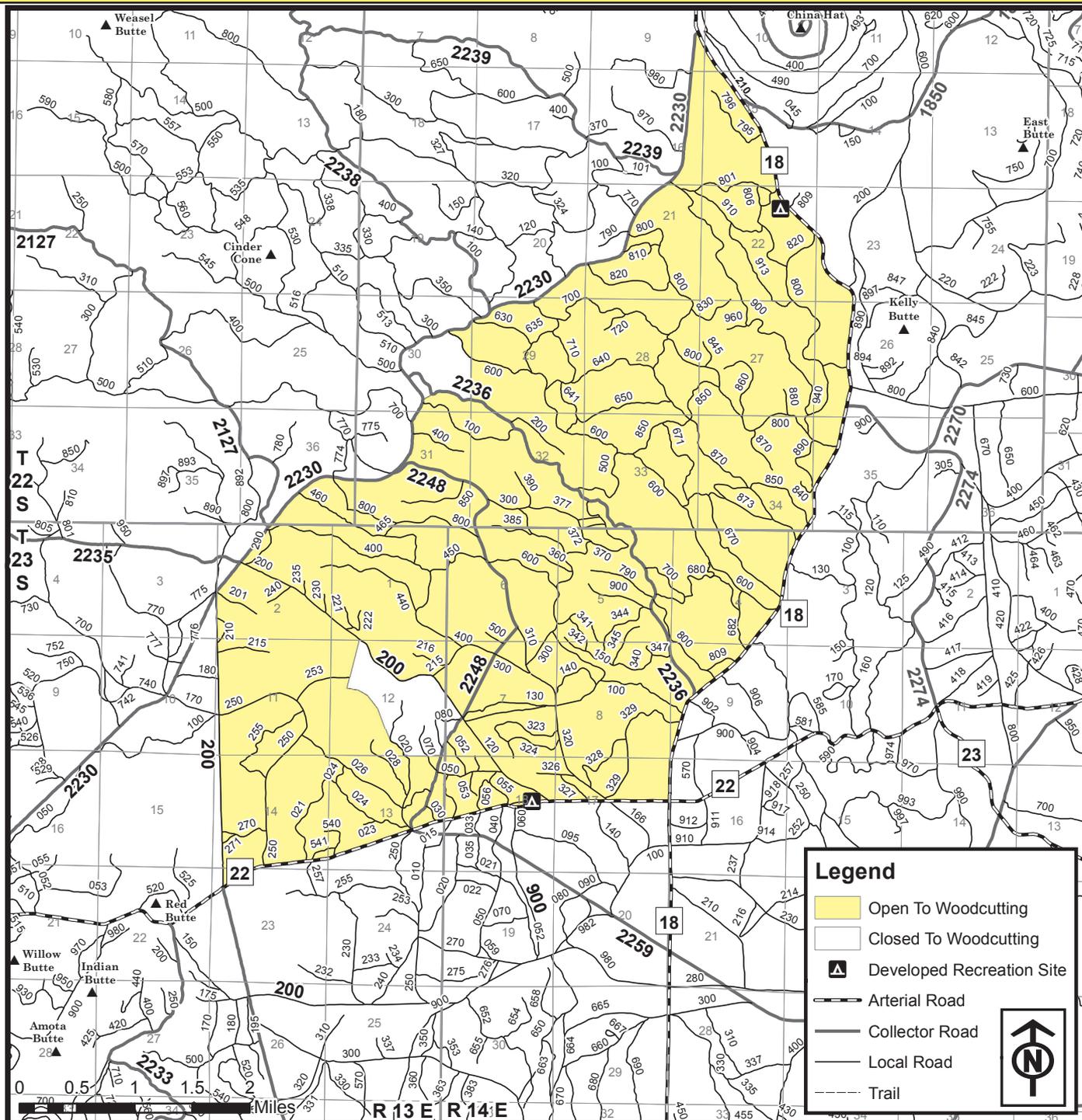
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Directions: Travel east from La Pine on Road 22 about 22 miles to Road 200, the western edge of the area.



Rim

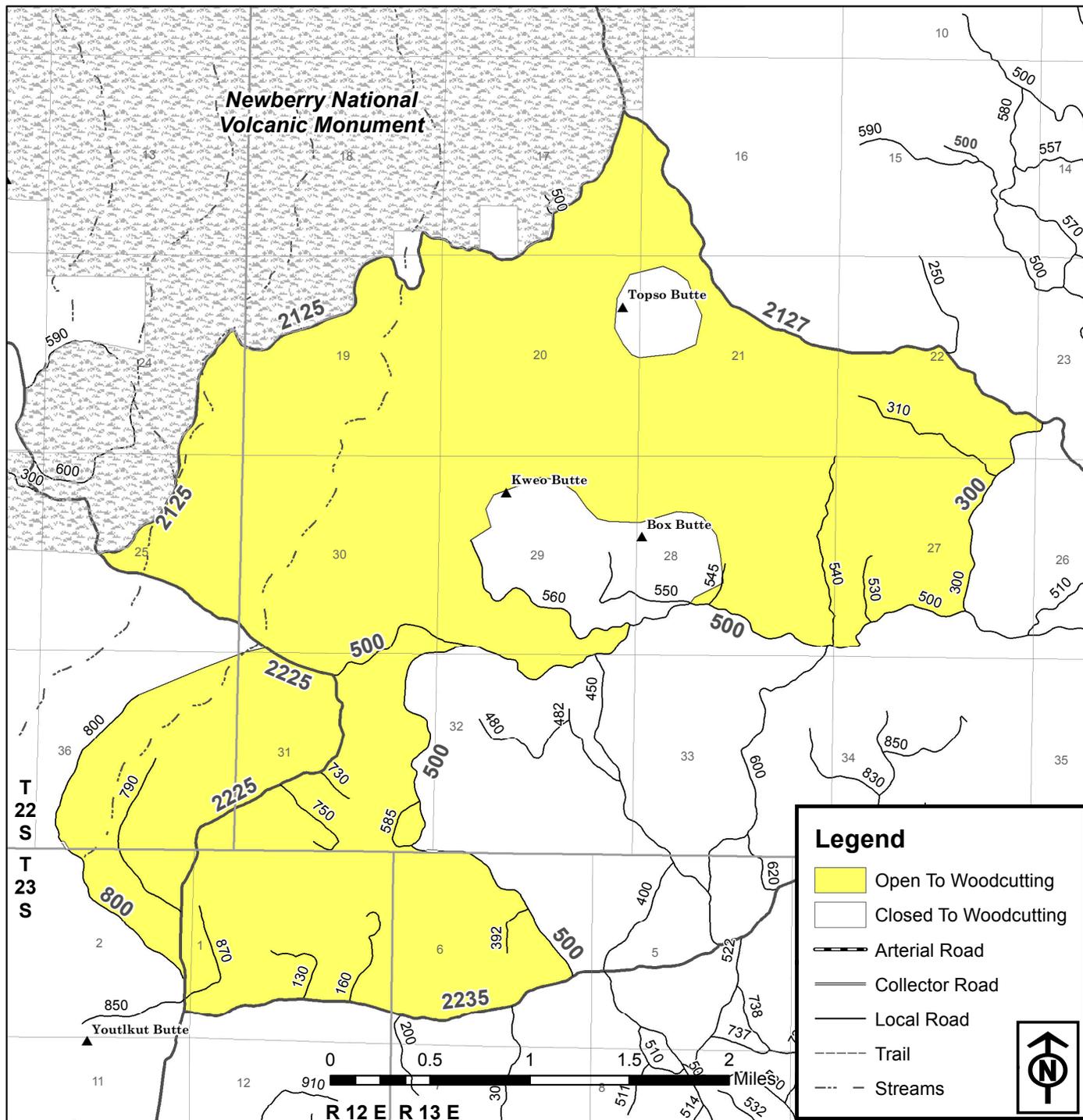
OPENS: May 14
CLOSES: November 30

YOU CAN CUT: Standing **DEAD LODGEPOLE** pine and down dead lodgepole pine.

Area Description: Wood supply **IS SPARSE**, especially along main roads. Most of the remaining wood is small and on the ground.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may NOT be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Travel east from La Pine on Road 22 about 16 miles to Road 2225 (not the first 2225 at 6 mile, but the second at 16 mile). Head north on Road 2225 2-3 miles to junction with Road 2235, the southwest corner of the cutting area.

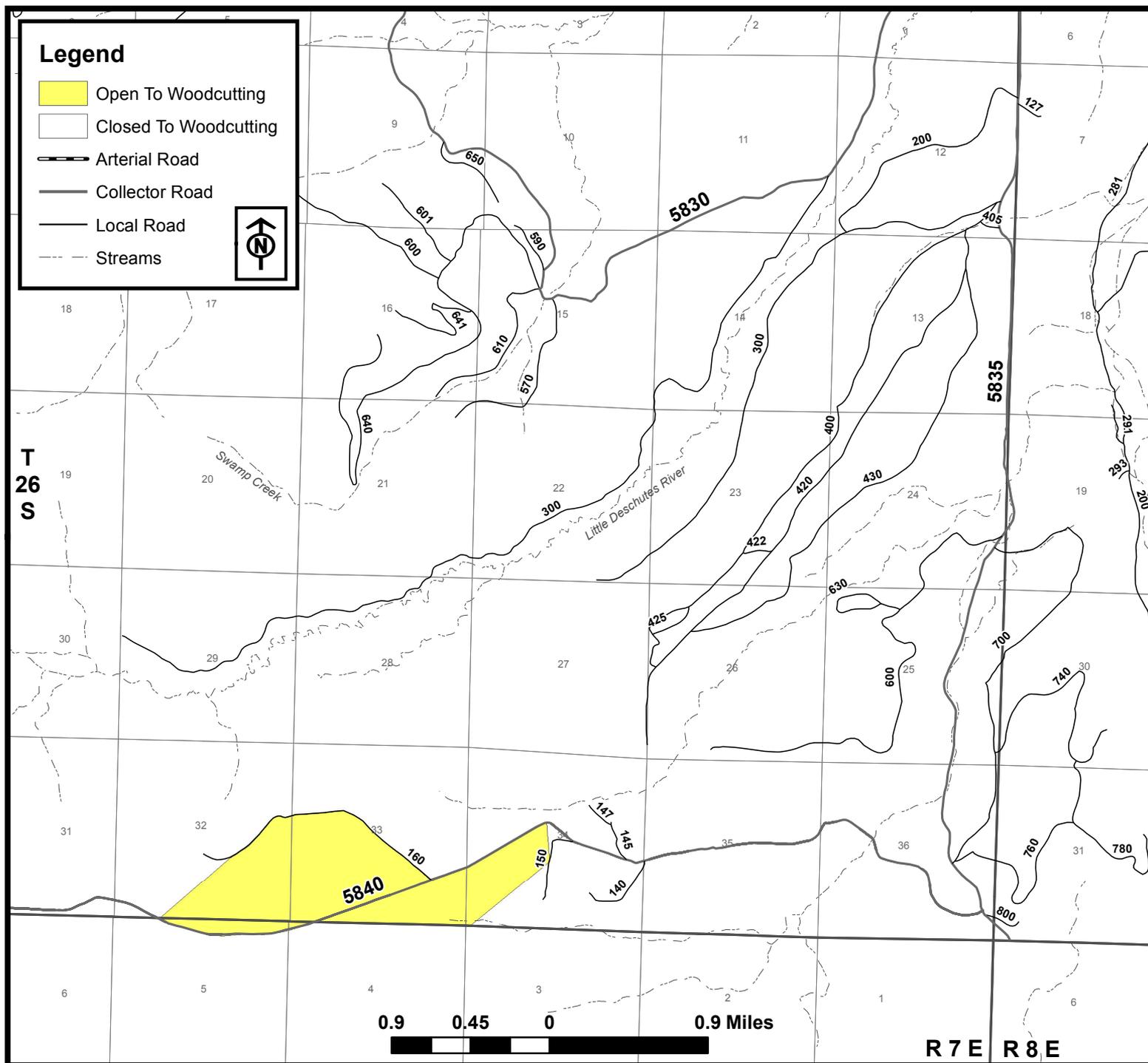


YOU CAN CUT: DOWN dead lodgepole pine. **Felling standing trees is prohibited.**

SPECIAL NOTE: 5840 borders a firewood cutting area on the Chemult district of the Fremont-Winema National Forest. You will need a separate permit to cut in that area. Most of the wood is small and scattered.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may NOT be cut to create access to firewood.

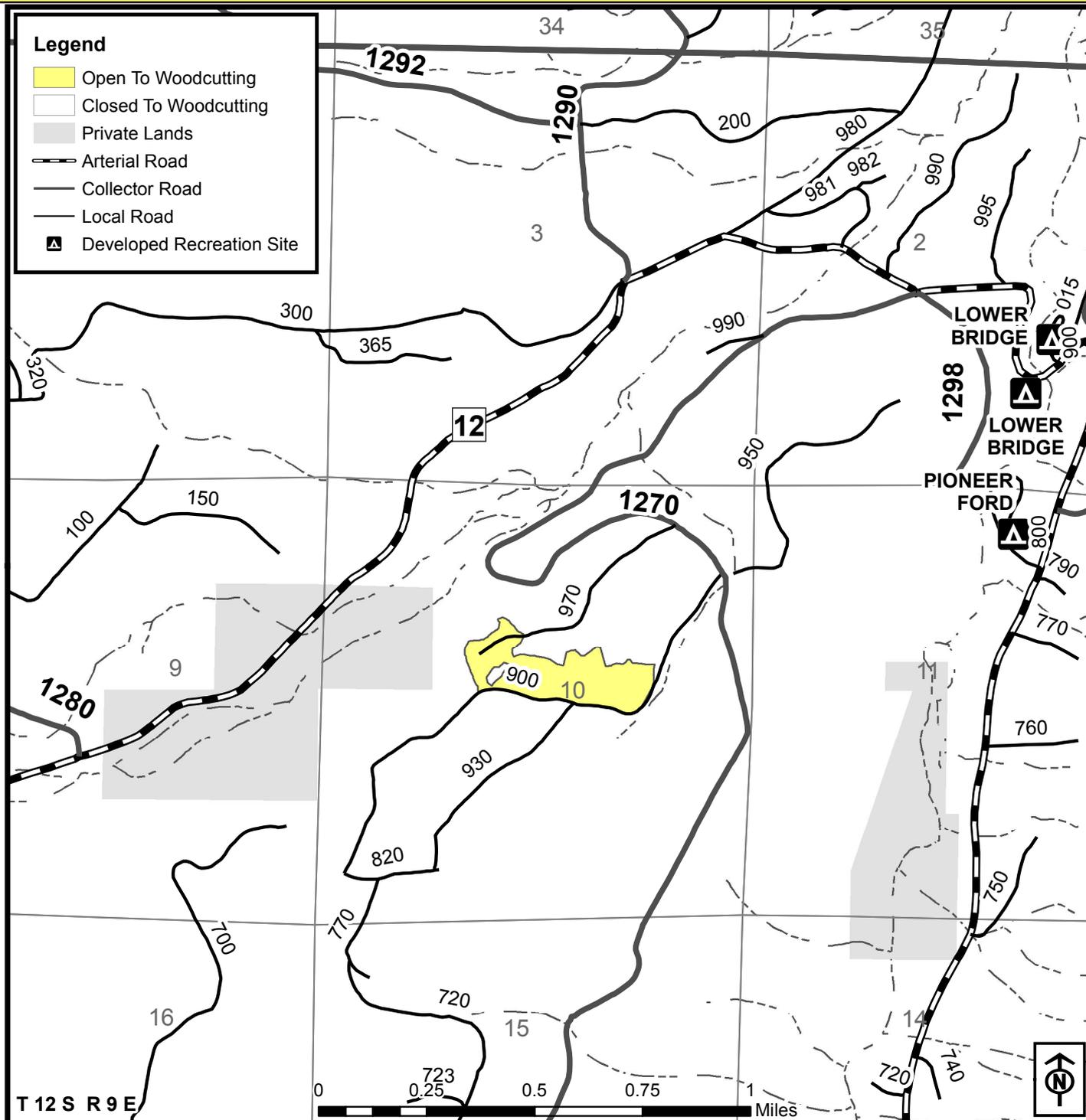
Directions: Travel south of Crescent on Hwy. 97 for about 15 miles to Road 9774. Head west on Road 9774 to Road 5840. West on Road 5840 to cutting area.



YOU CAN CUT: All species of standing or down dead. **EXCEPTION: DO NOT CUT** any tree marked with orange paint and/or trees **greater than 16 inches diameter**, measured 4 ½ feet above ground.

Off road access is allowed. Brush may be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Located 19 miles NW of Sisters. From Sisters, go NW on Hwy 20/126 about 8 miles to Rd 14 leading to Camp Sherman. Take Rd 14 north 2.5 miles to Rd 1419 at the Head of the Metolius River junction. Take Rd 1419 (the left fork) north about 2 miles to the junction with roads 1420 and 1216 at the stop sign. Continue north at the stop sign on Rd 1420 about 3 miles to Rd 12. Turn right (north on Rd 12) and go about 1/4 mile to Rd 1270. Turn right on Rd 1270 and go north about 3 miles to FS spur roads 900 or 970 which lead into the cutting area.



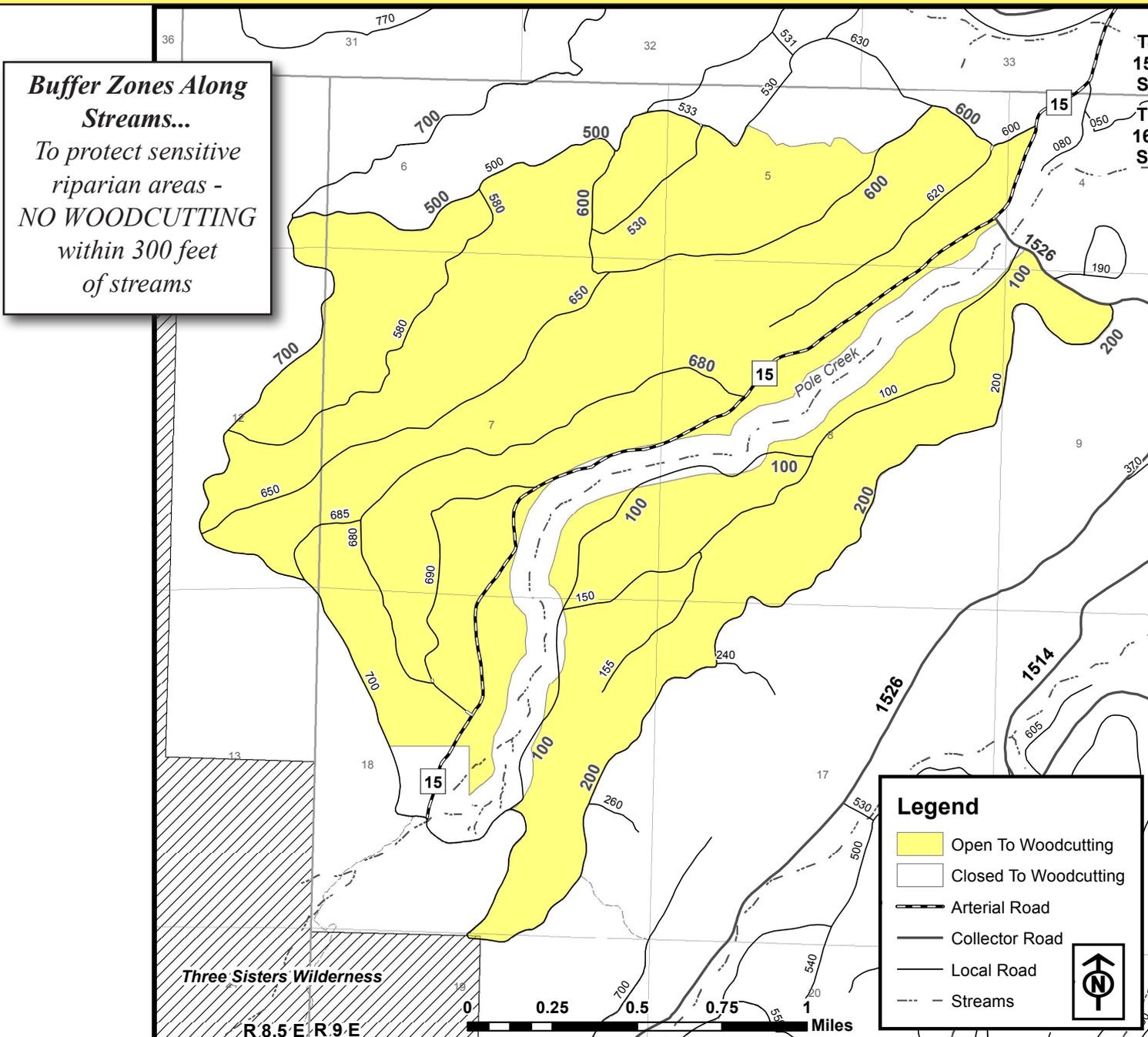
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SPECIAL NOTE: The western boundary is the 1500-700 road. The area within 300 feet of the Pole Creek trailhead and improvements is closed to woodcutting. Available wood is mainly beetle-killed lodgepole pine.

Off road access is allowed. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

Directions: Located 10 miles SW of Sisters. From Sisters, go west on Hwy 242 approx. 1.5 miles. Turn south on Road 15 for approximately 8 miles to start of cutting area at the junction of Roads 15 and Road 1500-600.



Three Creek

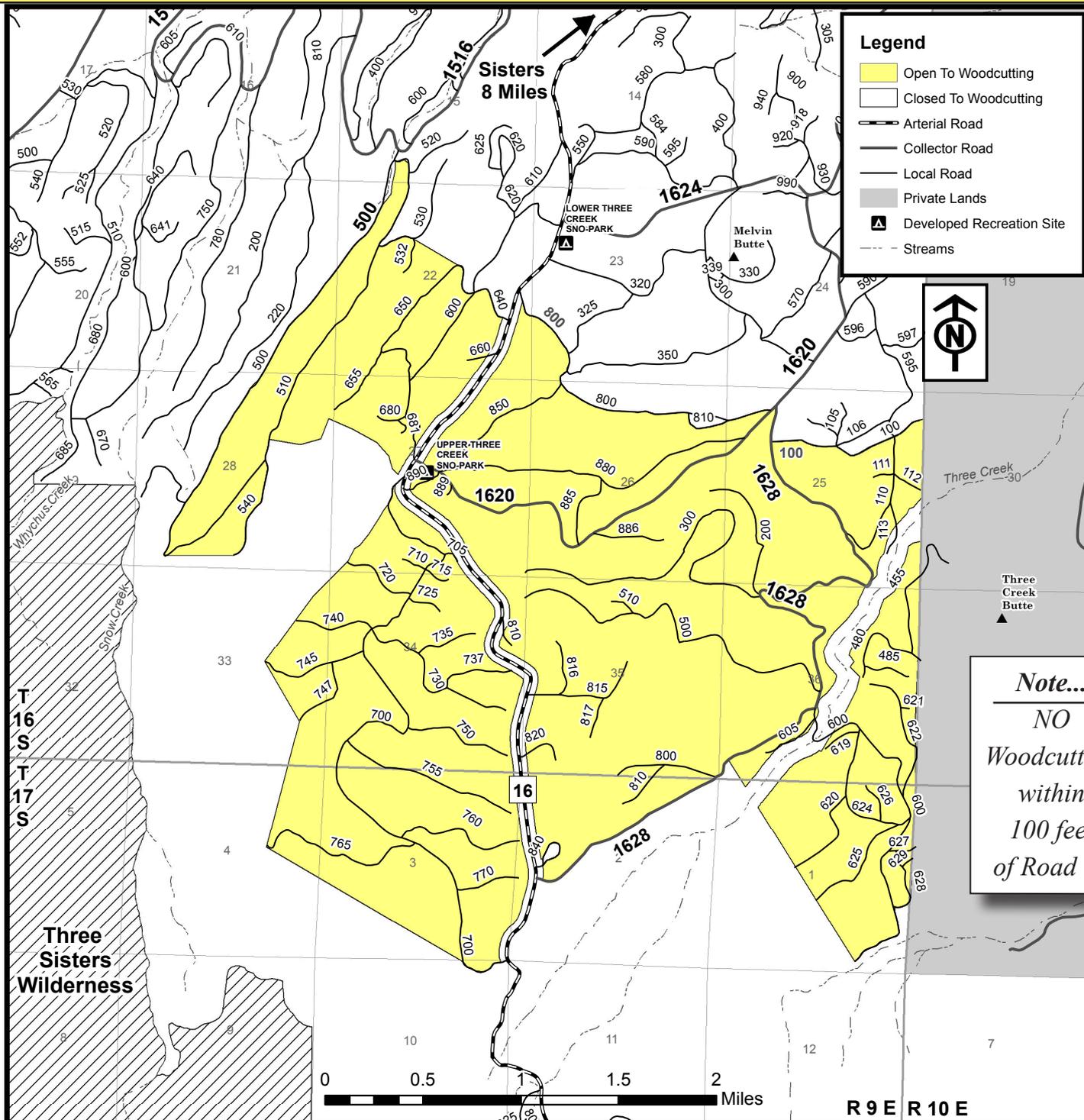
OPENS: April 30
CLOSES: November 30

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Directions: Located 10 miles south of Sisters on Road 16 (Elm Street becomes FS16).



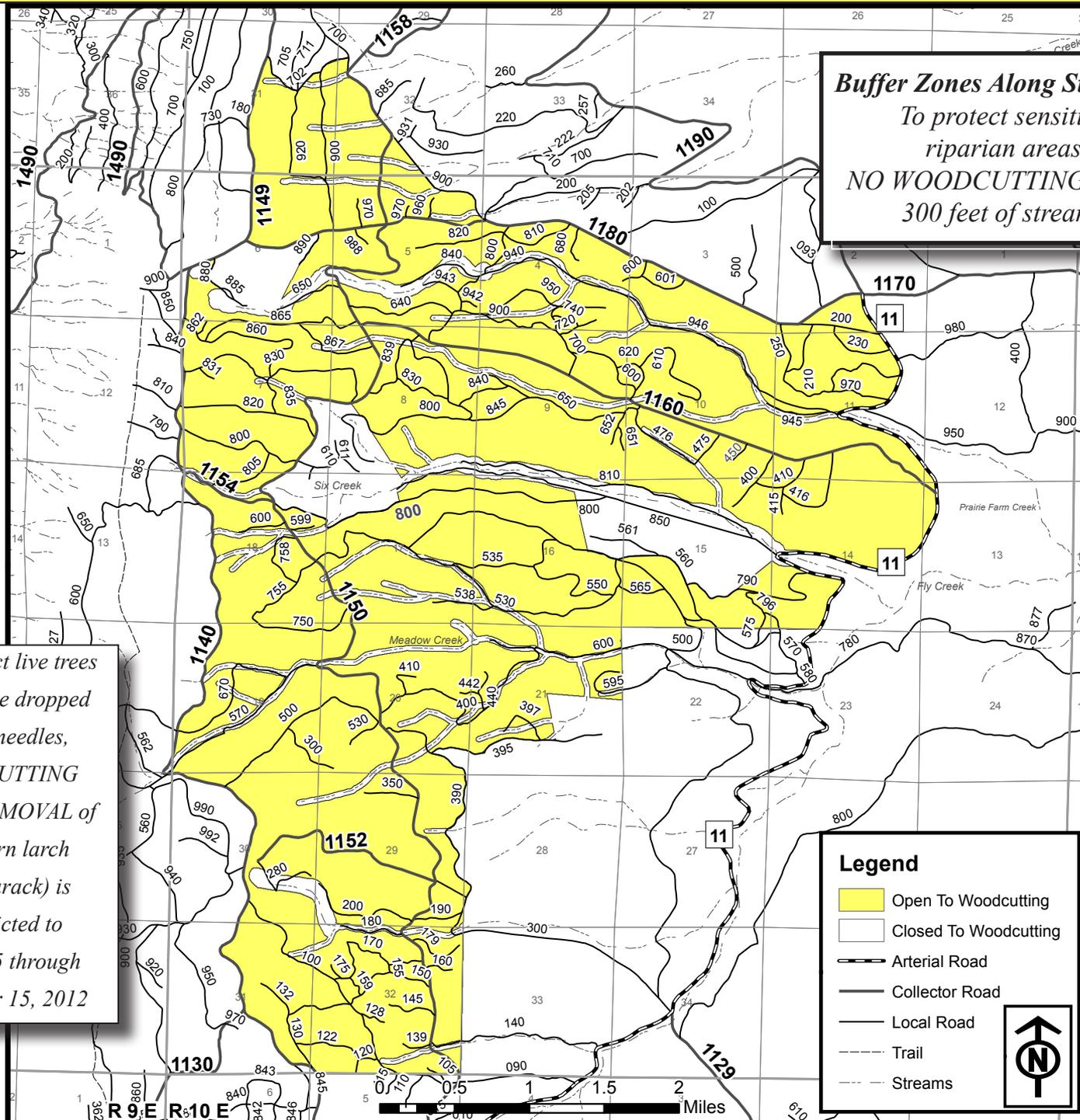
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Directions: Located 16 miles north of Sisters. From Sisters, go NW on Hwy 20 approx. 5 miles to Road 11 at Indian Ford, then north on Road 11 approx. 10 miles to Road 1150, then 1150 north approx. 1 mile to Deschutes NF boundary and cutting area.



*Buffer Zones Along Streams...
To protect sensitive
riparian areas
NO WOODCUTTING within
300 feet of streams*

*To protect live trees
that have dropped
their needles,
ALL CUTTING
AND REMOVAL of
western larch
(Tamarack) is
restricted to
May 15 through
October 15, 2012*

Woodcutting Permits are available at the following locations:

Deschutes National Forest
Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District
Deschutes NF Supervisor's Office
 63095 Deschutes Market Rd.
 Bend, OR 97701
 (541) 383-5300 or 383-4000

Ochoco National Forest
Lookout Mt. Ranger District
Paulina Ranger District
 3160 NE 3rd St.
 Prineville, OR 97754
 (541) 416-6500

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 Prineville District
 3050 NE 3rd St.
 Prineville, OR 97754
 (541) 416-6700

Crooked River National Grassland
 813 SW Hwy. 97
 Madras, OR 97741
 (541) 475-9272

Bend
 Bend Bi-Mart 389-5505
 Butler Market South 383-0146

Crescent/La Pine
 Crescent Ranger District 433-3200
 Corner Store 536-0700
 Quick Stop 536-2553
 La Pine Bi-Mart 536-9600

Prineville/Madras/Paulina
 Prineville R+R Grocery 447-7231
 Prineville Bi-Mart 447-0391
 Madras Bi-Mart 475-1394
 Rager Ranger Station 477-6900

Redmond/Terrbonne
 Redmond Air Center 504-7200
 Redmond Big R 548-4095
 Redmond Bi-Mart 923-7220
 Terrebonne Hardware 548-8707

Sisters
 Sisters Ranger District 549-7700
 Lutton's Ace Hardware 549-8011
 Sisters Bi-Mart 719-2000
 Sisters Rental 549-9631
 Mainline Station 549-5400

Sunriver
 Base Camp Grill 598-8868
 Hammer Time Home Center 593-8168

Useful Websites:

Deschutes National Forest
Ochoco National Forest
Crooked River National Grassland
www.fs.usda.gov/centraloregon

Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville

NOXIOUS WEEDS devour 4,600 acres of public land doing millions of dollars worth of damage in the west each year. Also known as *exotics* and *invasive plants*, noxious weeds:

- REDUCE forage diversity and quality for wildlife and livestock
- REDUCE nesting for animals
- CHOKe OUT native plant life
- CAN INCREASE wildfire frequency

YOU Can Help By...

- Washing your vehicle** prior to entering Public Lands - especially the tires, undercarriage, muffler, etc to remove any noxious weed seeds that you may have picked up along roadways.
- Properly disposing of garden waste.** (no dumping on Public Lands!).
- Be aware and don't transport** loose soil and plant parts.

Prevent the spread of NOXIOUS WEEDS



Toadflax

Toadflax is a highly competitive perennial with yellow flowers similar to snapdragons.



Spotted Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed is a deep rooted perennial. Purple to pink flowers bloom June - October.

Toadflax and Spotted Knapweed are just two of many noxious weeds threatening healthy plant communities in Central Oregon. For an extensive weed list and additional information go to:

www.deschutes.org/weeds

With the help of many volunteers, public land managers organize weed pulls, clip seed heads, put biocontrol agents (natural insect enemies) onto weed populations, arrange for herbicide spraying on certain sites, and participate in local weed boards and partnerships.

Need more information or want to join the battle against noxious weeds?

Contact Deb Mafera, Invasive Plant Program Coordinator, Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests: 541-416-6500.



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