



FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST 2023 Synopsis of Rules and Regulations for Free Personal Use Firewood

FREE FIREWOOD CUTTING REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

READ the RULES and REGULATIONS on pages 2-5 of this document, as well as on the Firewood Map(s) AND on your permit. You are responsible for knowing AND following these rules and regulations.

- Your 2023 Valid Permit, Synopsis, Firewood Map and/or map of special cutting areas (if available,) **must be in your possession at all times** while cutting and transporting firewood.
- A shovel, fire extinguisher and/or gallon of water, shall be readily accessible to the operator during fire season. Power saw must be equipped with a spark arrester. All vehicles must have a working muffler.
- Be **aware** and **comply** with current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) requirements and public-use restrictions **by calling Lakeview Interagency Fire Center (541)-947-6259 or visiting: <https://www.scofmp.org/>** .
(Also see page 5 of this Synopsis for our District Offices' phone numbers during regular business hours).
- Cut and remove firewood only in areas authorized on the Firewood Map. Do not cut and remove firewood in any restricted areas noted.
- Up to **10 free cords** may be obtained per household, annually.
- Fill out Product Quantity Removal Record in ink before moving vehicle. (See Example on page 4).
- As of 2022, we are no longer issuing load tags for Personal Use or Firewood Assistance permits. **Please fill out the Product Removal Record on your Permit before transporting fire wood.**

Firewood cutting on the Fremont-Winema National Forest is subject to the use of a permit that is available at Ranger District offices. Firewood obtained under a personal-use permit is intended for personal consumption by the permit holder and not for resale. Contact your local Ranger District for possible commercial firewood availability or for Firewood Assistance permits (See page 3 for more info).

Motorized access specifically for the removal of firewood (under permit) is allowed up to 300 feet off roads where firewood cutting is permitted, as shown on the Firewood Maps.

**FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST
2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS
FREE PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD**

In addition to *General Conditions and Other Conditions* listed on your permit, violation of the following rules can result in fines and/or suspension of firewood cutting privileges.

1. Your permit is valid on only Fremont-Winema National Forest lands and it authorizes gathering and removing free personal use firewood in amounts not to exceed the number of cords shown on front of permit. Each household may obtain permits for up to 10 cords of free personal use firewood per year. A household is defined as all persons residing at a given address.
2. Your permit and related documents must be with you at all times while cutting and/or transporting firewood. Your permit does not authorize vehicle entry into areas of the National Forest that are posted and/or under Closure Notice, such as "Closed to Motorized Vehicles".
3. Firewood cutting is prohibited in Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic River Corridors, Unique Areas, Research Natural Areas, Research Areas, Experimental Forest Areas, or within 150 feet of Campgrounds, Recreation Sites, and Resorts.
4. Firewood cutting is prohibited within **POSTED** areas such as Timber Sales, Contract Areas, and posted "No Cutting" areas. All trees standing or down with paint, tags or signs on them are protected and may not be cut or removed for firewood, unless authorized by a Forest Officer.
5. Where the cutting of standing trees is allowed, stump heights shall not exceed 12 inches.
6. The maximum length of firewood allowed to be cut and transported is 6 feet.
7. Use of mechanized skidding and/or loading equipment for removal of free personal use firewood is prohibited. The only power equipment authorized for use is chainsaws, winches and hydraulic splitters.
8. Cut and scatter limbs and tops so they lie no more than 18 inches from the ground to reduce wildfire potential. Remove all slash from roads and ditches.
9. Fill out the **PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD** in ink on the front of your permit **BEFORE** leaving the loading site (refer to page 5 for an example).
10. Fire restrictions are listed on page 5 and must be followed.
11. Firewood cutting may be prohibited during periods of high fire danger as determined by the Fremont-Winema National Forest. Contact Ranger District Offices for current information and/or restrictions (telephone numbers are on page 5).
12. All firewood permits terminate on **December 31** of the current year as shown on the permit, with no extension.
13. Firewood Assistance cutters are limited to a maximum of FIVE (5) permits per household, per calendar year(see page 3).
14. Members of Congress, or resident Commissioner, shall not be admitted to any share, or part of the Personal Use Firewood Permit, or to any benefit that may arise there from, unless it is made with a corporation for its general benefit (18USC 431.433).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO THE BLY, LAKEVIEW, PAISLEY, AND SILVER LAKE RANGER DISTRICTS

1. Trees that may be cut and removed for firewood are:
 - A. Dead Standing Trees – with no green needles or leaves
 - Lodgepole Pine
 - Juniper
 - White fir
 - Incense Cedar
 - Mountain Mahogany and all other species
 - NO CUTTING OF STANDING PONDEROSA PINE
 - B. Dead Down Trees – with no green needles or leaves
 - Lodgepole Pine
 - Juniper
 - White Fir
 - Incense Cedar
 - Mountain Mahogany and all other species
 - Ponderosa Pine with NO GREEN NEEDLES.
 - C. Live Trees
 - Juniper outside “No Cutting Areas”, which are 16 inches or less in Diameter Breast Height (DBH is 4.5 feet above the ground). NO LIVE TREES of any other species at any other location may be cut or removed for firewood unless specifically stated on a firewood map.
 - Green trees that are blown down across roads.
 - No vehicles or cutting is allowed within 100 feet of any streams, seeps, springs, or other wet areas

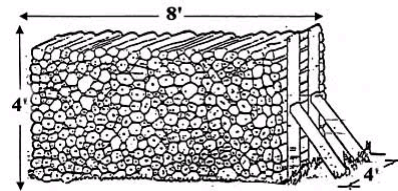
TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO THE CHEMULT, CHILOQUIN, AND KLAMATH RANGER DISTRICTS

1. The cutting and removal of Ponderosa Pine is PROHIBITED.
2. Trees that may be cut and removed for firewood are:
 - A. Dead standing trees – with no green needles
 - All Species except Ponderosa Pine
 - B. Dead and down trees – with no green needles
 - All species except Ponderosa Pine
 - C. Live trees
 - NO LIVE TREES of any species at any other location may be cut or removed for firewood.
 - Green trees that are blown down across roads
3. No vehicles or cutting is allowed within 320 feet of any stream, stream channel, springs, seeps, lakes, ponds, wet areas, or meadows.

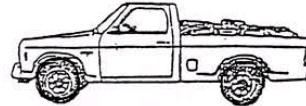
Firewood Assistance/Third Party Cutting: For those who cannot physically be present at the cutting site due to physical or medical limitations, this program allows someone to cut, transport and deliver their firewood to them. The permit issued under Firewood Assistance will have terms and conditions unique to this program. In addition, Personal Use Firewood Rules and Regulations must be adhered to for third party cutting. The use of a Firewood Assistance permit does not relieve any criminal or civil liabilities of the Permittee or the person the wood is cut for. Contact your local Ranger District office for specific information.

How to Measure your load of wood *Correctly*

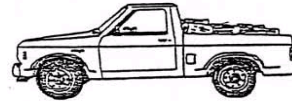
1. One Cord = (4 feet) x (4 feet) x (8 feet) = 128 cubic feet.
See the illustrations shown at right.
2. **FILL OUT PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD** on the permit in ink (see page 5).



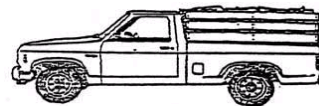
1 Cord
(4' X 4' X 8' = 128 cu. ft.)



Small Pickup – ¼ Ton
With or without racks, this truck will hold approximately ½ cord of wood. (Approx. 1331 lbs.)



Short Bed Pickup – ½, ¾, or 1 Ton
With or without racks, this truck will also hold approximately ½ cord of wood. (approx. 1331 lbs.)



Long Bed Pickup – ½, ¾, or 1 Ton
With racks, this truck will hold approximately 1 full cord. (approx. 2662 lbs.)

PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD

Halfway down your official permit is the Product Quantity Removal Record. Please fill out this portion of your permit EVERYTIME you remove wood from the forest. This section needs to be completed in ink BEFORE you leave the cutting area. Please see below example.

PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD (Example)

Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed
4/7/21	1 pm	½ cord	6/7/21	2:15	1 cord			
4/19/21	1:30	1 cord						
5/2/21	4:30	1 cord						
5/15/21	11:30	1.5 cords						
5/16/21	2:30	1 cord						
5/31/21	4:00	½ cord						

Firewood Cutting Season:

The firewood cutting season is January 1 – December 31. You must obtain a new firewood permit for each calendar year. Weather conditions may restrict access for periods of time. In most years, snow depth during the winter precludes access to the National Forest. Closures may occur at other times due to high fire danger, catastrophic events, or other circumstances.

Woodcutter Fire Requirements:

Before leaving home to cut firewood, you must know and comply with current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) restrictions!


For current information on Industrial Fire Precaution Levels and Public Use Restrictions, by calling Lakeview Interagency Fire Center (541)-947-6259 or visiting: <https://www.scofmp.org/> .

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Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) & Restrictions for the National Forest

I	II	III	IV	IFPL
X	X			Carry the equipment listed below, under Equipment Requirements .
X	X			Stay in the area for one hour after power saw is shut off to watch for fire starts.
	X			Shut down power saws at 1:00 p.m.
		X	X	Power saws prohibited.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS while using a power saw:

<p><u>SAW:</u> Exhaust system in good repair with a screen-type arrester of 0.023” or less and approved under USDA Forest Service standards.</p> <p><u>SHOVEL:</u> Long-handled, round-point, with an 8” blade (Size “0”) or larger.</p> <p><u>FIRE EXTINGUISHER:</u> Pressurized chemical of not less than 8 oz. capacity by weight.</p>	<p>REMEMBER.....</p>  <p>Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!</p>
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For Questions please contact the front desk of your local Ranger District Offices.

Ranger District Offices:

- Bly RD (541) 353-2700**
- Chemult RD (541) 365-7001**
- Chiloquin RD (541) 783-4001**
- Klamath RD (541) 885-3400**
- Lakeview RD (541) 947-6300**
- Paisley RD (541) 943-3114**
- Silver Lake RD (541) 576-2107**

Fremont-Winema Headquarters Office (541) 947-2151