

FIREWOOD CUTTING AREAS

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST NORTH HALF

Revised 6/2018

Legend

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| | No Firewood Cutting |
| | Private Land No Cutting |
| | National Forest Land |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

1 0.5 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles

Check the Forest Travel Plan for any road closures where you plan to cut. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available free of charge at Forest Service Offices or can be downloaded through the Avenza Map Store.

FIREWOOD CUTTING REQUIREMENTS (36 CFR 261.6)

You are responsible for meeting all conditions and requirements listed on your Forest Products Removal Permit and this Firewood Cutting Area Map. If you have questions, call or visit your local Forest Service Office.

- Display permit on dashboard while getting firewood, and validate cords removed and date removed on permit. Also properly validate each load ticket used by cutting and removing the proper month and date - 36 CFR 261.6 (e).
- Cut only dead trees and logs.
 - Do not cut green (live) trees
 - Do not cut dead trees used as a den or home for birds and small animals
 - Do not cut cambium-peeled trees (see illustration)
 - Do not cut trees with signs tags or paint marks
- To protect water quality and improve habitat for fish and other species, firewood gathering is prohibited within 150 feet of the edge of any stream, lake, marshy or wet area. Skidding across streams or wet areas is also prohibited - 36 CFR 261.10(l).
- No firewood gathering is permitted along areas that are highlighted in yellow on the map. These are roads or areas with a NO FIREWOOD CUTTING designation. Roads with the yellow designation, and their shoulders, cannot be used as a place to sort, load or cut firewood. No cutting within 150 feet of the centerline of yellow highlighted roads. Reasons for this designation include: safety around recreation areas, hazardous conditions along highways with high traffic volume or high speeds and blind curves; also for the protection of Research Natural Areas, and areas with an emphasis on aesthetic quality.
- Vehicle travel for the purposes of firewood harvest must comply with Travel Plan map restrictions. Changes to these restrictions would be posted with a Forest Order in the field and at Bitterroot NF Offices.
- Six feet is the maximum length piece that may be removed under the firewood program.
- Pile slash away from roads, ditches, power lines, or telephone lines. A rake should be brought along for cleaning road surfaces of debris. Any debris created by firewood cutting must be cleaned out of road ditches. See the illustration for piling recommendations.
- To maintain a visually pleasing forest, stump heights shall not exceed 12 inches.
- For the safety of Forest users and for the protection of structures in developed sites, firewood gathering is prohibited in developed recreation areas and administrative sites, including: campgrounds, picnic areas, boat launches and trailheads. Trees should not be cut within 150 feet of picnic tables, shelters, and outhouses.
- This firewood permit is intended for personal use only. A third party permit is available at the Bitterroot NF offices (form R1-FS-2400-1A). When approved by the Issuing Officer it authorizes a third party to cut and transport firewood for the permittee.

Preventing Wildfire

To avoid starting wildfire, from May 1 to October 30, motor vehicles used for firewood collection must:

- Carry 1 shovel
- Carry 1 bucket (minimum 1 - gallon capacity)
- Have a baffled muffler and serviceable tailpipe
- Carry an operable fire extinguisher

Power Saws

Chainsaws have started many expensive wildfires, so please be alert and mindful of conditions.

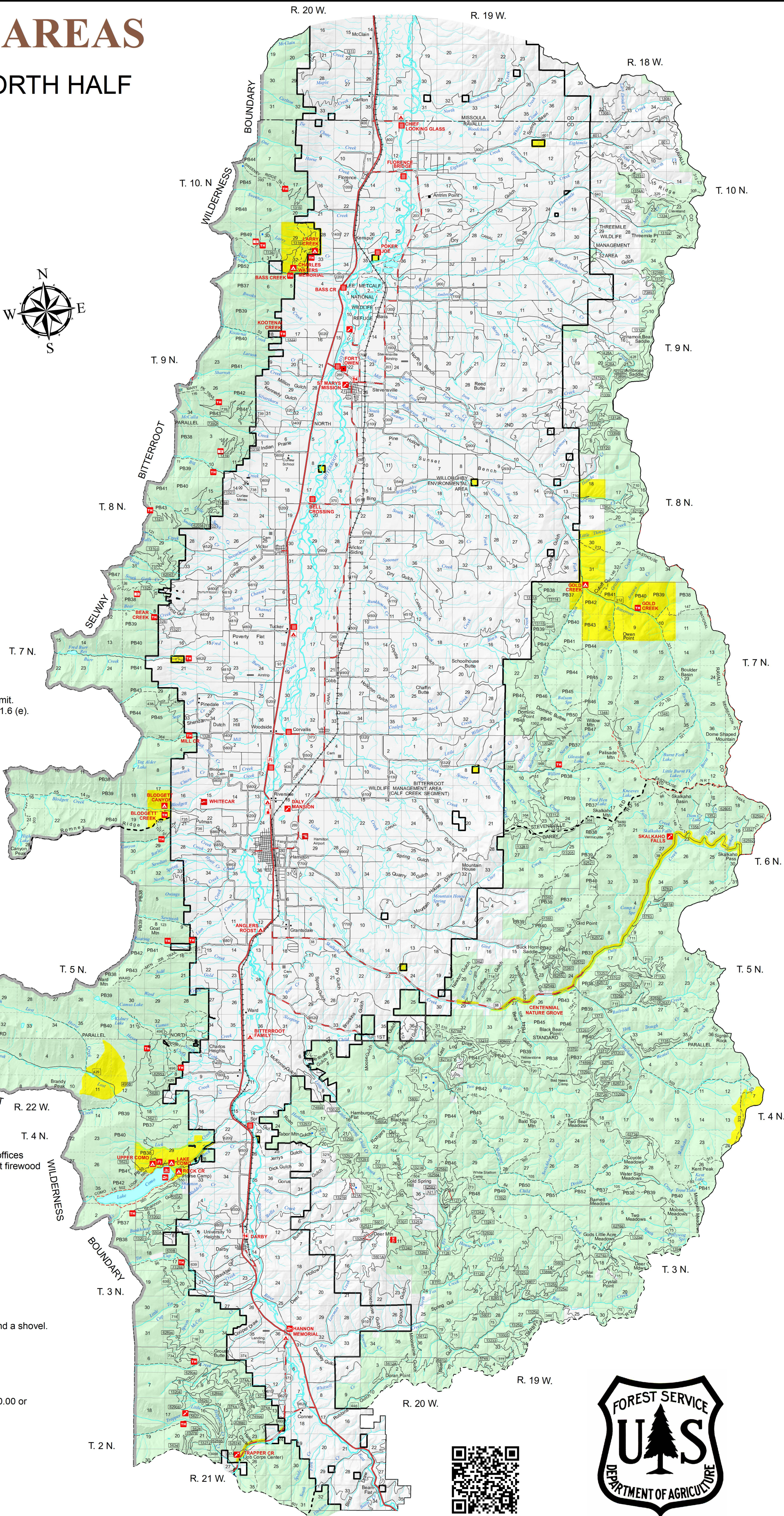
- Saw operators shall maintain in their immediate possession a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher and a shovel.
- The saw must be equipped with a muffler and screen-type spark arrester.

Report firewood cutting violations to 1-800-TIP-MONT or a Bitterroot National Forest office

Violations of the conditions of the permit are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both (16 USC 551).

Telephone Numbers:

Supervisor's Office, Hamilton	363-7100
Stevensville Ranger Station	777-5461
Darby/Sula Ranger Station	821-3913
West Fork Ranger Station	821-3269



Available for download through the Avenza Map Store



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.