

## Spanish Fork Ranger District – Frequently Asked Questions!

1. When is the Spanish Fork Ranger District office open?

*ANSWER: The District Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The office is closed for all federal holidays.*

2. How can I get a hold of a live person when I call your District Office at (801) 798-3571?

*ANSWER: When you call our District Office you will be greeted by a recorded messages providing current information on the status of our campgrounds, roads and trails. If you continue to stay on the line and after a short pause, you will be forwarded to the receptionist who is available to assist you with additional questions or transfer you to one of our District staff personnel.*

3. When can I buy a firewood permit?

*ANSWER: "Firewood", "fuel wood" or "wood" permits are available for sale at the District Office typically between the months of July through the end of September. This time period has been established to allow the public who buy their permit sufficient time to collect their firewood prior to the closure of Forest roads due to winter weather.*

4. Where on the District can I collect my firewood?

*ANSWER: The public is allowed to collect firewood District-wide except for the Mount Nebo Wilderness and developed recreation areas.*

5. How much do firewood permits cost?

*ANSWER: Permits costs \$30 for a four cord minimum and \$7.50 for each additional cord up to a 10 cord maximum, per family per year. To purchase a permit you will need to know the year, make, model, color, and license plate number of the vehicle that you will be using to gather fuel wood.*

6. Does the Spanish Fork Ranger District still sell Christmas tree permits?

*ANSWER: Yes. Christmas tree permits have been a long standing tradition on the Spanish Fork Ranger District. Permits go on sale in mid-November and continue until all 400 permits are sold out. Permits are sold for \$10 each with one permit issued per adult, and are for the Vernon area only.*

7. Can I buy a Christmas tree permit for my neighbor or relative who could not make it to the District Office at the same time I purchase mine?

*ANSWER: No! In order to make it fair to all the people standing in line during our opening day, only 1 permit is issued to each person in line. Unfortunately, your neighbor or relative will need to come with you.*

8. When do your Christmas tree permits sell out?

*ANSWER: The majority (90% to 95%) of our Christmas tree permits sell out on the first day. We will continue selling the permits until we have sold out, which in the past has typically been within the following few days. You may want to call the District ahead to make sure we still have permits.*

9. Where can I ride my motorcycle or ATV?

ANSWER: *The public is allowed to ride their motorcycle or ATV (50 inches or less in width) on designated motorized vehicle routes that are depicted on the 2013 Motor Vehicle Use Map. No off-road motorized vehicle use is allowed on the District. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available for free at the District Office.*

10. Can I ride my motorcycle or ATV on a paved (asphalt) Forest Road or Highway?

ANSWER: *Yes and No! You can only ride a **street-legal** motorcycle or ATV on a paved Forest Road or Highway. If your motorcycle or ATV is not a street-legal motorized vehicle, you cannot ride it on a paved Forest Road or highway. Non street-legal motorcycles and ATV's must ride on designated routes shown on the 2013 Motor Vehicle Use Map.*

11. When do the gates open and close on the District?

ANSWER: *There is no set date for this, opening and closing the gates is all dependent on the weather. We open the gates as road conditions improve to the point of having no resource damage and being safe for visitors.*

12. When do the campgrounds open and close on the District?

ANSWER: *Opening the campgrounds is weather dependent. The goal is to have them open by Memorial Day weekend each year, and most campgrounds close around the beginning of October depending on the weather. Diamond Fork and the Vernon reservoir campgrounds are open year round.*

13. How can I reserve a campground?

ANSWER: *You can make reservation online at <http://www.recreation.gov>, or by calling 1 (877) 444-6777. Reservations need to be made five days in advance of your arrival date. A third of every campground is first-come, first-serve, so you still may get a spot without a reservation. Our most popular campgrounds fill up every weekend in the summer, so you will want to get there early if you want to get a first-come, first-serve spot.*

14. What are the boundaries of the Spanish Fork Ranger District?

ANSWER: *Our boundaries of management include the Vernon unit to the west, the Nebo Scenic Loop, Mount Nebo Wilderness, and the Diamond Fork area that extends to the southern edge of Strawberry reservoir, and up Hobbie Creek canyon.*

15. Are pets allowed in the National Forest?

ANSWER: *Pets must be on leash while in campgrounds, developed recreation areas and on interpretive trails. Pets should be under your control at all times and are not allowed (except guide dogs) in swimming areas.*

16. What are the campground fees after Labor Day?

ANSWER: *Depending on weather conditions and use of the campground determines how long a campground will stay open with fees.*