

PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD CUTTING GUIDELINES

KLAMATH RANGER DISTRICT, FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST



- ✚ You **MUST HAVE** a printed copy of this **permit and a printed or digital map** while harvesting firewood. The amount of firewood taken each load must be recorded.
- ✚ A **geo-locatable firewood map** is now available on the [Internet](#) or by using the adjacent QR code. The geo-referencing feature enables users with an Avenza or similar app to know exactly where they are. Printed maps are also available upon request.
- ✚ **Firewood cutting is only allowed Oct. 1 – Feb. 28** on Klamath Ranger District. Only trees within 150 feet of designated roads, as shown on the map, can be harvested.
- ✚ Only dead, downed trees can be cut along Hwy 140, Westside Road (County Rd 531), Dead Indian Memorial Road (CR 533), and Clover Creek Road (CR 603). This is to prevent accidentally dropping a standing dead tree into traffic along a busy, paved road.
- ✚ Otherwise, you can cut dead standing trees or use dead downed trees **up to 18" in diameter**; standing trees cannot be cut if they have cavities, broken tops, or mistletoe.
- ✚ There are 3 areas where **existing decked logs of all sizes** can be removed: Fourmile Quarry, Brown Mtn Quarry (FR 3640-520), and at the end of FR 3700-660 (SE of Lake of the Woods).
- ✚ **Motorized access specifically for the removal of firewood is allowed up to 300 feet off roads where firewood cutting is permitted.** You must avoid driving off-road in all wet areas and any places where rutting or other resource damage could occur; failure to do so can result in issuance of a ticket and fines.
- ✚ Many of the designated roads may be subject to winter closure due to snow.
- ✚ Please **follow these safety protocols** to protect yourself and others!
 - Let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
 - Wear chaps, a helmet, and hearing protection. Wear orange clothing during hunting seasons. Keep your saw sharp and your mind sharper.
 - Post a flagger or lookout along any roads near where you are cutting, so that another member of the public doesn't drive into the path of a falling tree.
 - Avoid cutting trees on windy days. Come back another day or focus on downed trees instead; there's plenty out there!
 - Only cut trees within your ability. Don't half cut a tree, then walk away.
 - Work slow & steady. Look up, look down, look around. Despite their calm demeanor, trees kill people. If it looks nasty, "leaf it alone".
- ✚ Free Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available online, through the Avenza app for mobile devices, or in printed form at District offices.
- ✚ Other Districts have **different policies**, even on this Forest. You must check with each Ranger District for the specific firewood cutting regulations on THAT unit.

Failure to follow the firewood cutting policy for the Klamath Ranger District could result in closure of some or all of the areas on the new map. It is important that each member of the public do their part to keep these open for everyone.