

# Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest WOODCUTTING MAP Naches Ranger District

This map is being distributed to all who purchase woodcutting permits for the Naches Ranger District. The permit does not authorize firewood cutting on private or state land, shown in white on the map.

In order to meet the requirements of both the Northwest Forest Plan and the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Plan for maintaining adequate numbers of standing and down dead material for wildlife use, there are some restrictions in areas open to firewood cutting. For example, Late Successional Reserves and Adaptive Management Areas remain closed to woodcutting. An additional restriction has been added to protect areas adjacent to streams and wetlands. Firewood cutting is not allowed within 300 feet of streams, lakes, ponds or wet areas. As all these areas cannot reasonably be shown on the map, it is the responsibility of firewood permit holders to limit their wood gathering activities to areas outside of these stream protection zones.

Also, some small sites such as campgrounds and administrative study sites, are closed to woodcutting within the large areas which are shown as open to wood collection.

There may be some limited exceptions to the information shown on this map. For example, in a few cases, woodcutting may be permitted within the closed area. Check with the local ranger district office for any exceptions.

As we learn more about the needs of wildlife species, there are likely to be further changes in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest firewood program. We recognize the importance of this program to the public. Our goal will be to continue the program while providing proper protection to the many wildlife species that live in the national forest.

Your comments and suggestions for meeting these objectives are always welcome. Feel free to share them with your local District Ranger or mail them to:

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
215 Melody Lane  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Thank you for your cooperation.

## FIREWOOD REMOVAL CONDITIONS

Upon receiving and signing your permit, you are agreeing to the conditions listed on this map and those listed in the FOREST PRODUCTS REMOVAL PERMIT. Please read them carefully.

**A) Load tickets must be validated (by cutting out the month and date of removal), and attached to the load before moving the vehicle from the cutting site. One validated load ticket must be attached to the back of the load and made clearly visible for:**

- 1) each 1/2 (half) cord of wood for permits using 1/2 cord tickets, or
- 2) any portion thereof. A standard pickup without sideboards, loaded level with the top of the sides, will hold about a half cord of wood.

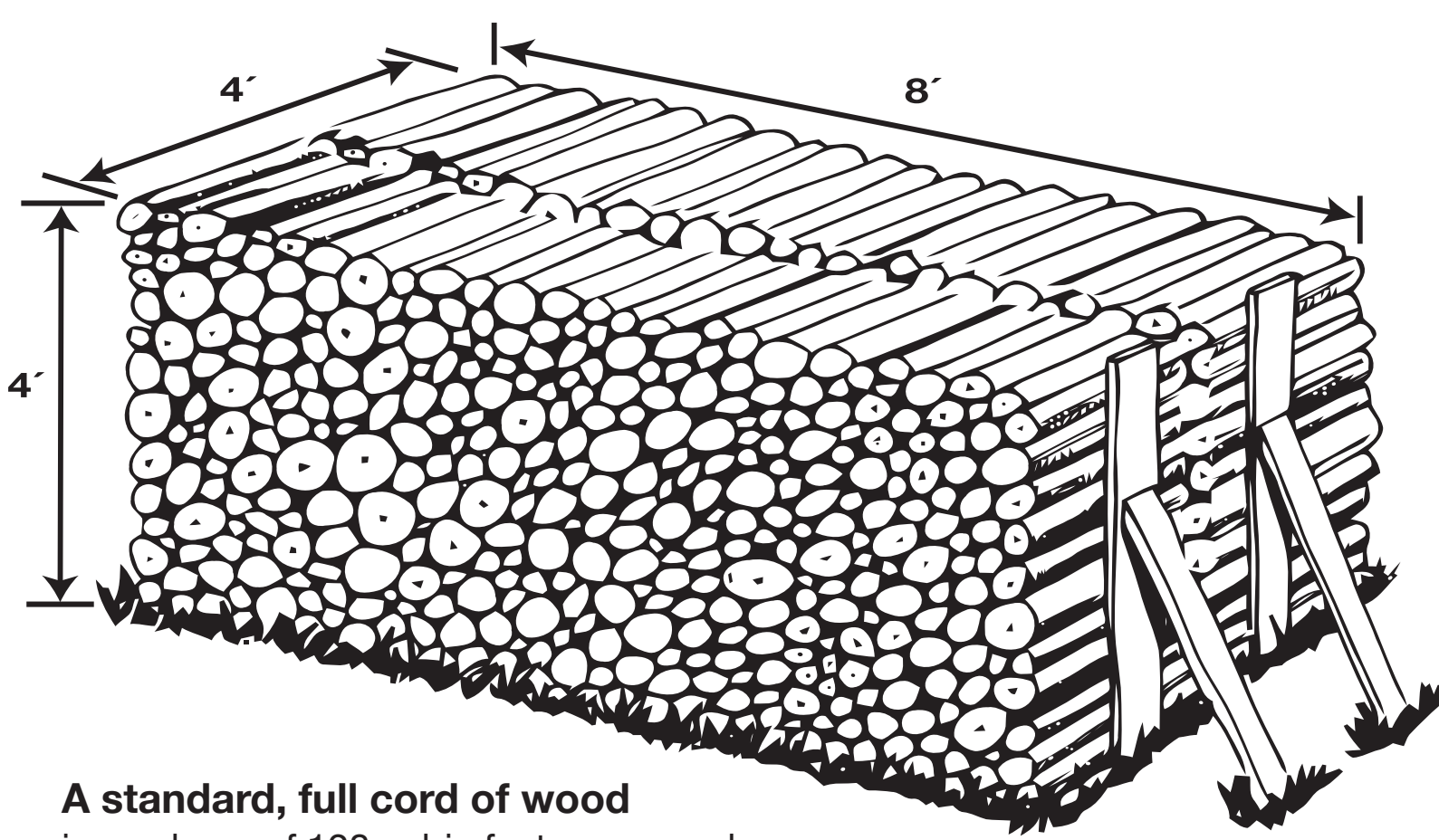
**B) This permit is for dead wood, with the following exceptions:**

- 1) (a) Snags or down logs marked with paint, plastic ribbon and/or signs, (b) Snags with bird cavities (holes), nests, broken tops or wildlife tree signs, (c) Snags in the Oak Creek Drainage, (d) Special restrictions may be applied by the District Ranger.
- 2) Firewood cutting, snag felling, or gathering of downed material is prohibited within 300 feet of streams, lakes, ponds, or wet areas. Felling of any standing tree within 200 feet of major roads is prohibited: U.S. Highway 12, State Route 410, Forest Service Roads -1000 (South Fork Tieton), 1200 (Tieton Road), and 1900 (Little Naches Road).
- 3) Cutting or removing firewood is **prohibited** in the Bumping River Drainage and along the Mather Memorial Parkway which is designated on State Route 410 beginning at the junction of SR 410 and the Bumping River Road, (Forest Road 1800) to Chinook Pass.
- 4) **This permit entitles you to cut firewood only on National Forest land**, excluding Timber Sales, Summer Home areas, Developed Recreation sites, Late Successional Reserves, Private Lands within the National Forest boundary, Wilderness, and other Special Areas.
- 5) The use of specialized loading and skidding equipment such as tractors, rubber-tired skidders, and large trucks with self-loaders, is not allowed.
- 6) Pieces over 8 inches in diameter must be split at least once before removal.
- 7) Permittee **must** have local ranger district's firewood cutting map or other conditions specific to ranger district at hand in addition to the firewood permit, while performing firewood activities. Refer to the firewood cutting map for **fire precaution levels and restrictions** for the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Check with local ranger district for current information.

**C) Removal of firewood in a campground is not allowed. Unused firewood must be left in the campground when you leave. The same woodcutting rules apply.**

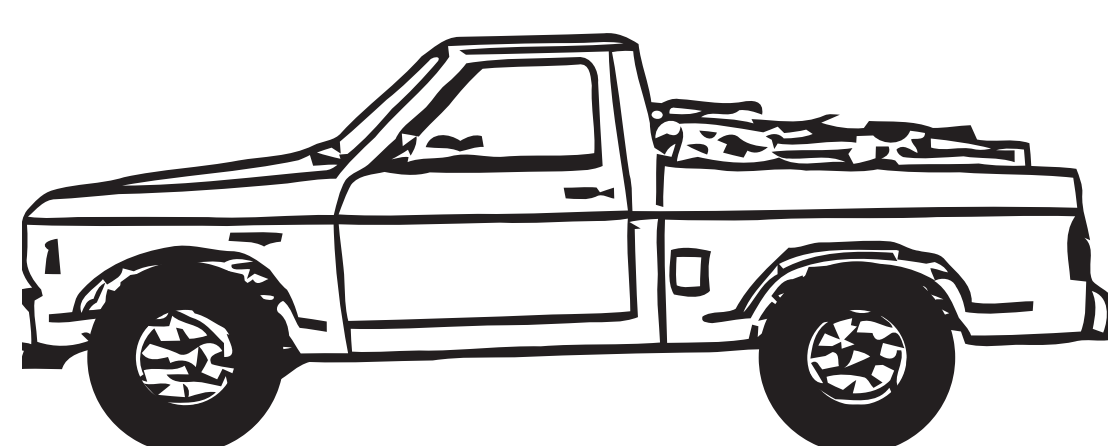
**D) It is not legal to cut live Western Larch (tamarack) which shed their needles in the late fall and winter and appear to be dead.**

**E) Possession and/or transportation of cedar is restricted under RCW 76.48.070.**



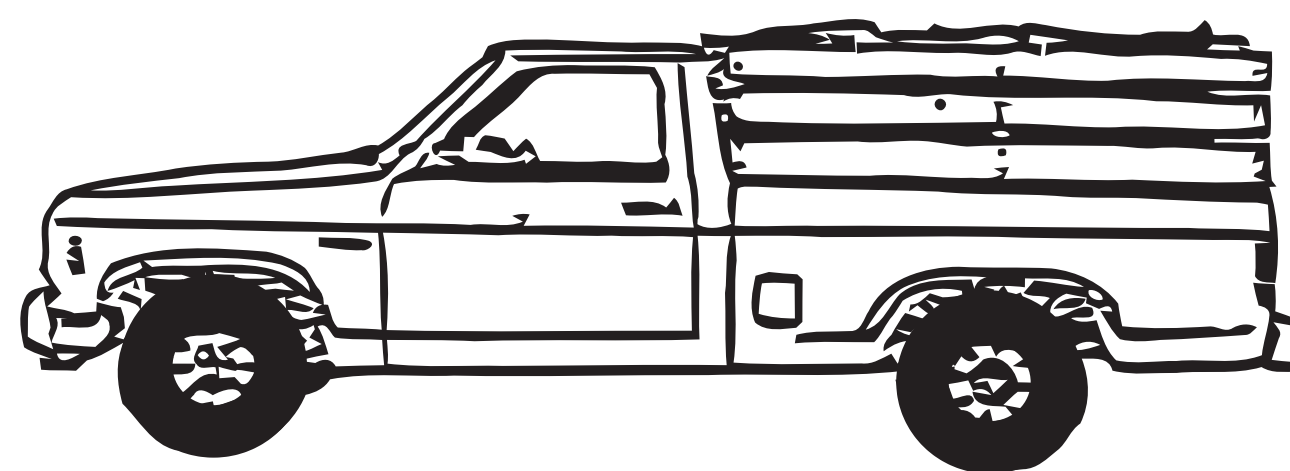
**A standard, full cord of wood** is a volume of 128 cubic feet, measured as a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. A full cord can weigh up to 5,000 pounds.

**Please note that trucks may be overloaded when filled with wood.** Check the owner's manual for your vehicle to see what load weights the truck can safely haul and make sure your vehicle is licensed for the weight you will be hauling.



**Short Bed Pickup — 1/2 ton**

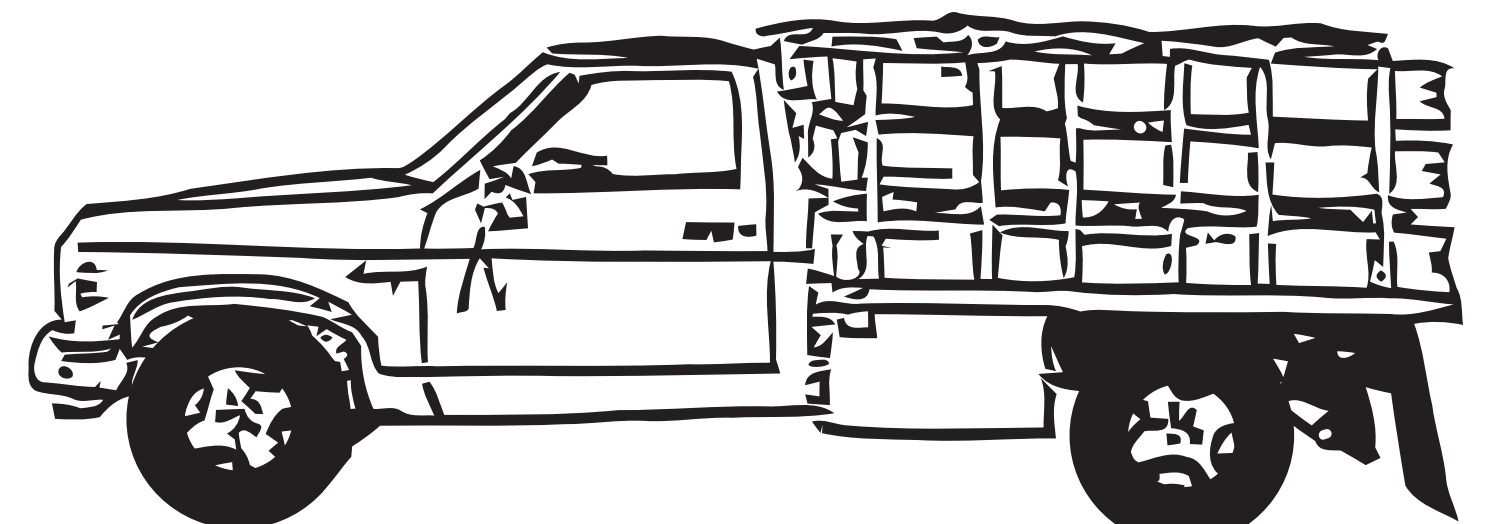
With or without racks this truck bed holds approximately 1/2 (half) cord of wood. One load ticket required.



**Long Bed Pickup — 1/2 or 3/4 ton**

Without racks this truck bed holds approximately 1/2 (half) cord of wood. One load ticket required.

With racks this truck bed holds approximately 1 (one) cord of wood. Two load tickets required.



**Standard Truck — 1 ton**

With high racks this truck bed holds approximately 1 1/2 (one and a half) cords of wood. Three load tickets required.

## General Information About Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

A **Level I** IFPL allows woodcutters to cut wood all day long in areas that are normally open to woodcutting in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Following equipment shut down, a one-hour fire watch must be maintained.

A **Level II** IFPL means that firewood cutters and industrial operators are restricted to morning hours of operation only, and must shut down chainsaws and other equipment by 1 PM. Following equipment shut down, a one-hour fire watch must be maintained.

When the IFPL reaches **Level III**, all woodcutting activity is prohibited.

There are **two zones** that divide the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest into geographical regions where there are differences in elevation, vegetation, and weather patterns that influence the level of fire danger present at any given time during fire season.

**Zone 675** encompasses mainly lower elevation lands and is bounded on the east by the Columbia River. Its western boundary runs south from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest boundary through the Yakama Nation Reservation to the Klickitat County line, approximately through the center of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and Yakama Nation Reservation.

**Zone 680** includes upper elevation areas of the forest and is bounded on the west by the Cascade Crest and on the east by Zone 675.

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest personal-use woodcutting permit holders should check with the local ranger station to obtain the current IFPL for their chosen woodcutting site before heading to the Forest. Woodcutters are also reminded to carefully read and adhere to the conditions of their personal-use woodcutting permit, and to pay special attention to the fire safety equipment requirements.

**The following equipment is required at the cutting site while using a power saw:**

**SAW:** Exhaust system in good repair with a screen-type spark arrestor of 0.023" or less and qualified under USDA Forest Service Standards.

**SHOVEL:** A long-handled round point with an 8 inch blade (size "O") in possession of the operator.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER:** A pressurized chemical extinguisher of not less than 8 oz. capacity by weight and in possession of the operator.

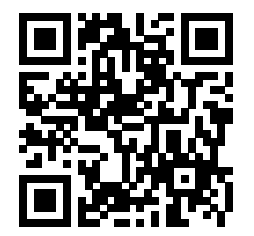
**Woodcutters and recreationists are encouraged to stay in contact with Forest Service offices during fire season in order to obtain current information on fire danger and any restrictions on activities that may be in effect.**

## Industrial Fire Precaution Level Precautions and Restrictions\*

Level	I	II	III	IV	Precautions / Restrictions
	●	●			Carry equipment listed above
	●	●			Stay in area for one hour after power saw is shut off to watch for fire starts
		●			Shut down power saws at 1:00 p.m.
			●	●	All woodcutting activity prohibited

\* Applies to woodcutting, logging, and other activities using motorized equipment.

For current Fire Precaution Levels, call: 1-800-527-3305 or website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/ifpl>



Current IFPL  
Phone or website at left or scan QR code with your phone.

## Firewood Load Stub

Validate the load stub by punching out the month and day you are getting the wood. Load stubs issued under this firewood removal guide are valid only on the Naches Ranger District.

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30	31
Completely remove the day and month on each load tag as required by your permit or contract.																			0000000			
USDA Forest Service		USDI Bureau of Land Mgmt.		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	OCT	NOV	DEC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

## Tag Your Firewood

Before leaving each site, you must attach the appropriate number of validated load stubs to the back of the load where it can be easily seen. Attach one stub for each 1/2 (half) cord you are hauling. Amounts less than 1/2 cord still require one stub.



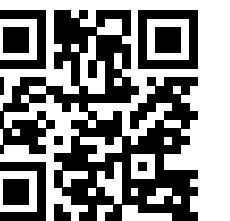
## For More Information

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Naches Ranger District  
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Naches, WA 98937

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# WOODCUTTING MAP

## Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

### Naches Ranger District



See other side for information about  
Firewood Removal Conditions and  
Industrial Fire Precaution Levels

