

## FIREWOOD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How much Firewood can I gather?**

You are allowed to collect up to 5 cords of firewood per household per year across the Mt. Hood National Forest.

### **How much does a Firewood permit cost?**

Firewood sells for \$10.00/cord. The minimum charge for each firewood permit is \$20.00 (which authorizes 2 cords). For each cord of wood purchased, you will receive 2 load tags. All forest products permits sales, including firewood permit sales, are final and not subject to a refund.

### **What am I required to have when cutting and gathering Firewood?**

You are required to have a valid firewood cutting permit and load tags in your possession while cutting, gathering, and transporting firewood. You must also have an up-to-date Weekly Firewood Information Sheet. This sheet can be obtained off of this website, or at any Mt. Hood National Forest District office.

Chainsaw: Must have a screen type spark arrestor.

Shovel: Long handled with no less than an 8-inch blade.

Fire Extinguisher: Pressurized chemical of not less than 8 ounce capacity.

### **Where can I cut Firewood?**

Firewood cutting and gathering areas are identified on the Mt. Hood National Forest Weekly Firewood Information Sheet. You are not authorized to cut down standing trees (dead or alive) for firewood unless specifically designated. Firewood cutting is only authorized on downed material in approved areas.

#### Westside Mt. Hood National Forest Districts (Zigzag & Clackamas) Firewood Regulations:

Approved areas for firewood cutting are identified on the Weekly Firewood Information Sheet. Any firewood collection in areas not identified on the Weekly Firewood Information sheet, must be approved by Special Forest Products Personnel through the **Westside Special Request** process.

#### Eastside Mt. Hood National Forest Districts (Hood River & Barlow) Firewood Regulations:

Approved areas for firewood cutting are identified on the Weekly Firewood Information Sheet. Any firewood collection in areas not identified on the Weekly Firewood Information sheet, must be approved by Special Forest Products Personnel through the **Eastside Special Request** process.

### **When can I cut Firewood?**

Firewood season runs from Spring through November 30<sup>th</sup> every year. The opening date for firewood varies every year depending on snowpack, and accessibility of our Forest roads. The Mt. Hood National Forest advertises its opening date of fire wood in the newspapers, on this website, and at the District offices. Also refer to the **Industrial Fire Precaution Level System Information** on this website.

### **How much is a cord of wood?**

A cord of wood is 128 cubic feet measured by a neatly stacked pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high, and 4 feet wide. Calculation: 4 feet x 4 feet = 16square feet x 8 feet =128 cubic feet. You may also view the **Cord of Wood Illustration** sheet for further description. If you are transporting greater than half (½) cord of wood (68 cubic feet) you are required to visibly attach two (2) load tickets to your firewood load. If you transport less than or equal to half (½) cord of wood (68 cubic feet) you are required to visibly attach one (1) load ticket to your firewood load.

### **What is a Special Request Form for Firewood?**

**Westside Form**

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The Special Request Form for Firewood is used when you have located downed wood that is in an area not already designated on the Weekly Firewood Information sheet. You may fill out the requested Permittee information on the form and turn it into your local Westside or Eastside district offices. The Special Forest Products Coordinator will then receive and review the request for approval or denial. You will be notified when the request has been reviewed (allow up to two weeks from date of submission for review). Make sure your Special Request is filled out in detail, with road numbers, miles to location, side of road, species and size of material, and estimated quantity in specified location.