

Rio Grande National Forest – Forest Product Information

Free without a permit

- Some forest products are allowed to be collected without a permit.

Free with a permit

- Some forest products require a permit. This permit has no cost and can be picked up at your local district office.

Personal Use Permit Required

- Some forest products require a permit to be purchased. If you are looking for more than the quantity allowed under free use with/without a permit, you may be able to purchase more of that forest product.

Guidelines for collection

- Harvest only what you can reasonably use.
- Know your species. Collectors must avoid collecting federally listed Threatened, Endangered, or Proposed for Listing species as well as species on the Rio Grande National Forest’s Species of Conservation Concern list.
- Minimize impacts by harvesting no more than one in twenty plants from a given population.
- **Do not collect specimens in Primitive, Wilderness, Botanical, Scenic, or Research Natural areas.**
- If gathering roots, only collect the upper part of the root while leaving the lower portion undisturbed to improve the potential for plant survival. Research has shown that placing a plant’s seed head upside down in the root hole does not improve the chances of a new plant germinating.
- Leave the area as you found it. Fill in holes when gathering transplants. When collecting roots, leave the soil on site.

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Forest Product	Free Without a Permit Incidental Use	Free with a Permit	Purchased Personal Use Permit Required
Dry Cones (any) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes dry pinon cones • handpicked only • 1 bushel = approx. 12.5 gal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 cones/household/ year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 gallons/household/day • 25 gallons/household/year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.50/bushel • Yearly limit of 133.3 bushels/household • Min. sale 13.3 bushels
Limbs and Boughs (except willow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 2” diameter • If taking the whole branch, it must be trimmed at the trunk. If taking a partial branch don’t leave a stob. • Clipped branches only, no digging roots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 limbs or boughs/ household/year 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.50/pound • Yearly limit of 40 pounds/household • Min. sale 40 pounds

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Edible/decorative berries/fruits No Pinon Nuts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 gal/household/day • 10 gal/ household/year 		
Mushrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 gal/household/day • 10 gal/household/year 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.00/pound • Yearly limit of 20 pounds/ household • Min. sale 10 pounds
Seeds (wildflower, shrub, and grass seeds only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 lbs/household/year 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.00/pound • Yearly limit of 5 pounds/ household • Min. sale 5 pounds
Herbaceous Plants (ferns, grass, herbs, wildflowers, bulbs, medicinal roots, willow branches) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes transplanting • No digging willows, they can be planted via cuttings. • No shrubs – these require a different permit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pounds/household/ day • 10 pounds/household/ year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 lbs/species/household/day; up to 5 species • 10 lbs/household/year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.00/pound • Yearly limit of 20 pounds/ household • Min. sale 10 pounds
Pinon Nuts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 gallon = approx. 4 lbs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 gallons/household/ day • 10 gallons/household/ year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 gallons/household/day • 10 gallons/household/year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.50/pound • Yearly limit 40 pounds/ household • Min. sale 40 pounds
Stumps, Burls, Landscaping Logs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6' in length • Dead material ONLY 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pieces/household/year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase under a firewood permit.
Shrubs (For example: cinquefoil, raspberry, currant, rabbitbrush, sage, mountain mahogany, ground juniper) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No trees or willows – these require a Herbaceous Plants permit 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 plants/household/year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.00/shrub • Yearly limit of 10 shrubs/ household • Min. sale 4 shrubs
Aspen Walking Sticks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live, green trees • Up to 3" in diameter • Up to 12' in height 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 trees/person/year • Up to 10 trees/household/year, no more than 2 trees/person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase more under a transplant permit.