

2013 PERSONAL USE DEAD FUELWOOD CUTTING REGULATIONS

NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT

ANY CHANGES THIS YEAR? The fuelwood collection rules have changed this year due to the **Travel Management Ruling (TMR)**, which each National Forest is addressing. As a result of TMR, the North Kaibab Ranger District is implementing its new **Travel Management Plan** during the 2013 fuelwood season with the main purpose to minimize natural resource damage from cross country motorized traffic. A vital tool used to implement this new plan is the **Motor User Vehicle Map (MVUM)**, which will be available sometime during the 2013 fuelwood collection season and “free of charge” to the public and fuelwood Permittees. The MVUM will display the signed and numbered roads on the district which can be driven with motorized vehicles.

HOW DOES TRAVEL MANAGEMENT AFFECT PERMITTEE WOOD GATHERERS? It depends if you are gathering fuelwood in the pinyon pine/juniper timber (PJ) down low, or if you’re gathering in the ponderosa pine, aspen, spruce and/or fir timber at higher elevations:

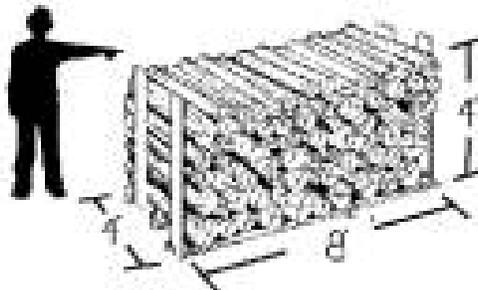
Within the Pinyon Pine and Juniper (PJ) woodland timber (brown colored areas on the fuelwood map), wood cutters are not allowed to drive motor vehicles beyond 30 feet from designated signed access road edges as shown on the **fuelwood map**. The fuelwood map currently displays all the MVUM approved roads that occur in the PJ. Wood can still be gathered beyond the 30 foot distance by foot or horseback; wood can be dragged or hauled back to the roadway by hand or with use of wheel barrows. Please travel on “signed” roads only in this PJ timber.

Within the Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir and/or Aspen timber (white colored areas on the fuelwood map), retrieval of fuelwood may be accomplished by “one-trip-in and one-trip-out” off-road motorized travel provided it is the most direct route in and out. Off-road travel is not permitted to “scout” or look for wood. One can look for wood by hiking, horseback, or visual observation from the road first, beyond the 30-foot mark from the roadway edge. The current fuelwood map does not show all the MVUM approved roads at the higher elevations within the map’s white shaded areas since there are too many roads to display. Permittees are therefore encouraged to get the “free” MVUM to accompany the fuelwood map, when they become available.

Within the Oak, (brown and/or white colored areas on the fuelwood map), which occurs typically at the low to mid elevations, Permittees should follow the above mentioned rules depending on which area they are in.

WHAT IS THE PRICE PER CORD OF WOOD? All personal use fuelwood permits will be a minimum \$20 charge (4 cord minimum @ \$5 per cord); with a MAXIMUM personal use fuelwood purchase amount of 10 cords per household per year.

HOW TO MEASURE A CORD OF WOOD? 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.



WHAT LENGTH MUST THE WOOD BE CUT TO? All Fuelwood must be cut into lengths of **4 feet or less** before loading it into your vehicle/trailer.



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What Size of Tree/Log and What Species can I Cut?

- In approved un-restricted areas, any species of wood, in any diameter already lying on the ground may be cut up 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," as Larger Dead Standing Trees are Very Valuable for Wildlife & the Forest Ecosystem.

FUELWOOD CUTTING/GATHERING AREAS: Downed wood already on the ground and/or dead standing wood meeting the above section's species and size specifications may be cut if they occur in a non-restricted area within the white or brown shaded areas of the District fuelwood map.

NO FUELWOOD CUTTING/GATHERING RESTRICTED AREAS: Please avoid wood gathering from administrative sites, study areas or developed recreation sites, including developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads and interpretive sites. Commercial timber sale and other contract areas are also excluded from cutting under this permit. Trees with signs, tags or paint may not be removed. No wood may be cut where it would result in damage to any improvements such as buildings, fences, roads, power lines, etc.. 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**.

DON'T DRIVE OFF ANY ROAD WHEN TRAVEL WILL DAMAGE SOILS, particularly when ground conditions are thawed, wet or muddy).

DO NOT USE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OFF-ROAD TO SKID OR LOAD WOOD. The use of Heavy Equipment (Tractors, skidders, forklifts, or track driven machinery) is **NOT ALLOWED** for gathering or loading wood off-road with this permit.

What Fire Precautions Must I Take?

- Power saws must have a muffler in good condition and be equipped with a stainless steel screen (spark arrestor) with a maximum gap/opening of 0.23 inches. 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.



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What if I Encounter a California Condor while Gathering Wood? 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 you are asked to contact the North Kaibab Ranger District at (928) 643-7395 to let the District Biologist know when and where the condors were sighted.

How Do I Document Fuelwood 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 (i.e. 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.

Questions? Please contact the District office by phone at **928-643-7395** or visit us at 430 S. Main Street in Fredonia, Arizona (open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.). As available, updates and regulations can be found at our Kaibab National Forest website found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kaibab/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=FSM91_050217

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I have read the 2013 personal use paid firewood cutting regulations herein and 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!**

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