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## **Fuelwood Collection Opportunity at Red Meadow**

The Inyo National Forest is announcing a special opportunity for personal use fuelwood collection in the Red Meadow Valley on June 4-9, 2013.

The area will open for fuelwood collection at 9:00 a.m. and all firewood collection activities must be completed by 4:00 p.m. each day.

Wood cutters will need to present their 2013 fuelwood permit and tags at Minaret Vista Entrance Station, one mile from the Mammoth Mountain Inn, for entry into the area. Those collecting firewood will check out with their tagged load of fuelwood at this same check point.

This is a one-time event for these six days only, which will be supervised by U.S. Forest Service personnel. Permittees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for firewood collection early in the season as wood cutting activities may be curtailed later in summer or fall due to drought conditions and wildfire hazard.

You must have a valid 2013 personal use fuelwood permit to collect dead and down material only. Permittees will be required to park along the shoulder of established roads during collecting activities, and will not be permitted to drive off-road for firewood retrieval.

Firewood gathering will only be permitted at sites which are signed for wood cutting. This includes Minaret Falls Campground and the government pasture located between Red Meadow Campground and Sotcher Lake. No firewood cutting will be allowed within Red Meadow Resort & Pack Station, Agnew Meadow Pack Station, Agnew Meadows Campground, and within Devils Postpile National Monument boundaries. All other wood cutting regulations are in effect.

Fuelwood permits may be purchased at local Forest Service Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers. Fuelwood permits are \$15.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase. The Inyo National Forest will implement shut down days (for chainsaw use) based upon daily Project Activity Levels. Permit holders can call (760) 873-2555 for information on shut down days.

Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the following locations:

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044

Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth Lakes; (760) 924-5500

White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop; (760) 873-2500

InterAgency Visitor Center in Lone Pine; (760) 876-6222.

*Please call ahead for current business hours.*

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