

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT WOODCUTTING ON THE HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST, BRIDGEPORT RANGER DISTRICT

Do I need a permit to cut personal use fuelwood (firewood), even if I'm not using a chainsaw?

- Yes, a permit is required to remove any forest product from National Forest System Lands, including fuelwood (firewood), Christmas trees, limbs, boughs, shrubs, or any forest product.

Do I need a permit for firewood gathering in developed or dispersed campsites?

- No, only if the total wood gathered is less than ¼ cord. Gathered wood must be left at the campsite. Otherwise, you must purchase a personal use fuelwood permit.

How much does a firewood permit cost, and how much can I purchase for personal use?

- Firewood costs \$10 per cord; there is a 2-cord minimum per permit, so the cost is \$20. You can purchase up to 10 cords per household per calendar year.

Where are the cutting areas, when do they open, and what can I cut?

- Dead Tree Woodcutting Areas – Cutting areas have been revised to include the entire Bridgeport District. Exceptions include Forest Service land adjacent to Highways and other sensitive biological, archaeological, or high-use recreation areas. Wood cutting is also not allowed near dispersed camping sites when occupied by other users.
- Live Tree Woodcutting Areas – No green fuelwood cutting areas available in 2025.

When does the woodcutting season end?

- All woodcutting areas in the Bridgeport Ranger District close upon expiration of the permit on December 31st of the year purchased.

Will fire or road conditions cause the firewood-cutting areas to close?

- Yes – due to wildland fire risk or wet road conditions, the firewood cutting areas may close, or cutting may only be allowed from daybreak until 1:00 pm. You must call 775-884-8170 after 4:30 pm the evening before you cut your wood to determine if the cutting areas are open and if there are any restrictions.

I didn't use all my firewood tags and permit from last year. Can I use them this year?

- No – Any previous year's firewood permits or tags are expired and invalid.

Is the Bridgeport Ranger District permit valid in other National Forests or other Humboldt- Toiyabe National Forest districts?

- No, the Bridgeport Ranger District permit is only valid within the designated cutting areas on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District.



For additional information, please contact the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District Office at 760-932-7070.

TAG VALIDATION

Before Moving Your Vehicle

Completely remove or black out the month, day, and AM or PM from each 1/4 cord tag you use. In the example below, 1/2 cord was cut in the morning on July 20th - the month, day, and AM section was blacked out with a pen on two of the 1/4 cord sections.

Place the tags on the back of your load in a visible location. Remember to bring something to attach the tags. Also, fill out the **PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD** on the front of your permit.

Failure to black out the month, day, and AM or PM section from each 1/4 cord tag used and attach the tags to the back of your load in a visible location or violating any other permit term or condition is punishable by up to a \$5000 fine.

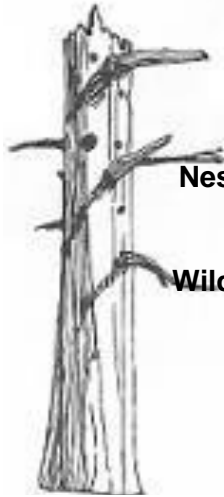
PLEASE DON'T CUT TREES WITH

Broken Tops

Visible Nests

Nesting Holes

Wildlife Tree Signs



1/4 Cord

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
FUELWOOD TAG FEE TAG

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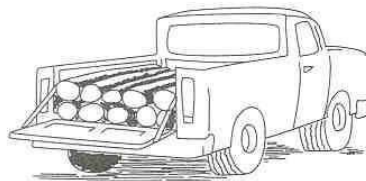
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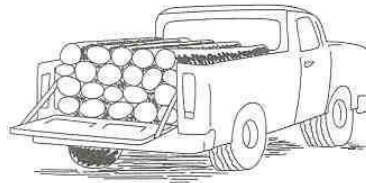
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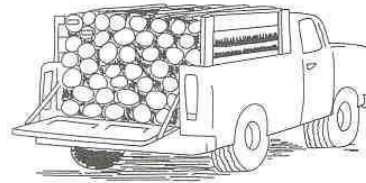
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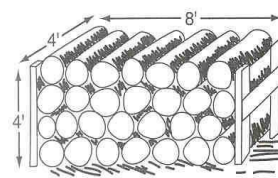
1/3 Cord (1/4 cord for short bed)



1/2 Cord (1/3 cord for short bed)



1 Cord (3/4 cord for short bed)



128 cubic feet = 1 cord

A minimum 8-ounce fire extinguisher and a shovel are required within 25 feet of where you are cutting



Do you have yours?

If you discover any archeological site or artifact, do not remove or disturb.

Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by Federal law.

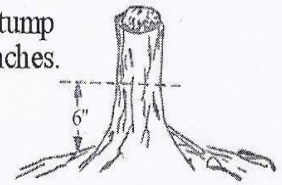


CUTTING RULES

Maximum Stump Height is 6 inches.



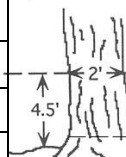
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WRONG

In the Dead Tree Cutting Areas

The largest tree you can cut down is 24 inches (or 2 feet across) in diameter at break height (DBH), which is measured at 4.5 feet above the ground level and Dead (no green needles)



Approximate Truck Dimensions and Measure Your Load

Pickup Type	Bed Size W x H x L	Cubic Feet Volume	Cord Amount (approximate)	Number of 1/4 Cord Tags
Mini Short bed - loaded bed high	3.5 x 1.5 x 6	31.5	1/4	1
Mini Short bed - loaded cab high	3.5 x 3 x 6	63	1/2	2
Mini Long bed - loaded bed high	3.5 x 1.5 x 8	42	1/3	2
Mini Long bed - loaded cab high	3.5 x 3 x 8	84	2/3	3
Full Size Short bed - loaded bed high	4 x 2 x 6	48	1/3	2
Full Size Short bed - loaded cab high	4 x 4 x 6	96	3/4	3
Full Size Long bed - loaded bed high	4 x 2 x 8	64	1/2	2
Full Size Long bed - loaded cab high	4 x 4 x 8	128	1	4

2025 Firewood Cutting General Vicinity Map Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District



Rules:

- It's the woodcutters responsibility to ensure wood is removed only from National Forest lands on the Bridgeport Ranger District
- No cutting in administrative sites such as campgrounds and wilderness areas
- No tree felling within 100 feet of highways for safety, only collection of downed material. Must safely park off the highway
- Fell trees away from roads and trails
- Do not fell a tree if there is potential risk to life or property
- Travel off of system roads is limited to 1-vehicle length
- Must have shovel and fire extinguisher within 25 feet of cutting area
- Leave trees with wildlife nests and wildlife tree signs
- Max diameter standing dead= 24 inches @ 4.5 feet Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)
- Max diameter down logs= 24 inches
- Max stump height = 6 inches

* Additional rules/regulations are located on the back of the permit

