



Olympic National Forest
Free Firewood Personal Use Authorization



Under the authority of the Forest Supervisor (36 CFR 223.5) this document grants the signer six cords of free personal use firewood to be collected within the forest boundary of the Olympic National Forest. The Olympic National Forest reserves the right to revoke this authorization for noncompliance with its terms and conditions or when revocation is in the public's interest. Any violations of these conditions may invalidate the authorization and may result in legal action including criminal violations (36 CFR261.10(L)) and civil damage. This authorization is not valid unless signed and dated. This authorization is nontransferable.

Valid from January 1st, 2026 to June 30th, 2026

Table with 2 columns: AUTHORIZED USER and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Rows include (INDIVIDUAL NAME), (SIGNATURE), (DATE) and (TITLE), (AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE), (DATE).

Pursuant 36 CFR 261.6 (F), firewood obtained under this free use authorization may not be sold or exchanged for anything of value. Anyone engaged in commercial firewood operations or in the sale of firewood removed from Forest Service lands must purchase a commercial firewood permit.

The authorized user agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury or death.

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Subject to, and in strict compliance with, all the following conditions (both General and Other) and those listed above, the Authorized User named herein is authorized to harvest and remove firewood. A signature constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions listed on this authorization and attachment(s).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1. Up to six Cords of free personal use firewood per household per year may be removed under this free use authorization. A standard, full cord of wood has a volume of 128 cubic feet, measured as a pile eight feet long, four feet high, and four feet wide.
2. Forest products obtained under "Free Use" are for personal use only and cannot be sold or exchanged (36 CFR 261.6(f)).
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4. User shall complete the Product Quantity Removal record in ink prior to transporting products off Forest Service roads.
5. The entire original authorization must always be in possession of the user while cutting and hauling firewood. NO copies are valid.

6. This authorization is non-transferable.
7. This authorization and activities hereunder are subject to all applicable Federal statutes and regulations and State and local laws. In case of conflict, Federal statutes and regulations shall take precedence.
8. Motorized vehicles are not allowed off existing roads that are open to the public, unless otherwise specified within this authorization. Parking shall not block traffic or impede fire or emergency vehicles.
9. User shall remove all trash and litter resulting from their activities.
10. Concurrent with forest product removal activities, slash and unused vegetative material resulting from user's activities shall be removed from roads and ditches and scattered in the surrounding landscape.
11. User shall comply with fire requirements and current restrictions to prevent forest fires.
12. No firewood collection, staging, or parking is permitted in wildfire closure areas.
13. User shall pay for or repair all damage to natural features; riparian areas; other vegetation; and roads, trails, fences, ditches, telephone lines, or other improvements resulting from their activities under this authorization.
14. The Forest Service reserves the right to unilaterally revoke this authorization for user's noncompliance with its terms and conditions or when revocation is in the public's interest.
15. Regardless of whether forest products are removed, this authorization will terminate either at midnight of the termination date shown above, or when the quantity listed above is reached, whichever comes first.
16. None of the terms or conditions of this authorization may be varied or modified, except for unilateral modifications by the Forest Service.
17. User agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury, or death.
18. Collection of forest products is authorized only in the area(s) described by this authorization.
19. User shall complete the Product Quantity Removal Record in ink prior to transporting products. When load tickets are issued, the user is required to complete load tickets when user moves between collection sites or leaves an authorized area. Load tickets must be securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
20. Firewood Cutting is allowed within 100 feet of the middle of the road.
21. Use of any National Forest developed recreation sites such as trailheads and campgrounds for parking, collection, or staging for forest products is prohibited.
22. Firewood must be cut in lengths of 22 inches or less.
23. No cutting of firewood within 100 feet of any natural body of water (stream, lake or pond).
24. The use of winches and cables is prohibited.
25. Harvesting is prohibited in National Forest Wilderness, botanical areas, and research natural areas.
26. Firewood cutting is prohibited within active and proposed timber sales. These areas are designated by blue ribbon, timber sale boundary tags and orange paint.
27. Any violation of the conditions of this authorization may invalidate the authorization and may result in appropriate legal action including civil damages. (36 CFR 261.6 and 261.10)
28. This authorization complies with the requirements of RCW 76.48.031 and 76.48.211 (Exemptions) and acts as the State of Washington Forest Product Harvesting and Hauling Permit. This application is in order and hereby validates this authorization.
29. Any violation of the conditions of this authorization may invalidate the authorization and may result in appropriate legal action including civil damages. (36 DFR 261.6)
30. Maps or other stipulations attached by the Forest Service to this authorization, or signs posted in the area, are terms and conditions of this authorization.
31. User shall be present during cutting, removal, and hauling.
32. No cutting of standing trees or mechanically felled trees is allowed without written approval by the Forest Service.
33. No cutting of cedar is allowed under this authorization.
34. The use of a cat, skidder or similar heavy equipment is prohibited.
35. All State and Forest Service fire regulations and restrictions are in effect.
36. Chainsaws must be equipped with spark arrestor.

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Free Firewood Quantity Removal Record (Limit 6 Cord – One normal pickup truck bed can hold ½ a cord)					
Location	Date	1/4 cord	1/4 cord	1/4 cord	1/4 cord
<i>Example: Load 1 FS Road 1500100</i>	6/1/25	X	X		
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