



2024 Manti-La Sal Regulations for Personal Use Firewood Cutting

Moab/Monticello Ranger Districts



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General Permit Information

The permit terms and firewood map are part of your Personal Use Firewood Permit. It is your responsibility to cut your firewood in the place and manner authorized by your permit.

The map issued with your permit identifies areas that are closed to firewood cutting. Each year, additional areas may be closed to firewood cutting for management purposes. These areas will be posted/signed on the ground, and information will be available at the district office. Firewood cutting is prohibited in wilderness areas, research natural areas, administrative sites, research areas, posted contract and “No Cutting” areas, and within 150 feet of campgrounds, recreation sites and resorts. All other lands on the Moab/Monticello Ranger District are open to firewood cutting.

Reminders

- Please read your permit carefully
- Remember to fill out your Permit Removal Record and to use your Fuelwood Load Tags
- All Firewood permits expire on November 30, 2024

South Zone Manti-La Sal National Forest Service Phone Numbers

Moab Ranger District: 435-259-7155

Monticello Ranger District: 435-587-2041

Emergency Phone Numbers

Grand County & San Juan County Emergency: 911

Moab Area Emergency Phone Numbers

Grand County Sheriff Department: 435-259-8115

Moab City Police: 435-259-8938

Moab Regional Hospital: 435-719-3500

Monticello Area Emergency Phone Numbers

San Juan County Sheriff: 435-587-2237

San Juan County Hospital: 435-587-2116

To Report Wildfires in the Southeast Utah Area

Call Moab Interagency Fire Center: 435-259-1850



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(click link or scan QR code)

[Manti-La Sal National Forest - Forest Products Permits \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/forestproducts/permits)

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Frequently Asked Questions About Firewood Cutting

How large is a cord of wood?

A cord of wood is defined as 128 cubic feet of wood. Measurements are 4' high x 8' long x 4' deep.

- **A full-size truck** with an 8-foot bed will hold one cord of firewood if the wood is stacked to the top of the cab
- **A small truck** (¼ ton) with or without racks will hold approximately ½ a cord of firewood (Approx. 1331 lbs.)
- **A short-bed truck** (½ ton) with or without racks will hold approximately ½ a cord of firewood (Approx. 1331 lbs.)
- **A long-bed truck** (½ or ¾ ton) **without racks**, will hold approximately ½ a cord of firewood (Approx. 1331 lbs.)
- **A long-bed truck** (½ or ¾ ton) with racks will hold approximately 1 full cord of firewood (Approx. 2662 lbs.)
- **A 1-ton truck** with high racks will hold approximately 2 cords of firewood (Approx. 5324 lbs.)

How do I purchase a permit?

Firewood permits are purchased in-person at your nearest USDA Forest Service office between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Moab Ranger District permits must be purchased at the Monticello office.

What is the charge for the permit?

The cost of a firewood permit is \$5.00 per cord, with a \$20.00 minimum/four cord purchase. If you want to purchase fewer than four cords, the fee is still \$20.00. The maximum number of cords you can purchase per year is 10. Permits are non-refundable. If lose your permit, we can't make a copy of it; you will have to purchase another one.

When does my permit expire?

Permits expire on November 30th, annually.



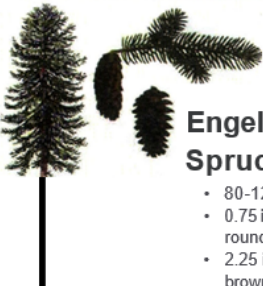

What type of wood is available for firewood?

Species available on the Moab/Monticello Districts are Pinyon Pine, Juniper, Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir, Aspen and Gambel Oak. **Firewood cutting must be dead and down trees; with the exception of standing dead Aspen, Pinyon Pine, Juniper, and Oak. Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, Engelmann Spruce, White Fir, and Subalpine Fir must be dead and down; do not cut these species if they are standing.**

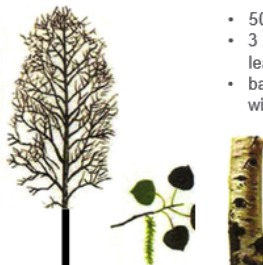




Why can't I cut standing dead Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, Engelmann Spruce, White Fir, and Subalpine Fir?

Standing dead trees (called snags) provide food and shelter for a variety of animals. Nearly one-third of the animals in the forest utilize these snags, which are called "animal inns." Hawks, eagles, and owls use snags for hunting perches. Woodpeckers drill into dead or dying trees to obtain insects for food and make cavities for shelter. Birds, such as bluebirds and owls, nest in holes made by woodpeckers. Small mammals store food in cracks in the dead wood. Standing dead trees are popular for firewood, but it is illegal to cut down these important animal inns.

Dead & Down ONLY Species

<p>Ponderosa Pine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60-130 ft. tall tree • 7 in. long, 3 (2-5)/bundle needles • 4.5 in. cones, shiny red-brown 	<p>Subalpine Fir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-60 ft. tall tree • <u>tree tops</u> maybe split • 0.75 in. long, flattened needles • 3.5 in. cones, dark <u>blue-purple</u> 
<p>NO</p> <p>Dead+ Down = CUT</p>  <p>YES</p> 	
<p>Engelmann Spruce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80-120 ft. tall tree • 0.75 in. long, gray-green rounded needles • 2.25 in. cones, pale orange-brown 	<p>Douglas Fir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-100 ft. tall tree • 1 in. long, needles • 3 in. cones, large bracts (tails) projecting <u>out</u> 

Dead Species

<p>Aspen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 ft. tall tree • 3 in. circular/heart leaves; golden in autumn • bark color is grayish white with dark <u>scars</u> 	<p>Pinyon Pine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-20 ft. shrub or small tree • 1.25 in. short, 2 (1-3)/bundle needles • 1.25 in. round cones 
<p>Dead = CUT</p>  <p>YES</p> 	
<p>Utah Juniper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 ft. tall shrub or tree • 0.25 in. berry fruit, <u>blue-white</u> • scale shaped leaves clasp <u>together</u> 	<p>Gambel Oak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 ft. tall tree • 4.5 long, lobed leaves • 1 in. oval acorns 