

Special Conditions for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
2026 Forestwide Personal Use Fuelwood Permit

1. **This permit is for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona only.** It does not allow cutting on state, private, tribal, and other federal lands or portions of the Apache-Sitgreaves in New Mexico. The boundaries between private/state/tribal lands are not always marked; neither are state lines. It is your responsibility to know where you are harvesting at all times. This sale is final and is not subject to refund.
2. This permit must be in your possession when harvesting and transporting products. This permit is non-transferable, and copies are NOT allowed. Permit holder/designated cutter must fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record each day **in ink before leaving** the harvest area. The quantity in this record must correspond with the number of tags used.
3. Permit holder/designated cutter must physically attach a Load Tag to each ¼ cord or portion of firewood in a location visible from the rear of the vehicle before leaving the firewood collection site.
4. Within the areas shown on the attached maps, this permit authorizes you to cut and/or remove:
 - a. Dead and down wood (any species and size).
 - b. Dead standing trees (which have no green foliage on any branch or limb) to include:
 - i. Pine, Fir, Spruce and Aspen less than 16" DBH;
 - ii. Alligator Juniper less than 16" DRC;
 - iii. No diameter limit on Shaggy bark Juniper or Pinyon Pine.
 - iv. Oak less than 10" DBH
 - v. Dead standing Aspen and Oak can only be cut from June 1st until October 15.
5. Stump heights must not exceed one foot above the ground. All tops and limbs shall be down to a minimum 4-inch diameter size. Portions not removed shall be cut and scattered to reduce fire hazard.
6. **Do not** cut limbs (live or dead) from live trees. **Do not** cut or remove any trees or logs marked with any color paint, standing or down. **Do not** use heavy equipment to cut, gather, skid or move fuelwood.
7. No firewood cutting is allowed in designated campgrounds, recreation areas, wilderness, Blue Primitive Area, commercial timber sale areas, and other areas as posted or identified as No Cutting Areas on the maps.
8. Fuelwood may only be cut during daylight hours; daily sunrise to sunset per National Weather Service <https://gml.noaa.gov/grad/solcalc/>
9. Vehicles may be driven up to 300 feet off existing roads (reference General Condition #5) **provided that**; 1) you do not create ruts deeper than 3 inches, 2) damage to vegetation and wildlife habitat does not occur (36 CFR 261.13h) and 3) no other motor vehicle travel restrictions are in effect. Vehicles may not be driven off existing roads in Wildlife Quiet Areas.
10. By signing this permit, the permittee is consenting to inspection by any Forest Officer, State Peace Officer, federal law enforcement officer, or any official of the AZ Dept of Agriculture. Failure to allow inspections will be cause to cancel permit.
11. All power saw mufflers shall be in good working condition and equipped with an approved spark arrestor.
12. For current harvesting conditions, weather or road conditions, red flag days and fire restrictions, check with the local ranger district office closest to your cutting area.
13. The minimum fine for violation of the permit conditions listed above is \$250. The maximum is up to \$5000 and/or 6 months in jail.
14. Protect historic sites and artifacts. It is a violation to disturb, damage or destroy archaeological sites. Violations can result in fines up to \$250,000 and imprisonment for as long as two years.

DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) is measured at 4.5 feet above the ground.

DRC (Diameter at Root Collar) is measured at 1 foot above the ground.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOAD TAG SYSTEM

Firewood cutters must physically attach a Load Tag to each ¼ cord of firewood in a location visible from the rear of the vehicle before moving the vehicle.

Tags can be nailed, stapled, etc. into a piece of wood. The tags need to be in place before departing the fuelwood gathering area and during transportation.

Each quarter cord tag is numbered and corresponds with numbers on the permit. To properly tag your load remember:

- **Separate** each ¼ cord tag from the other removal tags.
- **Notch** out the month and day on each tag.
- **Attach** each tag to your load where it is visible from the rear of the vehicle.

How much wood do I have?

To help you estimate how much wood your truck will hold:

Truck Bed Type	Bed Length	Cord Size (Apprx.)	No. of Tags
¼ Ton Truck (top of bed)		1/4	1
Loaded Cab High		1/2	2
½ or ¾ Ton Truck w/ Short bed (top of bed)	5 ft 8 in	1/4	1
Loaded Cab High		1/2	2
Full bed Truck (top of bed)	6 ft 5in	1/2	2
Loaded Cab High		1	4

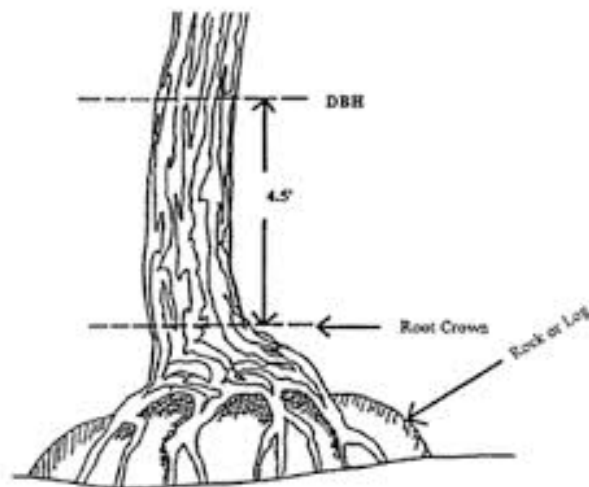
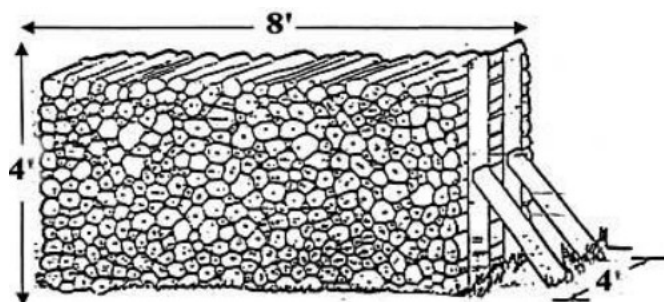
How to Measure Trees

Species	Wood Type	Permitted Use
Pine (except Pinyon)	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	16" diameter measured at 4½ ft from ground
Fir	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	16" diameter measured at 4½ ft from ground
Spruce	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	16" diameter measured at 4½ ft from ground
Pinyon Pine	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	Any size
Alligator Juniper	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	16" diameter measured at 1 ft from ground
Shaggy Bark Juniper	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	Any size
Oak	Dead down	Any size
	Dead Standing	10" diameter measured at 1 ft from the ground

Conversions from diameter to circumference:

10 " diameter = 2' 7" circumference

16 " diameter = 4' 2" circumference



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