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# special forest products **INCIDENTAL USE GUIDE**



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**NATIONAL FOREST**



## WHAT IS INCIDENTAL USE?

Incidental Use allows Fremont-Winema National Forest's users to remove small quantities of special forest products without a permit. It can occur when people are engaged in activities such as camping, hiking, hunting, etc., and unintentionally discover a special forest product they want to take home for their direct personal use.



## WHAT ARE SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS?

Special forest products include berries, fruits, tree boughs, twigs, ornamental cuttings, cones, foliage, edible mushrooms, and seeds. On the Fremont-Winema National Forest, a permit is not needed to harvest minor amounts of special forest products for direct personal use.

This brochure lists the products and the amounts that may be harvested under incidental use without charge and a need for a permit. It also describes how products may be harvested. Materials gathered under incidental use are for one's direct personal use and cannot be sold, traded, or exchanged.

Products and quantity limits may change from time to time to protect forest resources. It is the person's responsibility who is harvesting special forest products to stay current by visiting any Fremont-Winema National Forest office or Web site.



## WHERE CAN I HARVEST?

Forest users can harvest limited amounts of forest products

anywhere on Fremont-Winema National Forest lands, except in Wild and Scenic River Corridors; administrative sites; areas specifically excluded; and wildernesses, botanical, and research areas. These areas are not typically marked in the field. It is the responsibility of the forest user to ensure they are outside of these areas when harvesting. Also, harvesting is not allowed within operating contract areas such as forest timber sales, etc.



## WHAT CAN I HARVEST?

Product	Daily Limit	Yearly Limit
Berries & Other Fruit	1 gallon	5 gallons
Boughs, Twigs, & Other Cuttings	5 pounds	40 pounds
Cones <i>1 bushel per day</i> 1 bushel = 8 gallons or 32 quarts	1 bushel	5 bushels
Foliage	2 pounds	20 Pounds
Mushrooms <i>Except MATSUTAKE MUSHROOMS</i>	1 gallon	5 gallons
Seeds	½ pound	5 pounds

The special forest products and limits listed above are **NOT** items that the Fremont-Winema National Forest must make available to the public. They are subject to natural availability. A person must make reasonable efforts to avoid resource or environmental damage. No digging is allowed. Also, remember to leave some for the next person,

and be sure that the special forest product being harvested can renew itself.

If forest users intend to harvest more than the specified limits listed, they will need to obtain a **free-use, personal-use or commercial-use permit** if available from any Fremont-Winema National Forest office.

## Berries & Other Fruits

Berries and other fruits may be harvested for personal use, up to one gallon per day with a limit of five gallons per year. Pick only berries and fruits that can be reasonably used and do not gather them from just one plant. This helps maintain a food source for wildlife. Stems, branches and leaves must also be protected while harvesting to maintain plant health, which promotes successful fruit production in the future.

## Boughs, Twigs, & Other Cuttings

Boughs, twigs and cuttings from trees and shrubs (woody material) may be harvested for personal use, up to five pounds per day, with a 40 pound yearly limit. Choose only a few from any one tree or shrub and harvest from lower limbs in order to leave the crown intact. This helps maintain plant health. Choosing disease and insect-free boughs, twigs and cuttings helps ensure pests do not spread.

## Cones

For personal use, a person may collect only conifer cones that are on the ground. Choosing only cones that are completely dry and free of damage helps prevent the spread of insects and disease. Forest users can collect up to one bushel per day with a limit of five bushels per year. A bushel is defined as 8 gallons or 32 quarts.

## Foliage

Foliage species (non-woody material) may be harvested for personal use up to two pounds a day with a limit of 20 pounds per year. To promote healthy plants, limit the number of leaves harvested from any one plant. The branch and root system must be left undisturbed to ensure leaf re-growth.

## Mushrooms

There are a wide variety of mushrooms that are common on the Fremont-Winema National Forest that may be harvested for personal use without a permit. A person may harvest up to one gallon per day and up to five gallons yearly. **Under incidental use, NO MATSUTAKE mushrooms may be harvested.**

Mushrooms are the fruiting part of living organisms, of which the vast majority are in the leaf litter, the duff layer and soil. Carefully pluck or cut mushrooms without disturbing the ground to protect the living organism's fungal net. Do not rake, dig or pull up mushrooms. If using an extraction tool, the maximum width allowed is one inch (2.54 cm). These practices help sustain a healthy fungi population that will continue to produce mushrooms in the future.

Also, keep harvested mushrooms in a basket or container with openings. This helps to spread spores around while picking, thus aiding the chance for successful reproduction and expansion of local mushroom populations.

## Seeds

Plant seeds may be collected for personal use, up to one-half pound per day, with a five pound yearly limit. Harvesting them conservatively from any one plant will ensure a viable local seed bank, as well as maintaining a food source for wildlife use.



## FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Forest users must observe all fire regulations and closures.

This information is available by contacting any Fremont-Winema National Forest office, calling 541-947-6259 or visiting the Lakeview Interagency Fire Center (LIFC) Web site:

**<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>**

For breaking news during the South Central Oregon's fire season, please visit **<https://www.facebook.com/scofmpfireinfo>** or **<http://twitter.com/scofmpfireinfo>**



## MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP

Please remember to get a free Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) at any Fremont-Winema National Forest office or Web site before heading out. The MVUM is the legal document stipulating which Forest Service roads and trails are designated for motor vehicle use.

It is the public's responsibility to refer to the MVUM to determine where they are allowed to use motor vehicles. Regardless of what other maps may show as motorized routes, only those routes identified on the MVUM are designated open to motorized use.

# Conditions of Incidental Use

- ✓ *Incidental use harvesting cannot take place while another person in your group is harvesting the same product under permit (e.g. free, personal or commercial).*
- ✓ *Only products listed in this brochure may be harvested from non-restricted areas.*
- ✓ *Individual product harvesting techniques shall be followed to protect the ground, surrounding vegetation and soil from damage and disturbance. Please refer to each of the product sections in this brochure for details or contact any Fremont-Winema National Forest office.*
- ✓ *In order to protect the land and resources, products may be restricted or limits lowered without notice. It is the responsibility of the forest user to stay current by visiting any Fremont-Winema National Forest office or Web site.*
- ✓ *Abide by all road and area closures. Closures may be put in place to reduce the spread of forest diseases, protect wildlife and land resources, or to provide for public safety.*
- ✓ ***Keep National Forest lands clean. Please remove litter!***
- ✓ *Be able to correctly identify species before harvesting because some are poisonous. **When in doubt leave it in the woods!***
- ✓ *All species of the following plants are protected under Oregon State Law and are prohibited from collections: lilies, orchids, bitterroot and primroses. Remember, all **threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species are prohibited from collection.***
- ✓ *Please do your part in taking care of our valuable resources.*

# Fremont-Winema NF Offices

## Lakeview Interagency Office

1301 South G Street  
Lakeview, OR 97630  
(541) 947-2151

## Klamath Ranger District

2819 Dahlia Street,  
Suite A  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
541-883-6714

## Bly Ranger District

61100 Highway 140 E  
Bly, OR 97622  
541-353-2427

## Lakeview Ranger District

18049 Highway 395  
Lakeview, OR 97630  
541-947-3334

## Chemult Ranger District

110500 Highway 97 N  
Chemult, OR 97731  
541-365-7001

## Paisley Ranger District

303 Highway 31  
Paisley, OR 97636  
541-943-3114

## Chiloquin Ranger District

38500 Highway 97 N  
Chiloquin, OR 97624  
541-783-4001

## Silver Lake Ranger District

65600 Highway 31  
Silver Lake, OR 97638  
541-576-2107



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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities and you wish to file either an EEO or program complaint please contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).