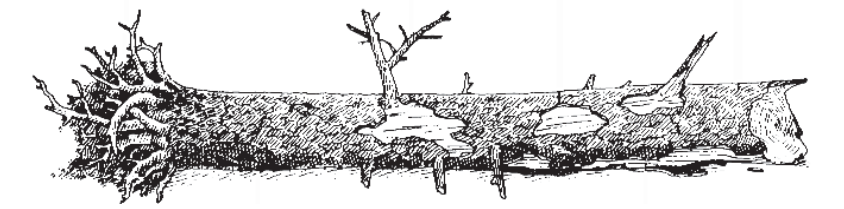


Personal Use Firewood Map

Inyo National Forest

2025



This map must accompany the Wood Collecting Permit.

The Inyo National Forest is one of the National Forests that offers Firewood Collecting Permits to the public. Firewood Permits will be offered to the public as long as wood collecting does not conflict with other forest resources and activities such as commercial timber cutting, reforestation, wildlife habitat management, and fire prevention.

Closure of some areas is an attempt to reduce negative forest impacts. In many of the areas, all available firewood has already been removed and there are signs of excessive road proliferation or other impacts. Some may reopen to fuelwood cutting in the future as more wood becomes available and associated impacts are reduced.

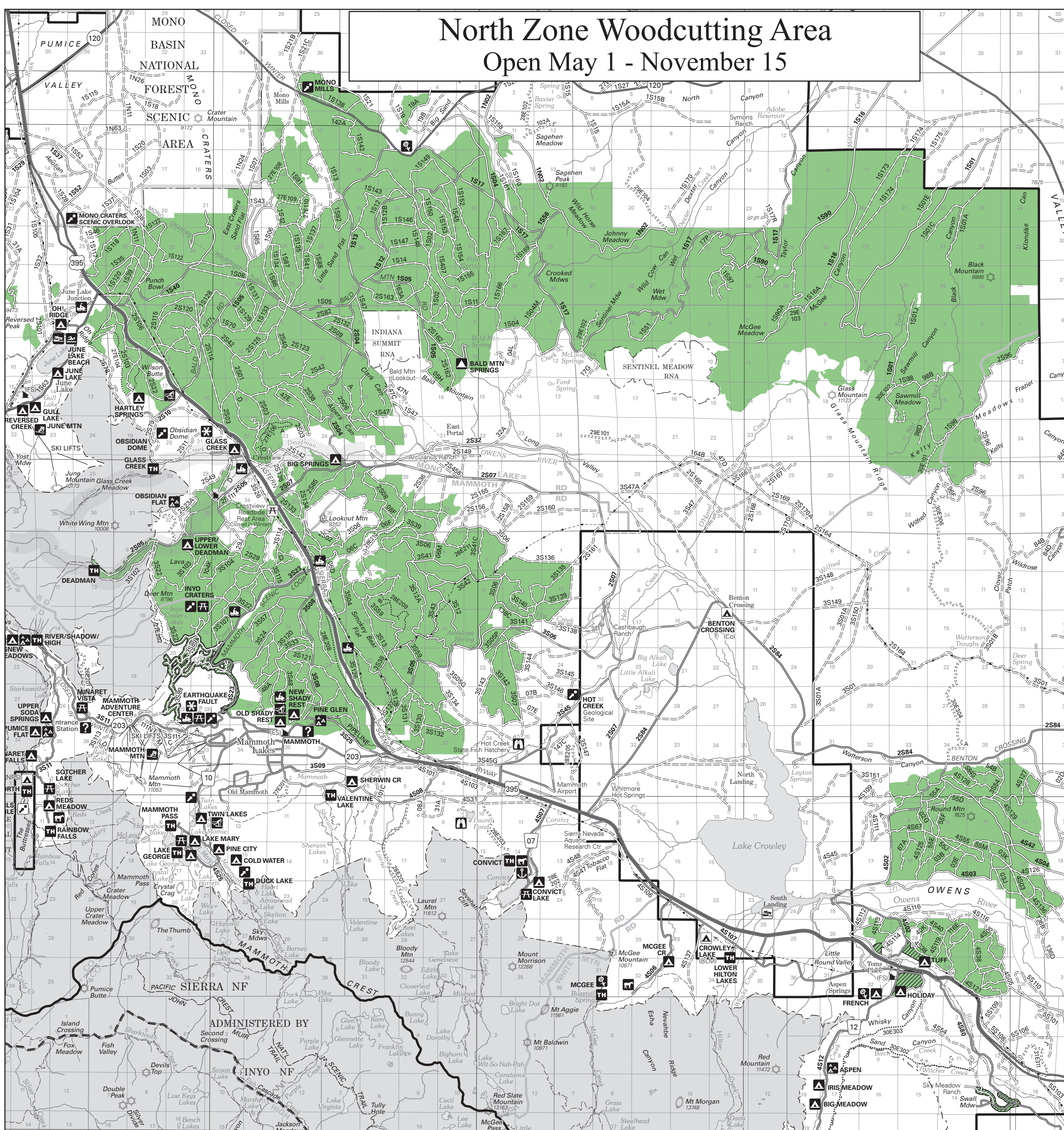
Additional tracts may also be posted as "Closed to Firewood Cutting" in an attempt to preserve old growth habitat for various wildlife species.

Woodcutting Regulations

It is your responsibility to understand and follow these regulations. (Es su responsabilidad leer y entender estas regulaciones.)

1. Collect down and dead wood only. No standing trees may be cut, pushed or pulled down.
2. No firewood gathering within administrative sites, developed recreation sites, campgrounds, or areas under special use permit.
3. Collect only in designated areas as shown on the Map: **OPEN -- May 1 thru November 15**
4. Load Tags and Permits cannot be sold, transferred or given away. The numbers on your Tags must agree with the Tag numbers listed on your permit.
5. Carry your Wood Permit, Map and Tags with you when you are collecting wood. Your Permit must accompany the Tags issued. It is acceptable to leave your Permit and Tags on your vehicle's dashboard when collecting.
6. Cutting and transporting wood is allowed between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm.
7. Date and time (including a.m. & p.m.) must be punched out on the Tags attached to the load of wood.
8. One Tag for each 1/4 cord, or portion thereof, must be firmly attached to the FIREWOOD where it is visible from the rear before moving vehicle.
9. Validated Tags must remain attached to the wood until at least 30 days after the season closes. Tags may **not** be re-used.
10. Each person over 18 years of age in a given household may purchase a Permit for up to 6 cords of wood. Total Tags issued per household may not exceed 12 cords.
11. A shovel or fire extinguisher must be kept available at all times when cutting firewood.

Tags
Approx. 1 Cord = 4 Tags



North Zone Woodcutting Area

Open May 1 - November 15

- Open**
Inyo National Forest land open to firewood gathering. Off road driving is allowed within areas shown as **open** for the purpose of loading firewood only.
- Restricted Areas**
Inyo National Forest land open to firewood gathering. Off road driving is not allowed within areas shown as **restricted**. Do not block the road when gathering.
- Closed to wood gathering**
Indicates Inyo National Forest land, private property, or lands not under Inyo National Forest jurisdiction which are **closed** to firewood gathering. This may include Timber Sale, Old Growth Habitat, or Special Use Permit Areas.
- Wilderness - Closed to wood gathering**
- ** Special Note:** Woodgathering is prohibited within 1/4 mile of the National Forest Boundary along Highway 203 from the junction with Highway 395 to Scenic Loop Road.
- National Forest Boundary**
- Map Scale:**
1/2" represents 1 mile
- Note:** Areas not included on the Map, such as Queen Canyon, Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory, and the White Mountains, are **closed** to firewood gathering year-round.

Ranger Stations

- Contact your local Ranger Station or visit www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/passes-permits for more information about recently opened areas.
- Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center**
(760) 647-3044 or 872-2408 ext.5
 - Mammoth Ranger Station**
(760) 924-5500
 - White Mountain Ranger Station**
(760) 873-2500
 - Mt. Whitney Ranger Station**
(760) 876-6200

Stop the Spread of Weeds!

Weed seeds are easily transported over long distances in the tire treads and other crevices of vehicles. In this way, they can become established in new sites, competing with native vegetation and affecting wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and the aesthetic quality of natural areas. **You can help!** Please wash mud and plant parts off of vehicles prior to using them for fuelwood gathering, paying special attention to the tires, under carriage, and crevices in the body of the vehicle. Thanks for helping!

Shut Down Days

In an effort to be consistent with our allowable use and restricted use of other forest activities, we will be using the Project Activity Level for chainsaw use and public wood cutting. **Prior to using chainsaws you must call the prerecorded message number, (760) 873-2555 and press 2 for public wood cutting to determine if chainsaw use is allowed for the day.** This message will be updated daily at 4:00 PM to announce any changes in use restrictions for the following day. When fire conditions are severe enough to institute public use restrictions you may **not** be allowed to use a chainsaw for either all or part of the day. We will no longer be using the fire adjectives or the Smokey sign to determine or communicate public use restrictions.

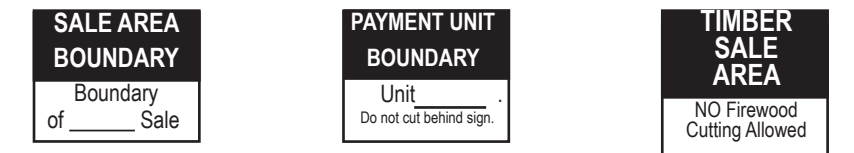
Driving Off Road

Driving off road through the forest to search for firewood is **prohibited**. While gathering firewood on public lands, **please treat the land with care**. Off-road damage from fuelwood gathering is a serious concern on the forest.

- Forest Service - Supervisor's Office
- Forest Service - Ranger District Office
- Fire Station
- Forest Service - Other Facility
- Non-Forest Service Administrative Office
- Campground
- Developed Group Campground
- Undeveloped Campground
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Trailhead
- Corral
- Boat Ramp
- Wildlife Viewing
- Wildflower Viewing
- Interpretive Trail
- Visitor Center
- Canoing
- Hospital
- Snowmobiling
- Winter Play Area
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Downhill Skiing

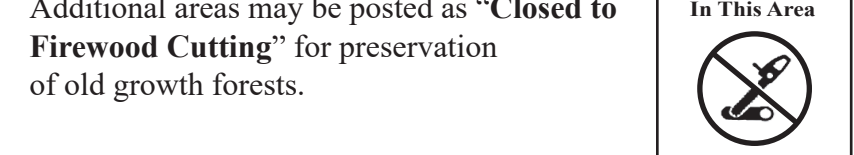
Know These Signs

Timber Sale Signs

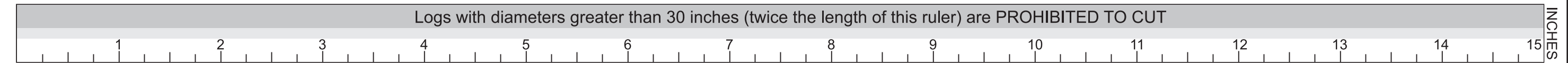


These signs mark the outside boundary of a timber sale. You will find the name of the timber sale printed on the signs. These closed areas are also indicated on the map. If you have questions about whether a sale is active, contact your local Ranger Station.

Special Closure Sign



Additional areas may be posted as "Closed to Firewood Cutting" for preservation of old growth forests.



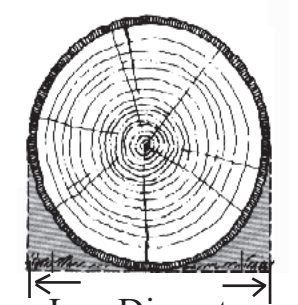
Do Not Cut Snags and Log Rounds Larger Than 30 Inches In Diameter



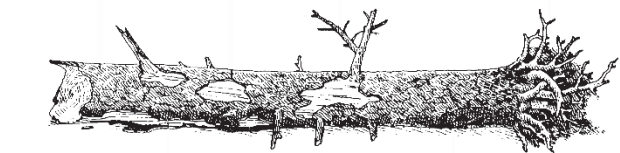
Snag Prohibited to Cut

Standing dead trees, called snags, and downed logs on the forest floor provide a complex and varied habitat for more than 50 species of birds and mammals. They also furnish food and shelter for the countless insects, bacteria, and fungi which eventually decompose the tree and return its nutrients to the earth.

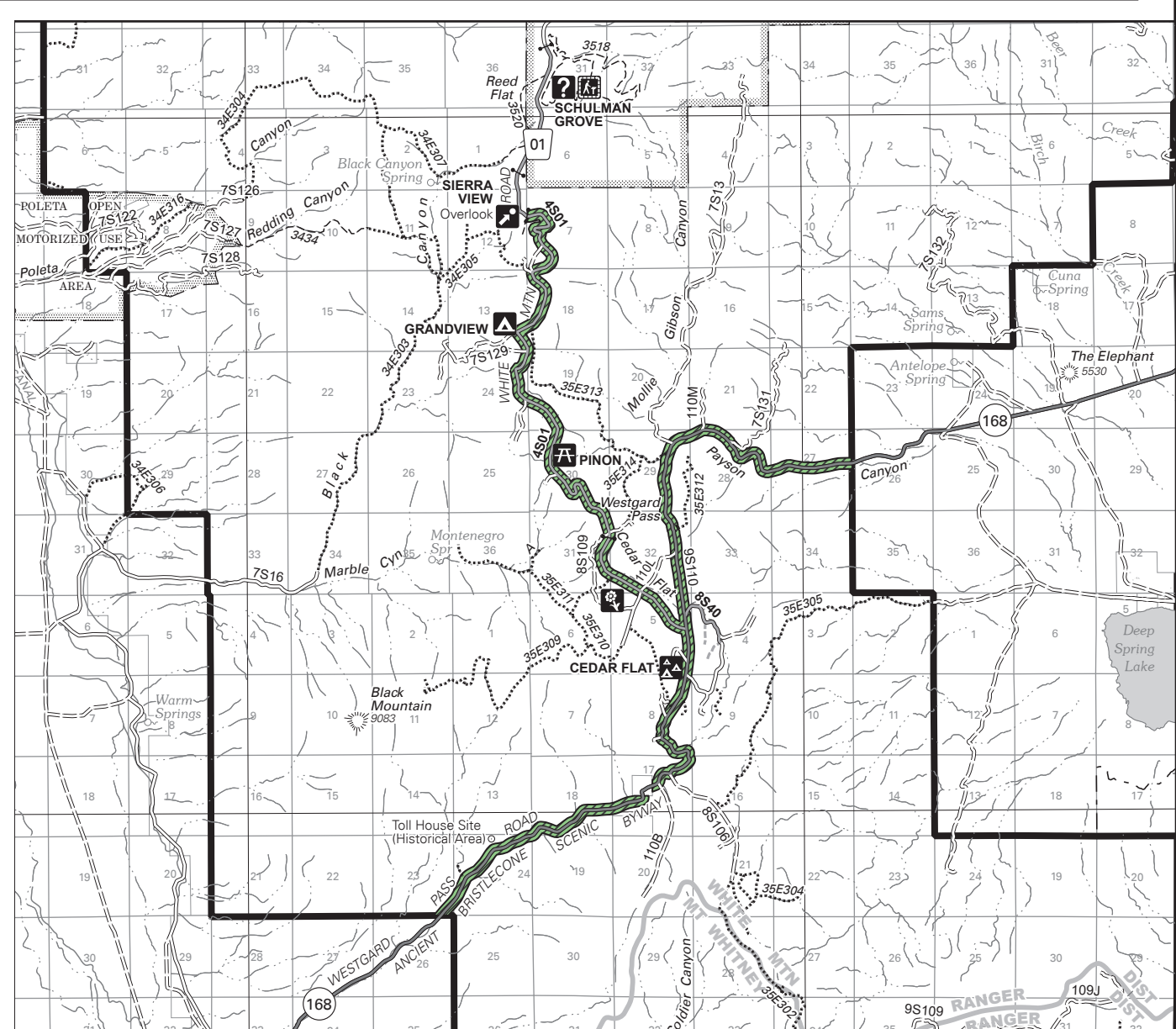
The downed log standard is in effect to ensure large logs are retained in the forest for wildlife habitat and long-term soil productivity.

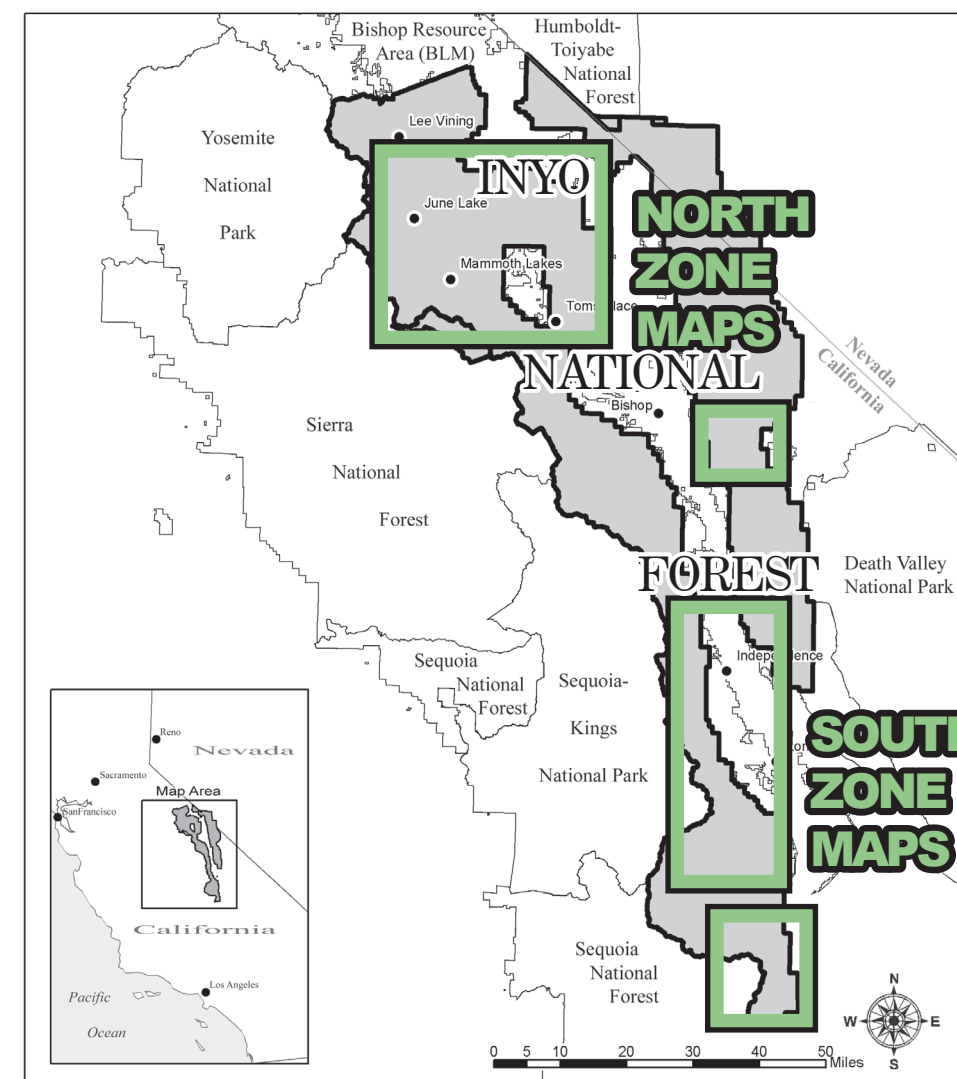
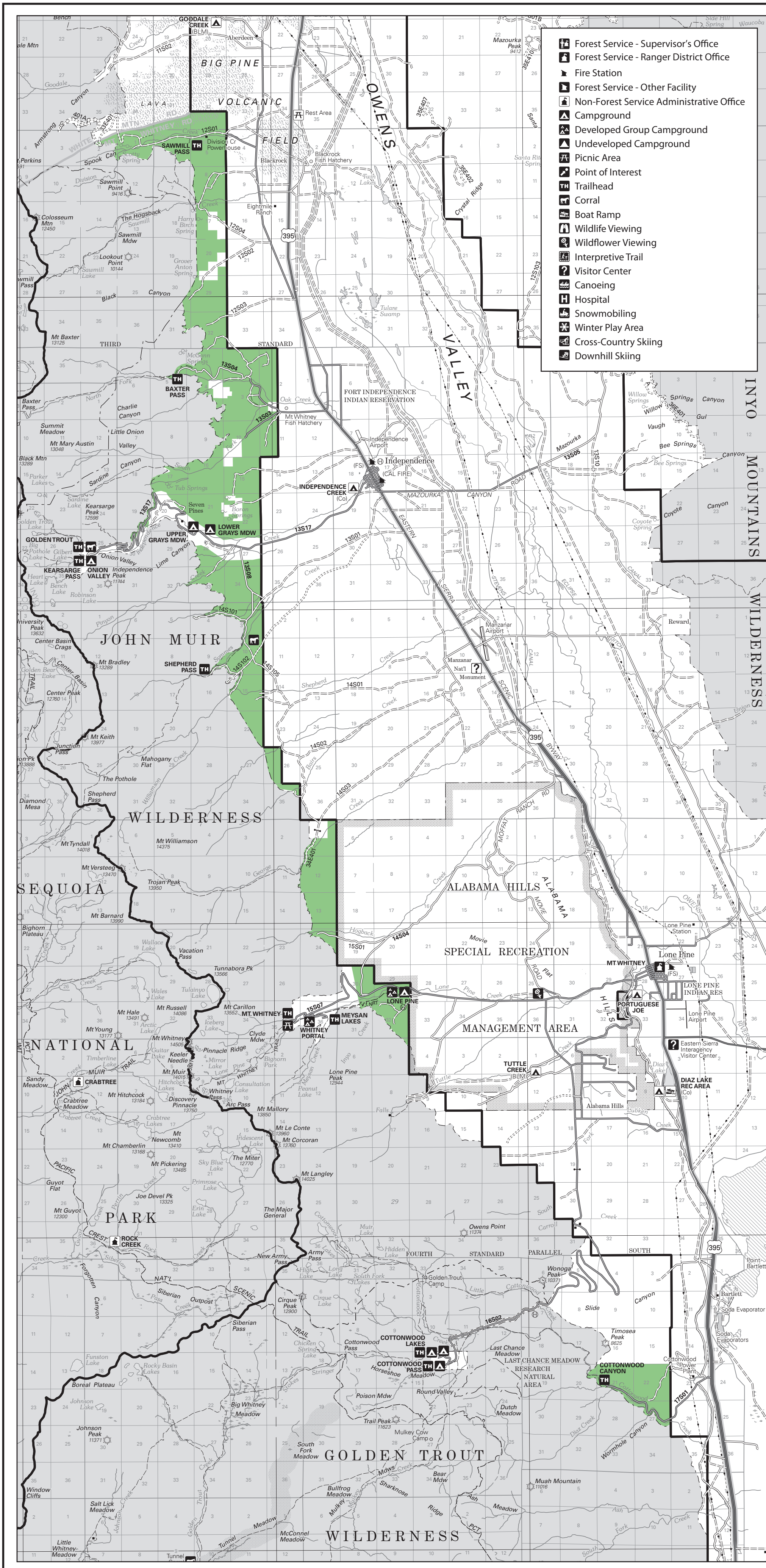


Log Diameter Greater than 30 inches Prohibited To Cut



Downed Log May cut parts with 30" or less diameter. Prohibited To Cut Past 30" diameter.





South Zone Woodcutting Area

Open May 1 - November 15

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- National Forest Boundary**

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Illegal Woodcutting

Each season the forest produces a limited supply of firewood from natural causes, logging activities, etc. The Inyo National Forest sells a limited number of commercial permits to dealers whose business is selling large quantities of firewood. To insure a continuing supply of wood without damage to the forest, we ask that you buy only the amount of wood your household needs for the winter.

For your protection when purchasing wood, check the seller's permits and get a receipt. If you buy wood from an illegal source, you might be cited for accepting stolen goods or the wood might be confiscated as evidence.

Illegal cutting of wood hurts everyone. Please follow the rules and regulations stated on your Permit, and help the Forest Service prevent destruction and illegal sale of natural resources by reporting any suspected woodcutting violation. Include date, time, and location of the possible violation and a description of the persons and vehicles involved.

The Forest Service offers \$200.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of illegal woodcutters. Anyone with information should call Inyo National Forest at (760) 873-2513. Thank you.

Cut/Felled Trees



Cut/felled trees may only be taken for firewood inside the Open areas. See map.



Report fires to Inyo National Forest Dispatch:
(760) 873-2488

Help Reduce Fire Danger!

Woodcutters can help reduce the risk of starting a forest fire by observing the following practices:

When Starting the Chainsaw

- Move at least 15 feet from the fueling spot to avoid gasoline vapors.
- Keep a shovel or a 14 oz. fire extinguisher nearby.

While Adding Fuel to the Chainsaw

- Stay far away from lighted cigarettes and open flames.
- Stop the saw and let it cool for 5 minutes before adding fuel.
- Set the hot saw on bare soil or rock, far from combustible materials such as wood chips and pine needles.

While Using the Chainsaw

- Around the downed log, clear away brush, grass, and needles that could easily catch fire.
- Do not use a saw that is backfiring or overheating.
- Do not leave an idling saw unattended.

When Building a Warming Fire

- Obtain a **Campfire Permit** from any Inyo National Forest Ranger Station.
- Clear the soil of combustible material in a circle 10 feet wide around the fire.



- Make certain the fire is **completely out by using water and stirring before you leave it.**

Firewood Enforcement Policy

Your Personal Use Wood Permit and this Map are a contract between you and the U.S. Government. When you sign your Permit, you are agreeing to abide by all terms spelled out on the Permit and this Map. Failure to abide by the terms renders your contract null and void and makes you liable for criminal and civil penalties. Criminal penalties vary depending on circumstances surrounding the violation, ranging from a simple written warning and citation on your Permit, to a maximum of six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Civil penalties vary from surrender of your Permit and Tags, to confiscation of wood gathered in violation, to triple damages for trees cut down, and would be in addition to criminal penalties assessed by the courts. Forest officers will take appropriate action on all violations.

Spark Arresters Required

The Forest Service and the State of California require wood collectors to equip their chainsaws and other internal combustion equipment with spark arresters.

A spark arrester screen should be cleaned with a wire brush after 8 hours of use in order to keep it safe and functional. A screen should be replaced as soon as there is an increase (burning out) or decrease (clogging) in opening size.

How to Measure Firewood

A standard cord of wood is a well-stacked pile equalling 4x4x8 feet. This equals 128 cubic feet. This chart will help you measure the approximate cord sizes to the type of truck you are using.

Truck Bed	Bed Size L x D x W ft.	Number of tags needed	Cord Size (approx.)
Mini	6 x 1-1/2 x 4-3/4	2	29%
Mini (loaded cab high)	6 x 3 x 4-3/4	3	63%
Mini Longbed	8 x 1-1/2 x 4-3/4	2	40%
Mini Longbed (loaded cab high)	8 x 3 x 4-3/4	4	85%
1/2-ton or 3/4-ton	6 x 2 x 4-1/2	2	38%
1/2-ton or 3/4-ton (loaded cab high)	6 x 4 x 4-1/2	4	80%
1/2-ton or 3/4-ton Longbed	8 x 2-1/2 x 5	3	74%
1/2-ton or 3/4-ton Longbed (loaded cab high)	8 x 4 x 5	5	120%

** 5.5 cubic feet allowance made for wheelwells

For a closer estimate on how much wood you have collected, multiply the Length by Width by Height of your load. This gives you the total cubic feet. Then divide by 128 to find what percent of a cord you have collected. Remember: The tighter you stack, the more wood (and less air) you have per cord.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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