

2012 PERSONAL USE DEAD FUELWOOD CUTTING REGULATIONS NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT

(May 1, 2012 vers.)

The North Kaibab Ranger District has not yet implemented its travel management plan. Permittees are allowed to travel off-road to gather fuelwood in accordance with the district fuelwood map. The North Kaibab Ranger District expects to implement **travel management rules** later this fall, 2012. The rules for fuelwood collection may change, at which time new maps and handouts will be available. If you have any questions, please contact the District office by phone at 928-643-7395 or visit us at 430 S. Main Street in Fredonia, Arizona (open 8 am-4:30pm M-F). Our fuelwood collection rules and maps can also be found at our Kaibab National Forest website found at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab/passes-permits/forestproducts

All personal use fuelwood permits will be a minimum \$20 charge, with a MAXIMUM personal use fuelwood purchase amount is 10 cords per household per year.

ALL FUELWOOD WILL BE BUCKED INTO 4-FOOT LENGTHS OR LESS BEFORE LOADING.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT (Tractors, skidders, forklifts, or track driven machinery) IS **NOT** ALLOWED for skidding or loading, however WINCHING MAY BE USED to drag fuelwood pieces 10 inches or less in diameter on the large end to vehicle.

Permittees are required to protect Condors by ensuring no garbage, toxic materials or open fluid containers are accessible in the open. If Condors are seen, please do not interact with them and immediately contact the North Kaibab Ranger District at (928) 643-7395 to let the District Biologist know when and where the Condors were sited.

PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT Please remove all trash!!! Help Keep our Forest Beautiful!!!

Fire Precautions

Power saws must have a muffler in good condition and be equipped with a stainless steel screen (spark arrestor) with a maximum opening of .23 inch. Keep your shovel and fire extinguisher available at all times.

Never set a hot powersaw on dry flammable materials. Place it on bare ground, a rock or a tree stump.

Prior to starting saw, move it at least 10 feet away from where it was fueled and away from gasoline vapors.

Remain in the area at least 30 minutes after you have completed cutting, to insure that a stray spark from your saw has not started a fire.

If you start a warming and/or cooking fire, please extinguish it completely with water before you leave.

Size and Species

In approved un-restricted areas, any species of wood in any diameter already on the ground may be cut and removed.

Standing dead tree diameters are measured at Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), which is defined as the Diameter of a tree 4 ½ feet above the ground. If you are on a slope, this is 4 ½ feet above the ground on the uphill side.

A standing dead Ponderosa Pine, Fir, Spruce or Aspen that has a stem size less than 12 inches D.B.H. may be cut regardless of the tree height.

A standing dead Ponderosa Pine, Fir, or Spruce which has a total height less than 15 feet may be cut regardless of the stem size (DBH).

A standing dead Pinyon Pine which has a stem size less than 10 inches DBH may be cut regardless of height.

A dead Pinyon Pine that has a total height less than 12 feet may be cut regardless of stem size (DBH).

A standing dead Juniper may be cut of any height or DBH.

A standing dead Oak that has a stem diameter less than 8 inches DBH. may be cut regardless of the tree height.

- *If you are not certain of height or stem size of a standing dead tree, Do Not Cut the Tree.*
- Dead Standing trees are very valuable for wildlife & the Forest Ecosystem.

Safety Message: Gathering fuel wood within burned areas is extremely dangerous since burned trees may fall due to burned out roots and/or tops.

Some Suggested Fuelwood Cutting/Gathering areas:

There is still some available dead wood at the snowmobile play area gravel pit near FR270 and FR22 jct. next to the active Dead Horse stewardship contract timber sale area.

There are a number of dead wood piles within 100 feet of certain roads as specified in the supplemental Warm Fire map. In addition, there are some older residual log decks on FR261 (S. of 212) which are available for fuel wood cutting. Please check your supplemental Warm fire map and if uncertain, ask district personnel first for clarification.

Down wood already on the ground and/or dead standing wood meeting the above section's species and size specifications may be cut **with the exception that NO FUELWOOD CUTTING OR GATHERING WITHIN THE FOLLOWING: Timber sales; special permit areas; study areas or special habitat areas as shown shaded or labeled on map and/or designated in the field.**

Other restricted no cutting or gathering areas NOT shown on the map include: other study areas; Campgrounds; Communication Sites and/or Administrative Sites.

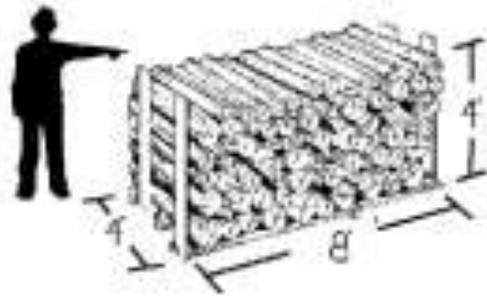
Additional unforeseen restricted no cutting or gathering areas and/or periods may occur on the district due to environmental conditions such as, but not limited to: **high fire danger; planned or unplanned fire ignitions; etc.** Please check with the North Kaibab District Office for current restriction information at 928-643-7395.

Vehicles **MUST NOT** be driven off roads when such travel will result in damage to soil or vegetation (For example when conditions are wet and muddy).

No wood may be cut where it would result in damage to any improvements such as buildings, fences, roads, power lines, etc.

Measuring Cords

The amount of wood removed is measured in Cords. A standard Cord is 4x4x8 feet. A standard size pickup truck bed filled just above the top (if no side racks) is approximately ½ cord.



Document Wood Removal

Firewood cutters must physically attach a Load Tag to each ¼ cord or portion of firewood in a location visible from the rear of the vehicle before moving the vehicle from the firewood collection site.

1. There are four tags for each cord of wood issued on the permit. Each tag equals ¼ cord or less and is numbered and corresponds with a load ticket number on the permit.
2. Before leaving the harvest site, a tag for each ¼ cord or smaller portion of wood in the load must be physically attached to a piece of wood in the load (ie ¼ cord or less=1 tag, ¼-½ cord=2 tags, ½-¾ cord=3 tags, etc.). Use a nail, staple, tack, screwdriver or other secure attachment device, that will remain attached during transport.
3. Each tag must have the month, day of the week, and A.M/P.M. punched out, with a pen, hole punch, etc., prior to attaching it to the load.
4. Permittees must also fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record in INK on the permit prior to leaving the harvest area. The quantity in this record must correspond with the number of tags used.

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I have read the 2012 personal use paid fire wood cutting regulations herein. I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this permit.

Signature of Permittee

Date

PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR RESOURCES!

BE SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR FUELWOOD GATHERING EXPERIENCE!

