

# 2021

## Central Oregon Personal Use Firewood Synopsis



### Rules, Regulations and Maps for:

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests

Crooked River National Grassland

Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)



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**General Rules and Regulations:** These rules are in addition to the “General and Other Conditions” listed on your permit. See individual woodcutting maps for additional specifications for those areas.

1) Permittee must be present and have in their possession:

- Permit
- Synopsis - rules and regulations
- Firewood unit maps
- Load tags
- Required Fire equipment:  
Spark arrester 0.023” or less on chain saw.  
Shovel - long handled, round point, 8” blade (size 0).  
Fire extinguisher with a pressurized chemical of no less than 8 ounce capacity by weight.

2) The current year’s load tag must be validated by completely removing the month and day that you are removing the firewood. The validated tag must be highly visible at the back of the load, and displayed prior to moving the vehicle. Previous year’s tags are not valid. One tag is required for every 1/2 cord of firewood, or any portion thereof.

3) Each household may purchase up to 8 cords of personal-use firewood annually. Cost is \$10.00 per cord; minimum purchase of two cords per permit.

4) Fill out Product Removal Record on your signed permit.

5) Woodcutting is prohibited in all posted timber sales, contract areas, developed campgrounds, old growth areas, research natural areas, riparian areas\*, wilderness areas and all other areas posted closed to woodcutting.  
*\*(Riparian areas are defined as land within 300 feet of water such as springs, streams, wet meadows, floodplains and overflow channels; or within 150 feet of these features on the Ochoco National Forest)*

6) Do not cut trees (standing and/or down) marked with paint, signs, wildlife tags, blazes or with any evidence of wildlife habitation such as nests or cavities.

7) Open and closed dates, species authorized for removal, and other restrictions may vary by map, see each cutting area map for specific information about firewood cutting.

8) Woodcutting is authorized for dead trees only, or as specified on woodcutting maps. Some areas do not allow the cutting of standing dead trees. Be familiar with the map of your cutting area.

9) Where cutting of standing trees is allowed, stump heights may not exceed 12 inches. Maximum length of wood allowed to be transported is 6 feet. Remove all wood down to 3 inches in diameter for less waste.

10) Protect all green trees and other vegetation during falling and removal activities. Live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

11) The only power equipment authorized for use are: chain saws, winches and hydraulic splitters, unless otherwise prohibited in specific cutting areas.

12) Woodcutting activity is permitted only within designated firewood area boundaries as specified on woodcutting map.

13) Cut and scatter limbs and tops so they lie no more than 12” from the ground. This reduces potential for wildfire. Remove all slash from roads, ditches, and trails.

14) Woodcutters must comply with all road closures, seasonal road closures, and transport firewood in vehicles less than 26,000 lbs GVW.

15) No tree felling within 100 feet of utility lines.

Know where you are and where you are cutting.

Watch for the following signs:

## Entering



## Firewood Cutting Area

## Leaving



## Firewood Cutting Area

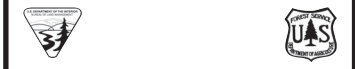
## Sensitive Forest Resource Area

Woodcutting is NOT Authorized Behind This sign



## Timber Sale Area

NO Firewood Cutting Allowed



Entering Newberry National Volcanic Monument

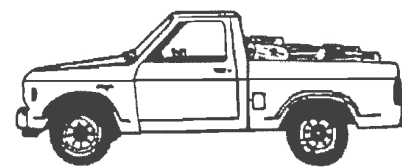
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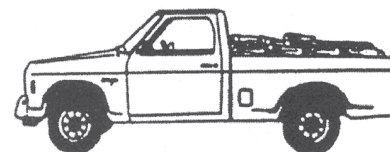
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## Validate and Use Load Tags Correctly

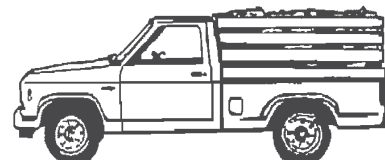
- Measure your load of wood to determine how many tags are necessary.
- One cord = 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet, or 128 cubic feet.
- To validate your tags, completely remove the day and month tabs from each load tag needed.
- Securely attach all load tags to the back of your load in a highly visible location.
- Attach one tag for each 1/2 cord or portion thereof. (See



Short bed pickup truck  
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full size pickup truck  
1/2 cord or less = 1 tag



Full size pickup with rails  
1 cord = 2 tags



# KNOW GO

before you

## **Know the current**

### **Industrial Fire Precaution Level:**

- Call the toll-free recorded message line at 1-800-523-4737.
- Call one of the local offices listed on the back of this Synopsis.
- Check the Deschutes N.F. website at: <http://go.usa.gov/xE8MQ>

### **General Fire Information:**

Visit the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center website at:

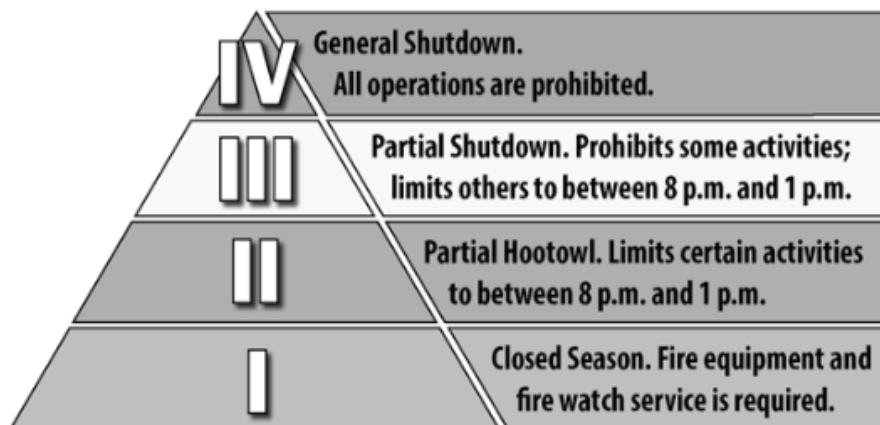
<https://go.usa.gov/xn7cz>.

Or <http://www.centraloregonfire.org/>

### **To Report a Wildfire:**

Call 911 or the

Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (541) 316-7700.



## **Industrial Fire Precaution Levels**

# Fire Precaution Requirements

## **Required Equipment**

The following equipment is required while using power equipment:

- **Spark Arrester:** Chainsaw exhaust system must be in good repair with a screen type spark arrester of 0.023" or less and qualified under USDA/USDI Federal Standards
- **Shovel:** Long handled round point with an 8" blade (size O) in possession of the operator.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Pressurized chemical of not less than 8 ounce capacity by weight.

## **Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL)\*\***

### **Level I:**

A Fire Watch is required to stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts.

### **Level II:**

Shut down all power equipment by 1 pm. A Fire Watch is required to stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts.

### **Levels III and IV:**

All woodcutting activity is PROHIBITED.

\*\*For more information on

Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) please visit the Deschutes National Forest website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xE8MQ>

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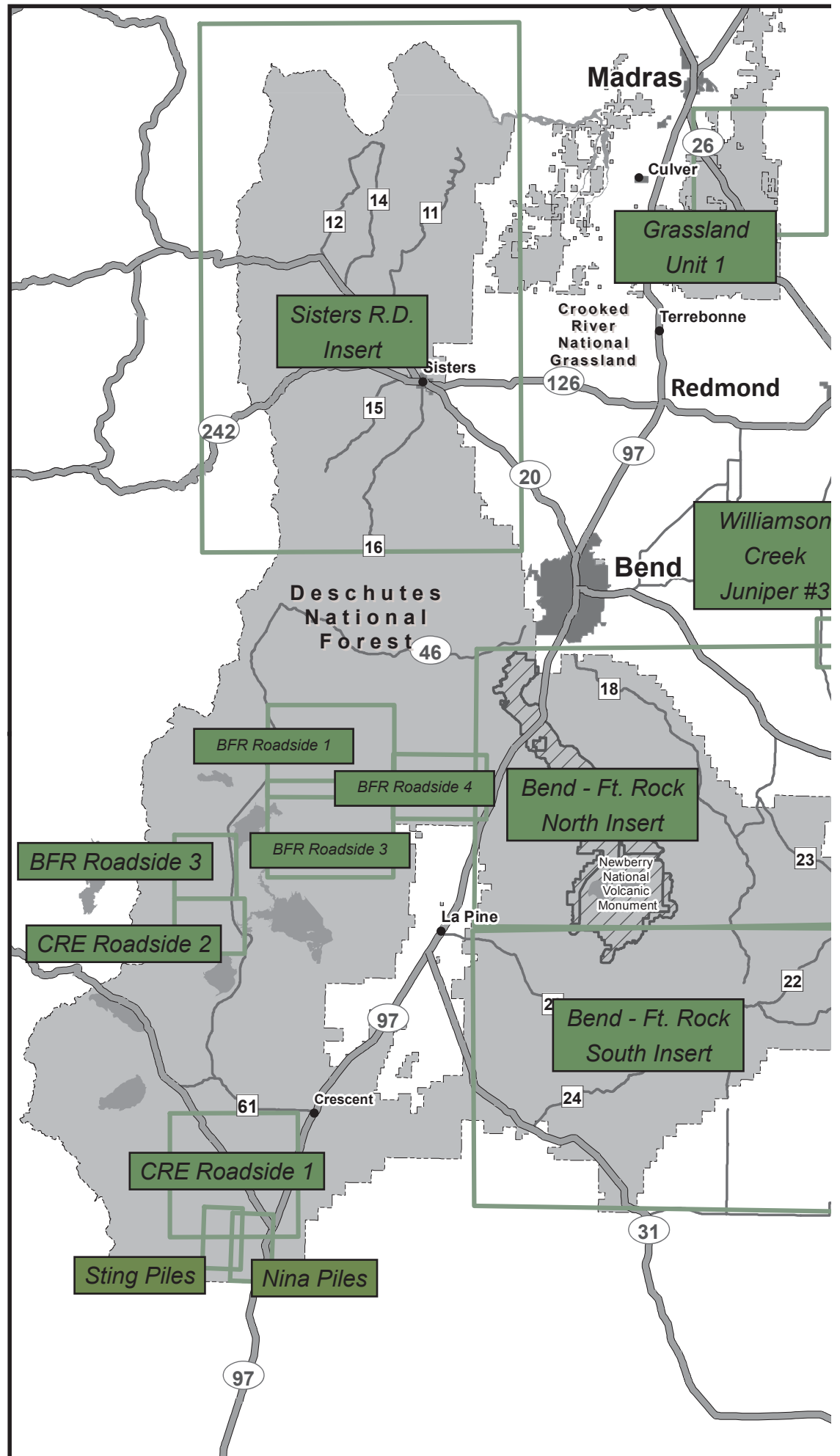
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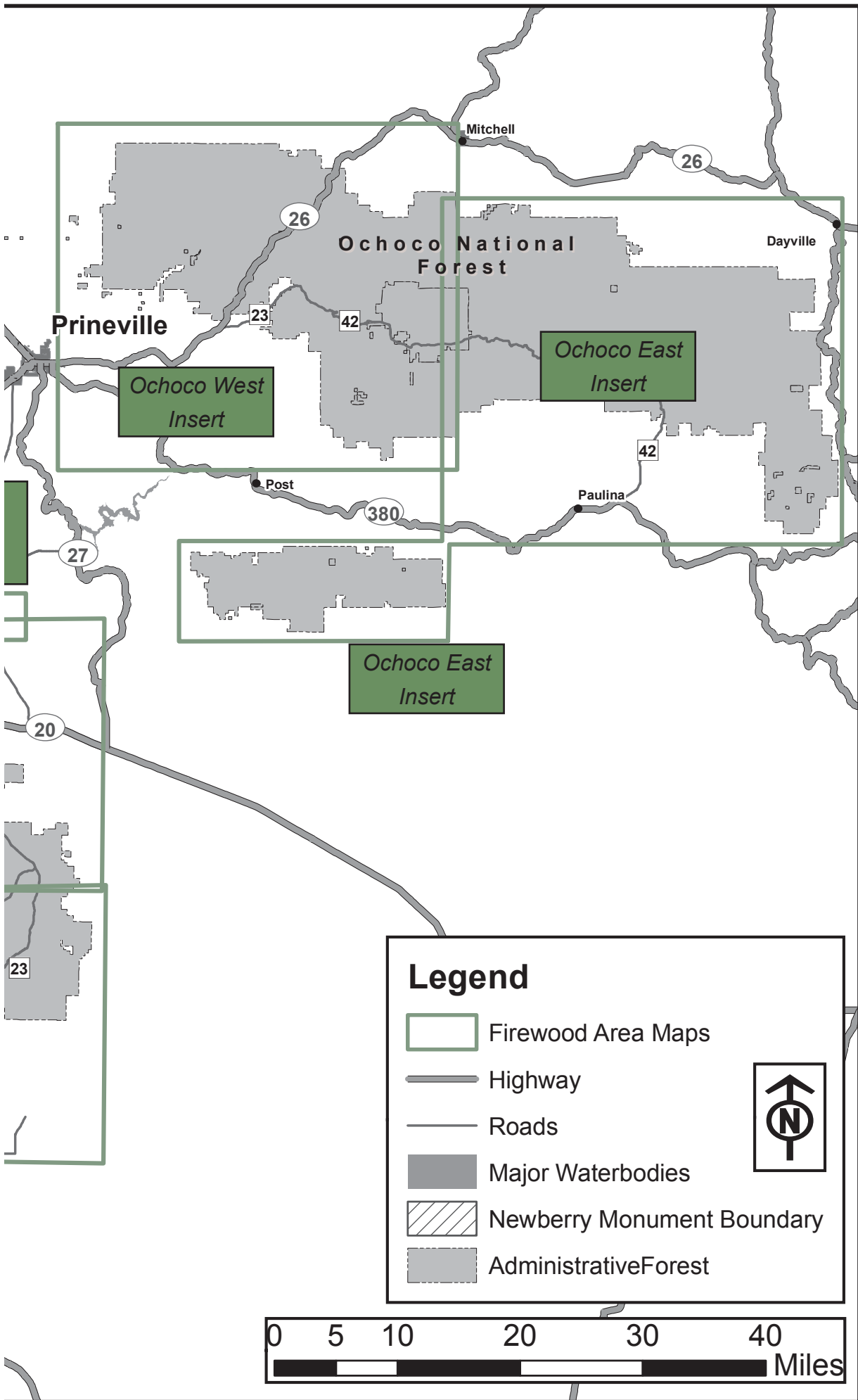
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## ADDITIONAL FIREWOOD CUTTING AREAS

may open after publication of the 2021 Synopsis. Contact a Ranger District office regarding the availability of new areas and to obtain a map of the new area.

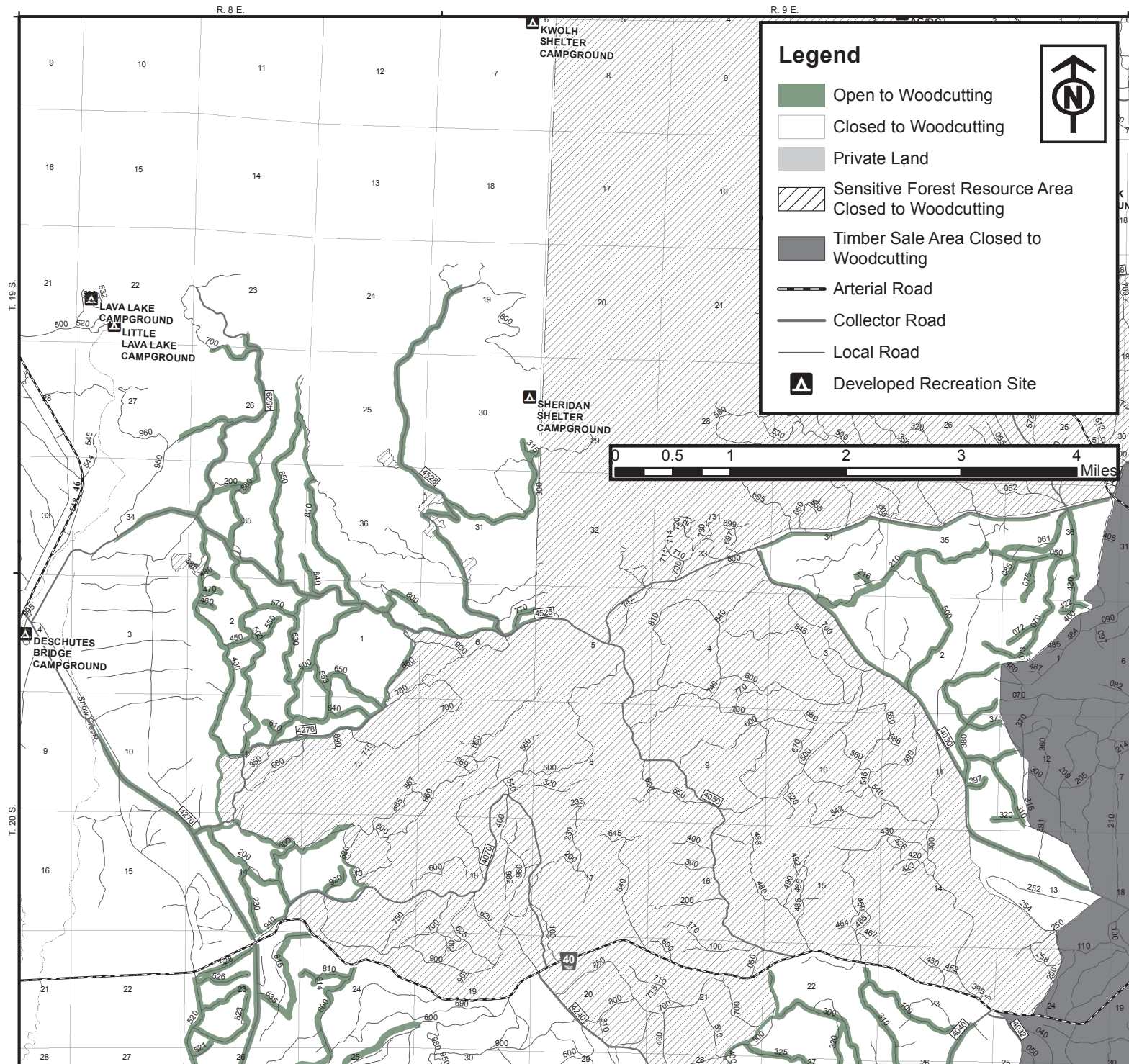
The specific USDA Forest Service map noting the location of new areas is required to be in your possession when cutting or removing wood.

## THE FIREWOOD CUTTING SEASON IS LIMITED TO THE DATES SPECIFIED ON MAPS

This seasonal restriction is in place to protect roads that are more likely to be saturated with water outside of the specified dates, to protect soils that could be damaged due to high soil moisture, and for wildlife preservation and resource protection. Central Oregon Firewood Cutting is limited, see cutting area map(s) for local restrictions and/or closures.

# BFR ROADSIDE UNIT 1 Bend-Ft.Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

Opens: May 1 Closes: November 30



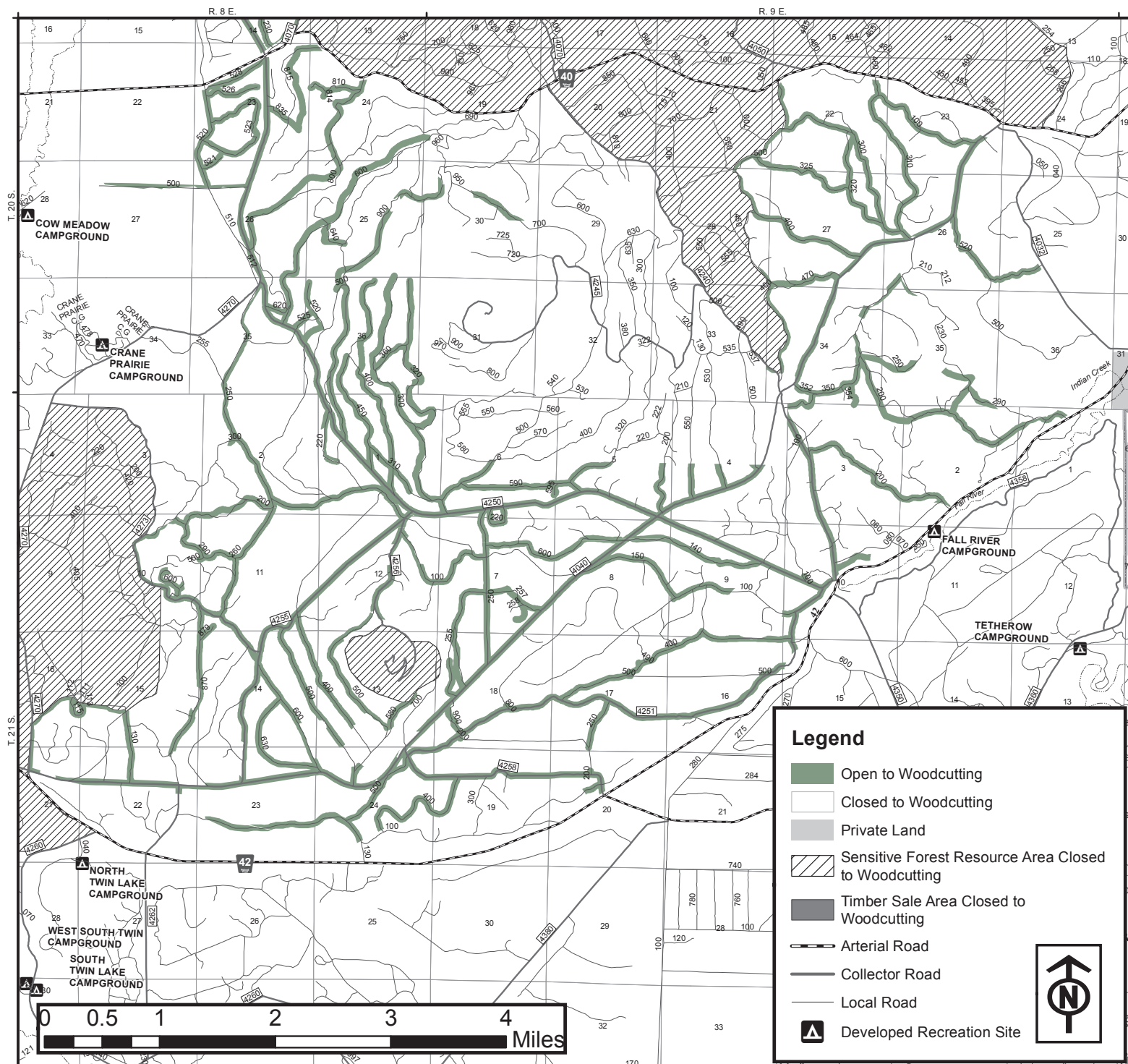
**YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE:** All species of standing dead trees or down dead trees, less than 24" in diameter (75" circumference), measured 12 inches above the root collar, located within 150' of the road edge. Roads open to woodcutting are highlighted in green on the map.

**Special Regulations:** Vehicles must stay on roads or road shoulders. (Road shoulder defined as within 20' of the road edge). Off road travel is not allowed. Motorized travel for the purpose of firewood harvest must comply with restrictions found on Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps. No winching of material is allowed. Do not cut, remove, or disturb material that has been piled for burning. All slash must be kept clear of roads, ditches and trails. No felling within 150 feet of Roads 40 and 45.

**Directions:** From Bend, travel south on US-97 for 14 miles. Take exit 153 for South Century Drive toward Sunriver. Turn right and continue for 1.5 Miles. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on South Century Drive. Continue on South Century Drive for 8.8 miles. Turn left on Forest Road 4525 to access the general cutting area.

# BFR ROADSIDE UNIT 2 Bend-Ft.Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

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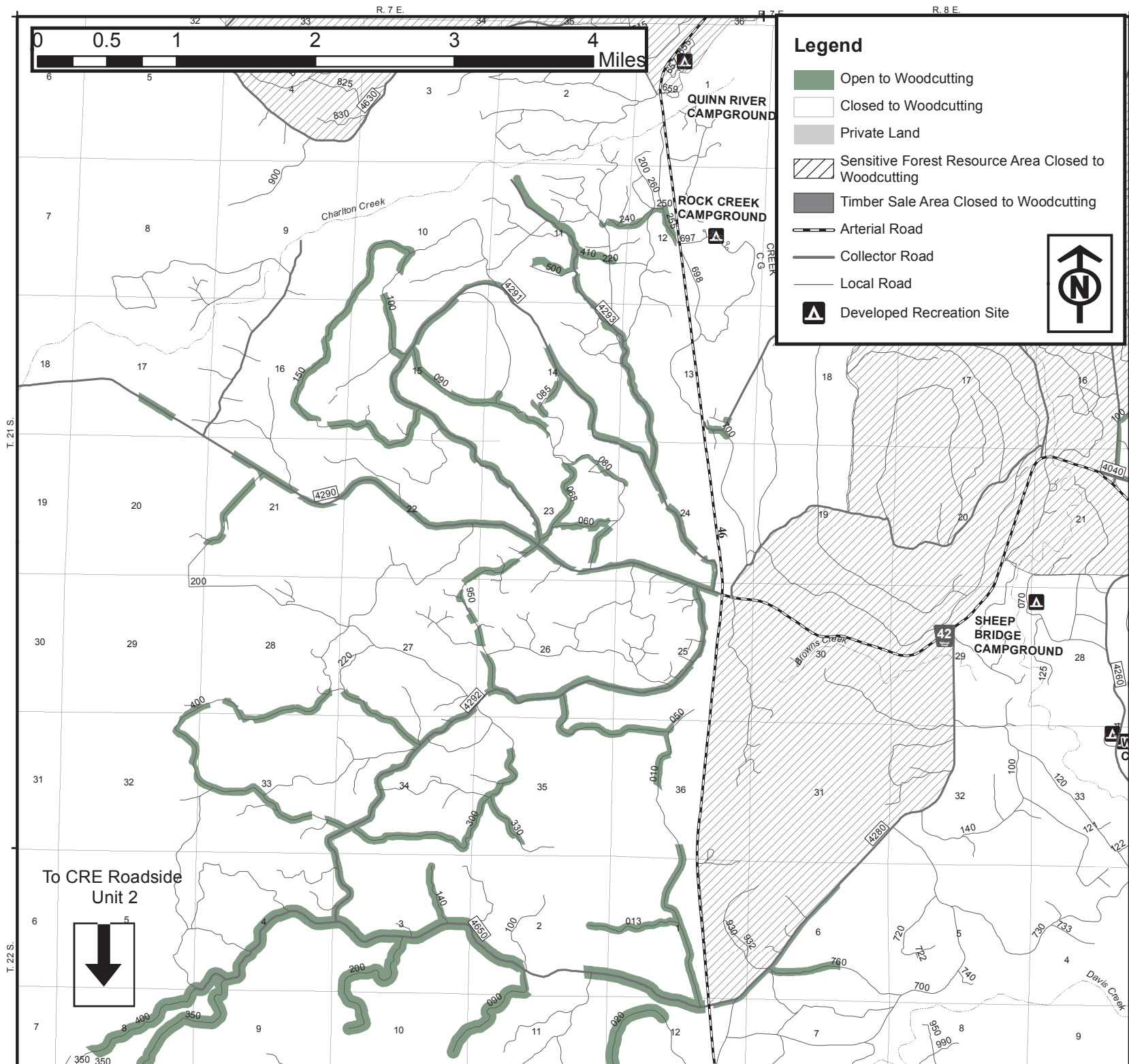
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**Directions:** From Bend, OR: Travel 17.3 miles south on Hwy 97, then 12.2 miles southwest on County Road 42 to arrive in the general area.

# BFR ROADSIDE UNIT 3 Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

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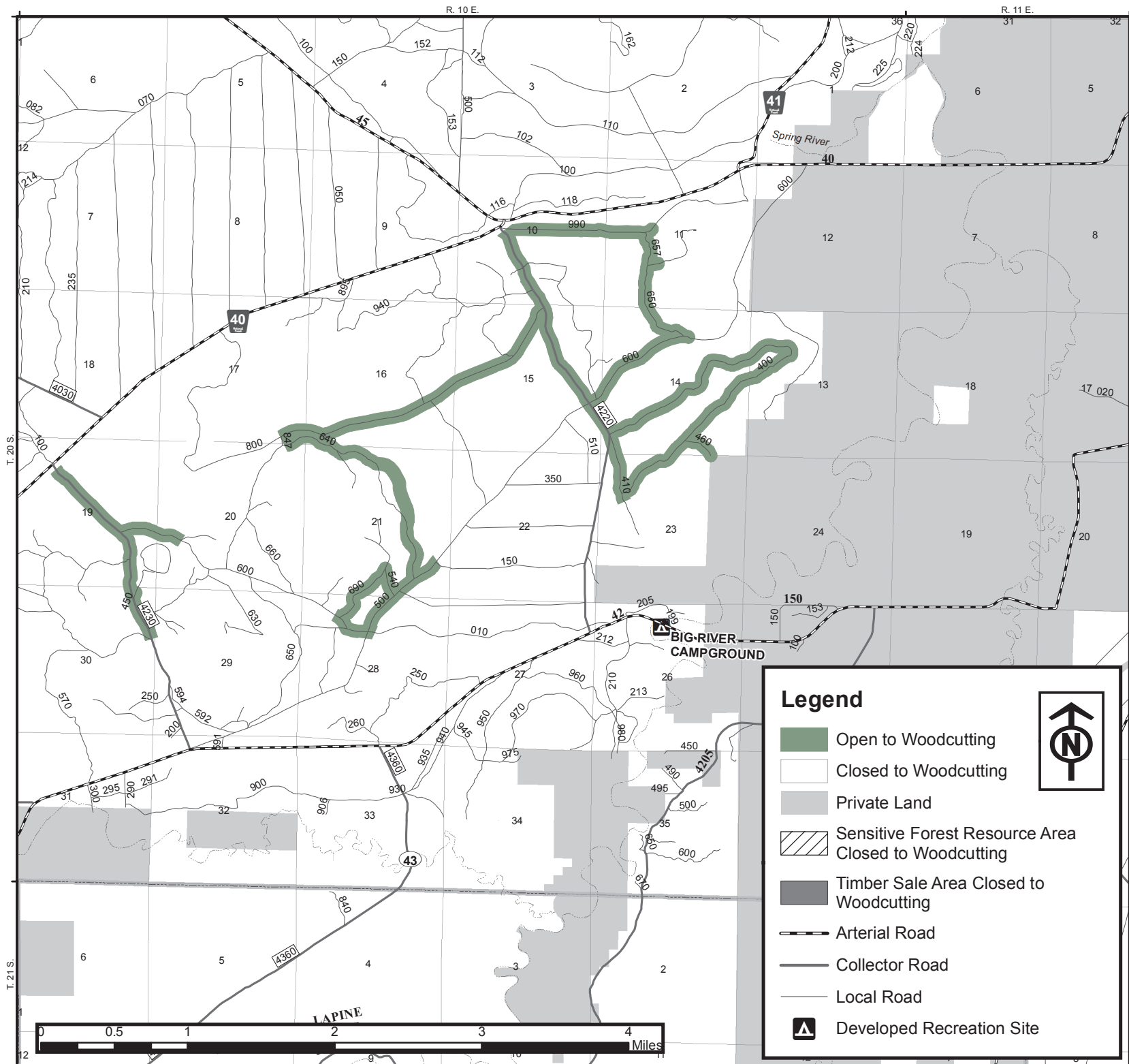
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**8 Directions:** From Bend, OR: Travel about 50 miles southwest on Cascade Lakes Hwy (Road 46) to arrive in the general area.



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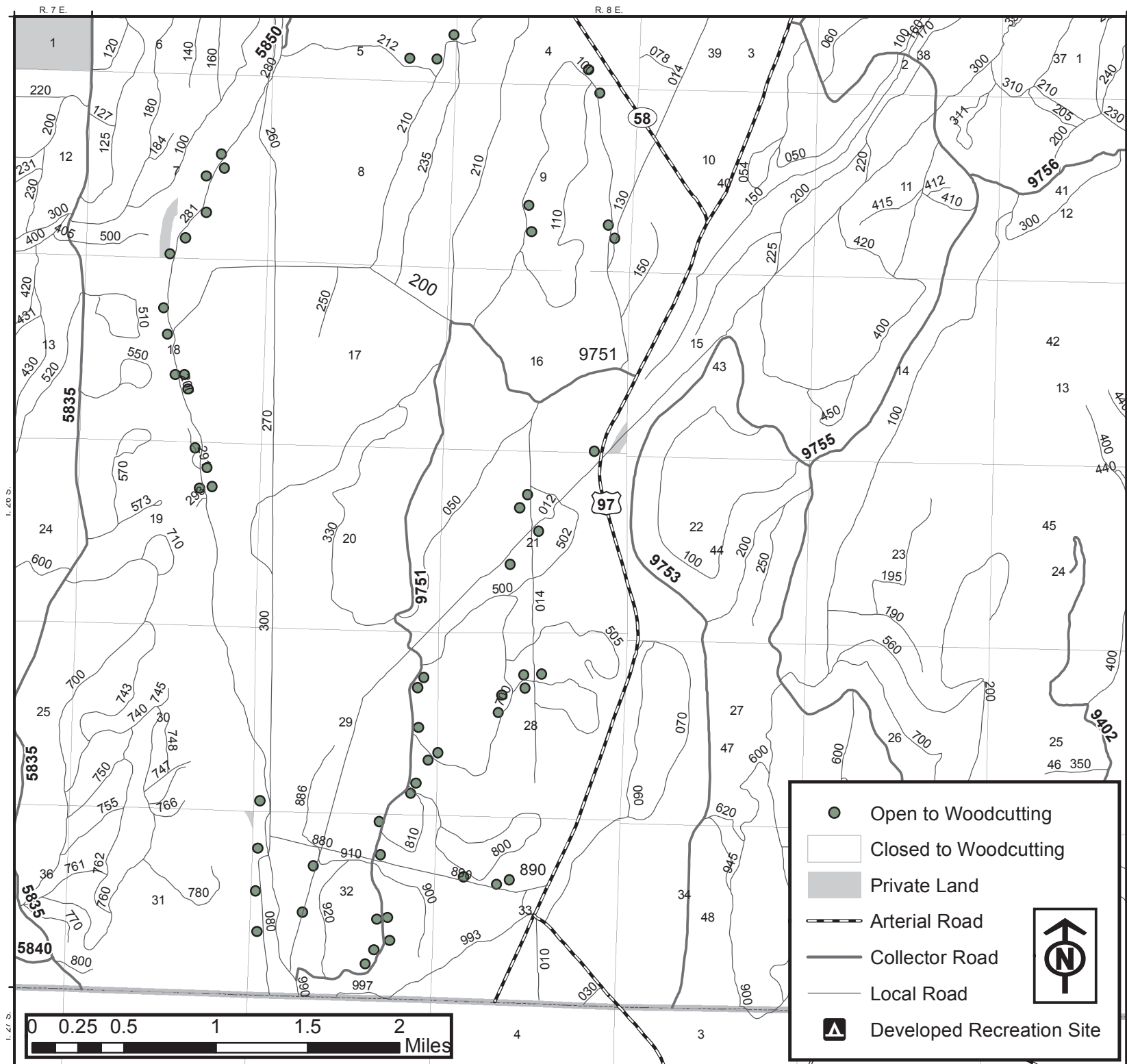
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**Directions:** From Sunriver, OR travel approximately 5 miles west on Spring River Road to 40/45 Road junction. The cutting area is located to the south.

# NINA FIREWOOD PILES UNIT

Crescent R.D., Deschutes National Forest

Opens: May 1; Closes: November 30 (Note: Depending on weather conditions, this Unit may be open from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31, please check with the Crescent Ranger District for a special permit for this Unit in December).



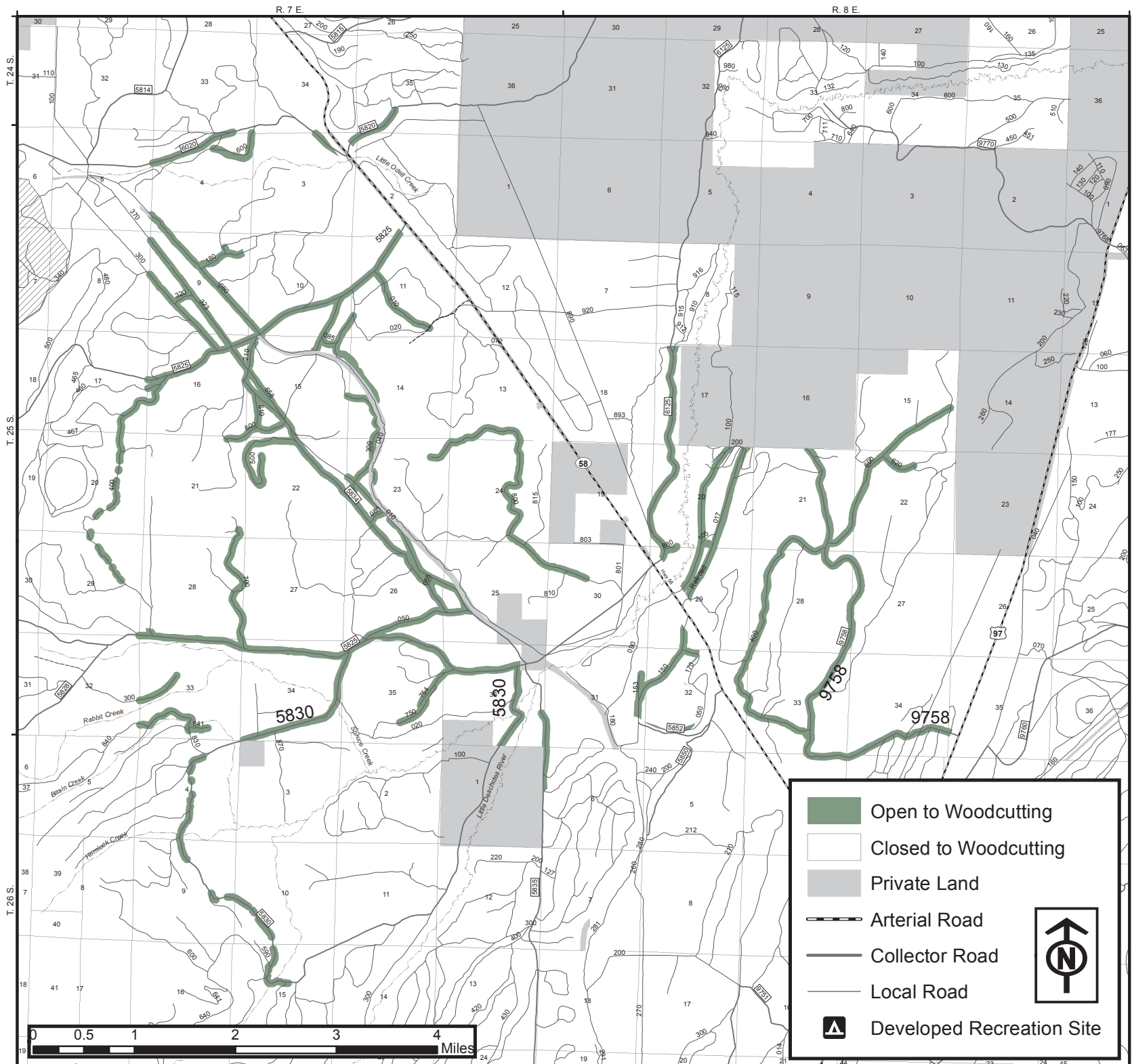
**YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE:** Down and dead trees of all sizes and species, located in the personal use firewood piles identified on the map. Please contact the Crescent Ranger District for current firewood pile status.

**Special Regulations:** None

**Directions:** To access the Nina Firewood Piles Unit, proceed from Crescent, Oregon south on Hwy 97 for 10.6 miles to 9751, head west and then south on 9751 for 3.3 miles to the general area.

# CRE ROADSIDE UNIT 1 Crescent R.D., Deschutes National Forest

Opens: May 1 Closes: November 30



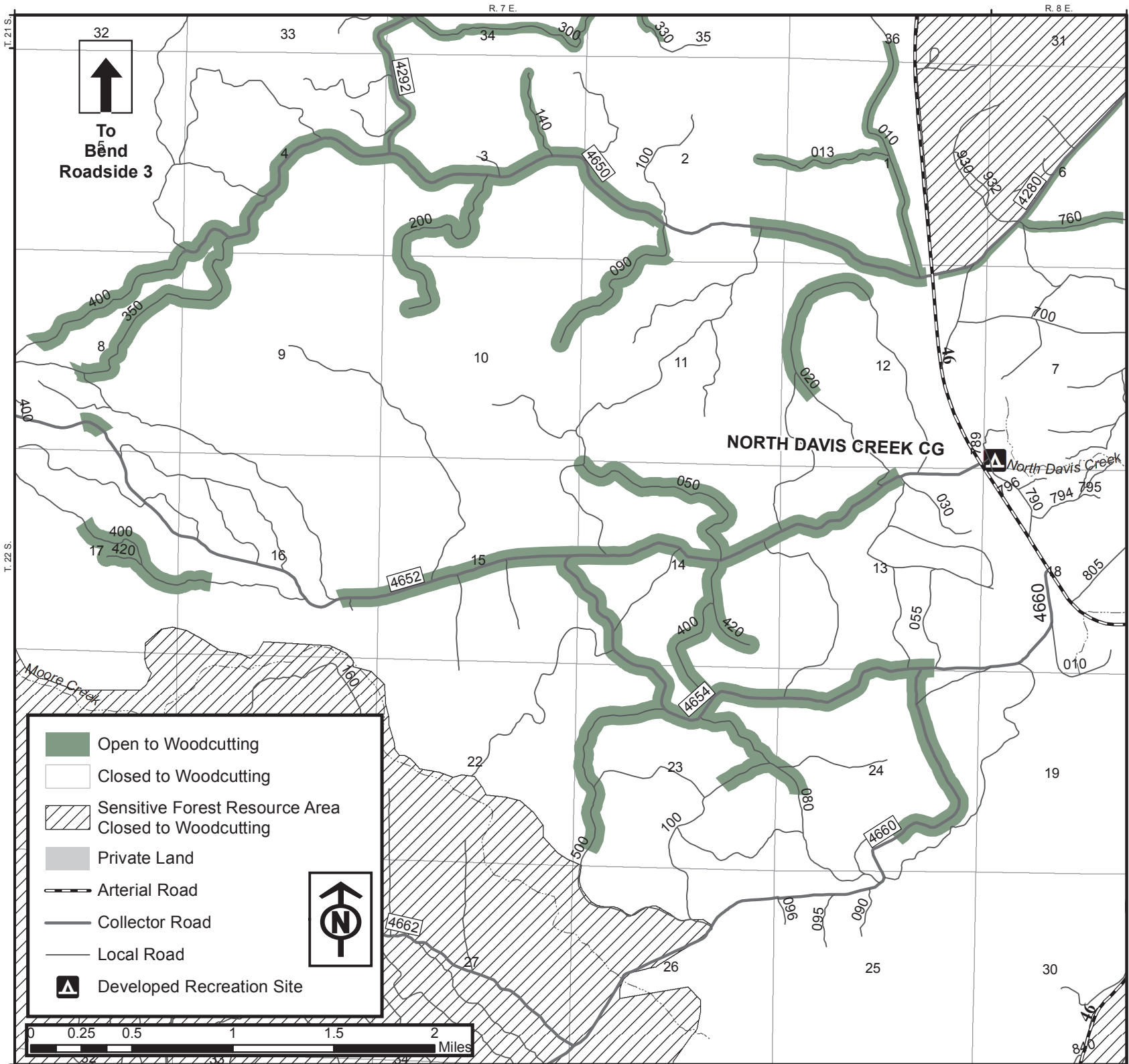
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**Special Regulations:** Vehicles must stay on roads or road shoulders. (Road shoulder defined as within 20' of the road edge). Off road travel is not allowed. Motorized travel for the purpose of firewood harvest must comply with restrictions found on Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps. No winching of material is allowed. Do not cut, remove, or disturb material that has been piled for burning. All slash must be kept clear of roads, ditches and trails.

**Directions:** To access the CRE Roadside Unit 1, proceed from Crescent, Oregon south on Hwy 97 for 7.6 miles to Road 9758, head west on 9758 to the general area; or proceed from Crescent, Oregon south on Hwy 97 for 9.4 miles to Hwy 58, head north-west on Hwy 58 for 4.4 miles to 5825, and proceed west for 1.5 miles to the general area.

# CRE ROADSIDE UNIT 2 Crescent R.D., Deschutes National Forest

Opens: May 1 Closes: November 30



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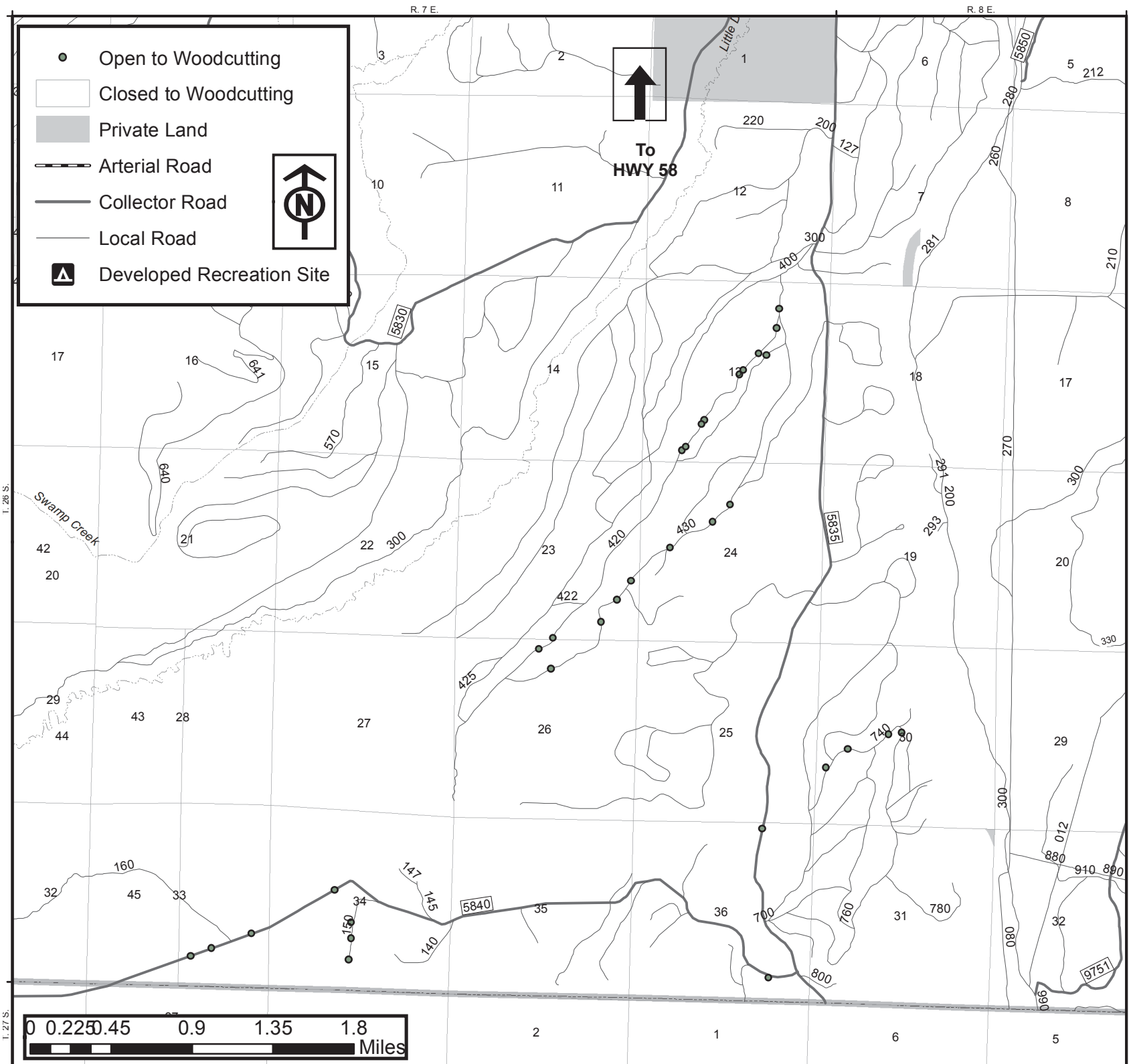
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**Directions:** To access the CRE Roadside Unit 2, proceed from Crescent, Oregon west on County Road 61 (crescent cutoff road) for 8.8 miles to County Road 46 (Cascade Lakes Hwy), and proceed north on County Road 46 for 14.2 miles to the general area.

# STING FIREWOOD PILES

Crescent R.D., Deschutes National Forest

Opens: May 1 Closes: November 30



**YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE:** Down and dead trees of all sizes and species, located in the personal use firewood piles identified on the map. Please contact the Crescent Ranger District for current firewood pile status.

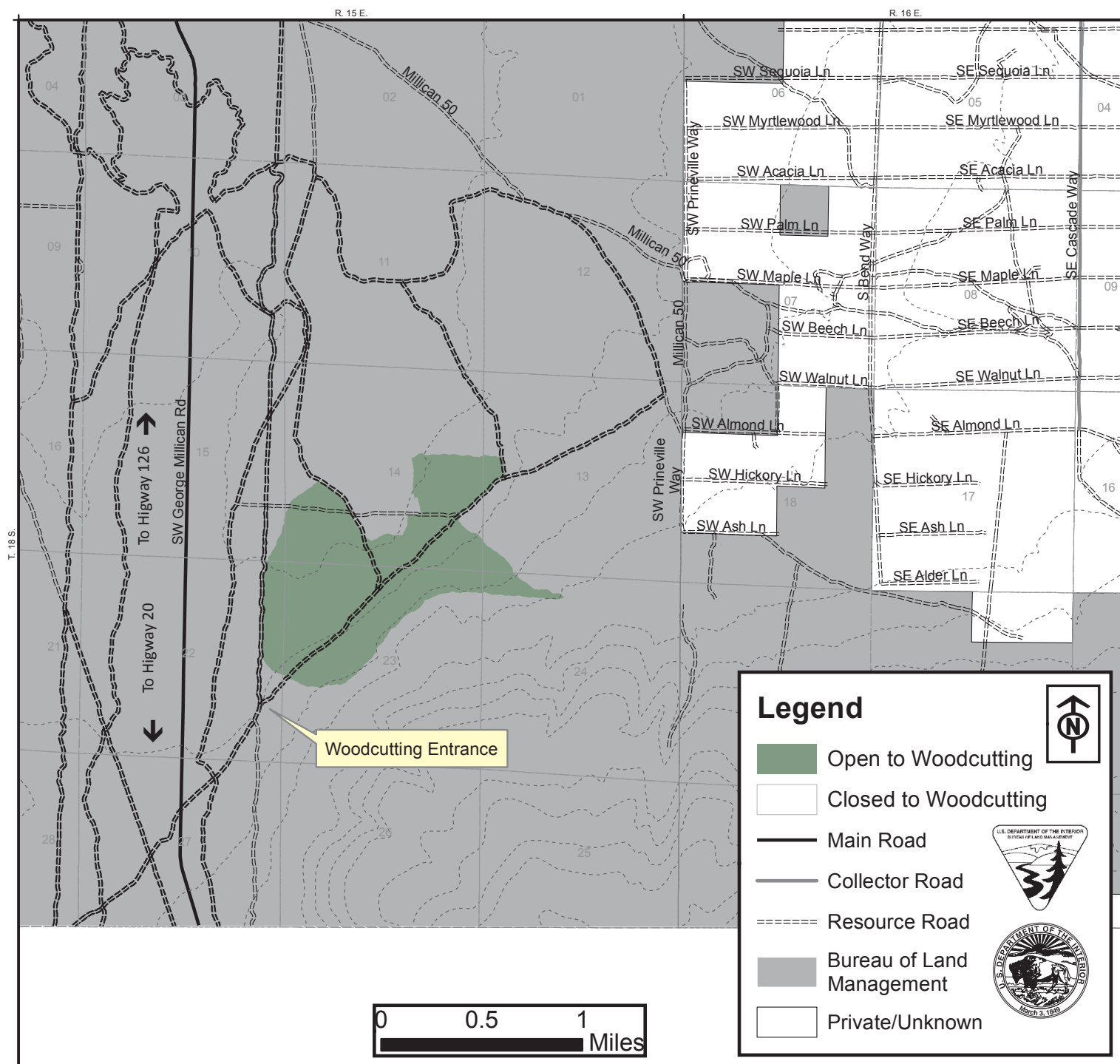
**Special Regulations:** None

**Directions:** To access the Sting Firewood Piles Unit, proceed from Crescent, Oregon south on Hwy 97 for 9.4 miles to Hwy 58, head northwest on Hwy 58 for 4.4 miles to 5825, head southwest on 5825 for 1.5 miles to 5835, and proceed south on 5835 for 2.7 miles to the Sting Firewood Piles area.

# WILLIAMSON CREEK JUNIPER #3

Bureau of Land Management

Opens: June 1 Closes: November 30



Wood can only be removed with a BLM issued permit. Forest Service permits are not valid on BLM lands.

**YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE:** Only down juniper that has already been felled. DO NOT CUT standing live or dead trees, or branches from standing trees. You may only remove the amount of wood which you are permitted for.

**Special Regulations:** The down trees were cut (thinned) in spring of 2021. The wood supply is limited and may become depleted by late summer. Call the BLM at 541-416-6700 for woodcutting area updates. The remaining old-growth juniper trees (some over 1,000 years old) in this area have special habitat and scenic values. Please help us protect these old trees and the wildlife that live there by following the rules and immediately reporting any illegal cutting activity to BLM, County or State law enforcement. Please respect adjacent private property by not trespassing. Do NOT use the OHV trails for firewood access.

**OFF-ROAD ACCESS IS ALLOWED**, but live trees and other vegetation may not be cut to create access to firewood.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Bend:** take Highway 20 east, turn left (north) on Powell Butte Hwy, turn right (east) on Alfalfa Market Road. Go for about 16 miles to the Millican Road junction. Go south at the stop sign onto Geo Millican Rd. Go for about 5.4 miles to the road entrance on the left east side of HWY (BLM gravel rd). Follow road to power lines unit lines directly east of powerlines.

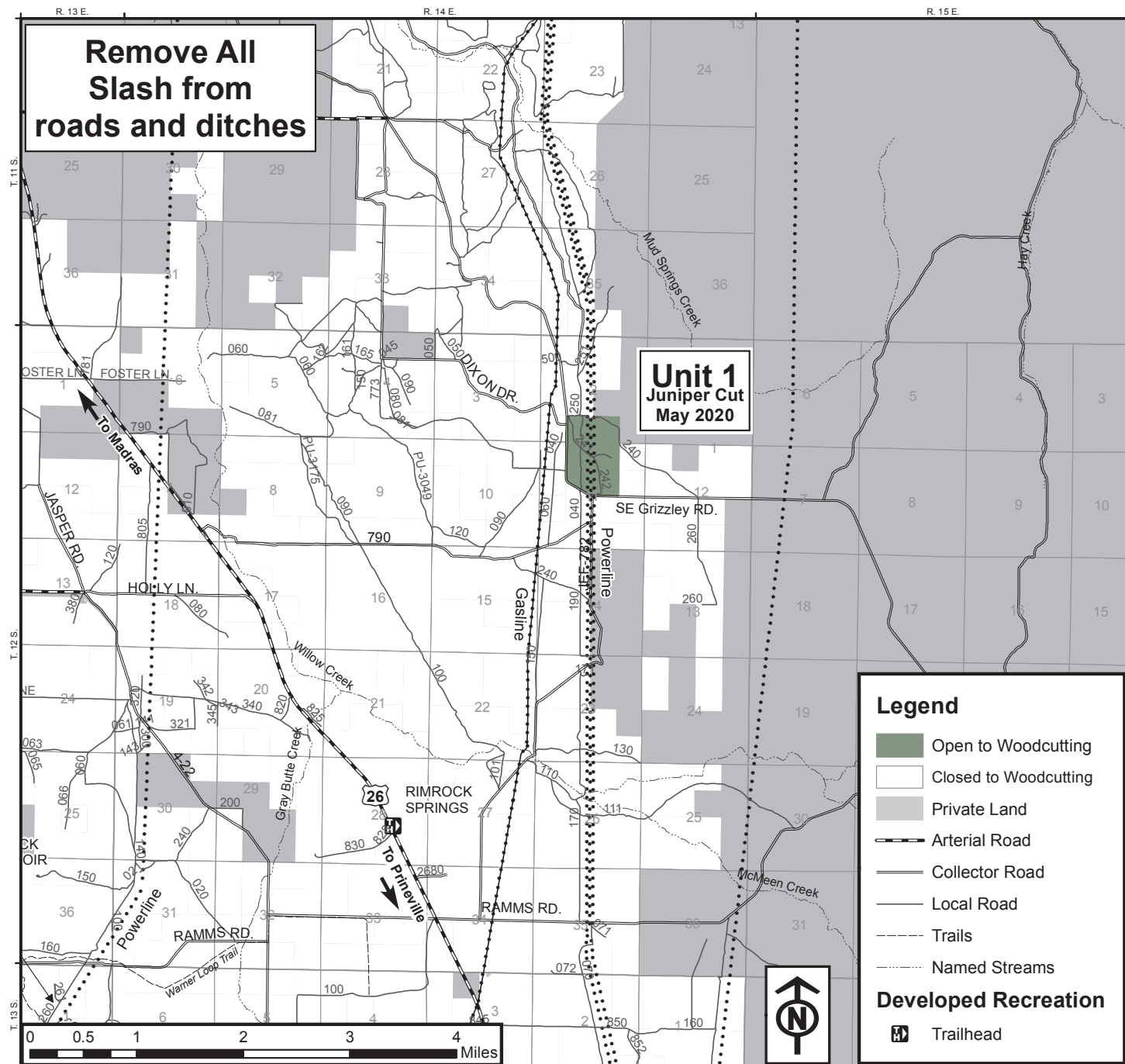
**From Prineville or Redmond:** turn south off Hwy 126 to Millican Rd (across from the Prineville Airport, 3 miles west of Prineville). Go south on Millican Rd for about 16 miles. At the stop sign, continue straight. Go about 5.4 miles to the road entrance on the left east side of HWY (BLM gravel rd). Follow road to power lines unit lines directly east of powerlines.

**For questions or updates:** Call the BLM at 541-416-6700

# GRASSLAND UNIT 1

Crooked River National Grassland

Opens: May 1 Closes: November 30



**YOU CAN CUT AND REMOVE:** Only juniper trees that have been felled and are on the ground. No standing dead or alive juniper trees can be cut.

**Special Regulations:** Off road access is **NOT** allowed. Instructions for all firewood units: If cutting near a fence, leave no slash within 10 feet of the fence. If cutting near a road, remove all slash from the road and road ditch.

**Directions to Unit 1:** Located 22 miles NW of Prineville. From Prineville, go NW on Hwy 26/Madras Hwy approximately 17 miles. Turn right (east) on Ramms Road for 1/3 mile, turn left (north) on County Road 782. Travel approximately 5 miles to SE Grizzly Road. Unit 1 is north of the County Road 782 and SE Grizzly Road intersection.

## Digital/Electronic Versions of the Firewood Synopsis and Maps

To download PDF versions of the Firewood synopsis and map inserts, please visit the Forest Service website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xd4xV>

### Have an Apple (IOS) or Android device?

Try the mobile PDF Maps app available from Avenza to use geospatial information to find your exact location on firewood maps. The PDF Maps app can read thousands of professionally made maps available through the Avenza map store. Spatially referenced PDFs allow you to view your location, record GPS movements, save locations and find specific places.

For more information, please visit Avenza's website at <http://www.avenza.com/pdf-maps>

To download available maps, please visit Avenza's website at <http://www.pdf-maps.com/get-maps>

Use the PDF Maps App to search for the primary location of the firewood cutting area you are interested in. For example, you can enter "Deschutes National Forest", or "Ochoco National Forest" or "Crooked River National Grassland". Once the primary location is found, look for the name of the firewood cutting area you want to download under the heading of the primary location.

**DISCLAIMER:** Digital/Electronic maps on the Avenza and Forest Service websites are provided for your convenience only; they do not replace the paper maps that accompany your Firewood Synopsis. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of your firewood cutting permit, it is required for you to have the firewood permit and firewood synopsis in your possession while cutting or removing firewood.

## Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds devour 4,600 acres of public land doing millions of dollars worth of damage in the west each year. Also known as exotics and invasive plants, noxious weeds: REDUCE forage diversity and quality for wildlife and livestock REDUCE nesting for animals CHOKe OUT native plant life and CAN INCREASE wildfire frequency. YOU Can Help By... Washing your vehicle prior to entering Public Lands - especially the tires, undercarriage, muffler, etc to remove any noxious weed seeds that you may have picked up along roadways. Properly disposing of garden waste. (No dumping on Public Lands!). Be aware and don't transport loose soil and plant parts. Toadflax and Spotted Knapweed are just two of many noxious weeds threatening healthy plant communities in Central Oregon. For an extensive weed list and additional information go to the Oregon Noxious Weed Profiles site at: <https://go.usa.gov/xdgWD>

With the help of many volunteers, public land managers organize weed pulls, clip seed heads, put biocontrol agents (natural insect enemies) onto weed populations, arrange for herbicide spraying on certain sites, and participate in local weed boards and partnerships.

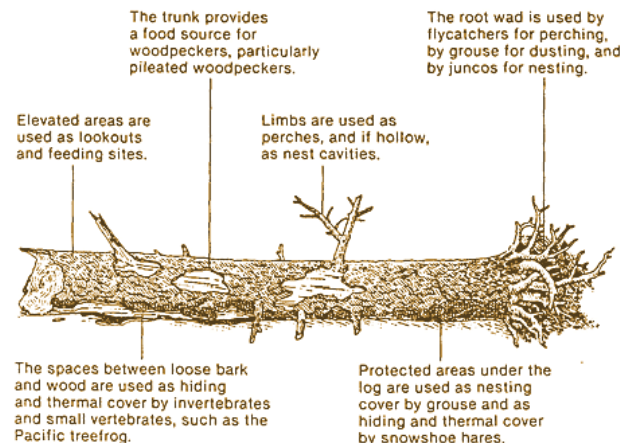
Contact the Invasive Plant Program Manager for the Deschutes National Forest, Ochoco National Forest and the Crooked River National Grassland for more information at 541-416-6588

**Spotted Knapweed** is a deep rooted perennial. Purple to pink flowers bloom June - October.



## Wildlife and Snags

Dead and dying trees provide food and shelter for many wild animals. As a tree dies, each stage of decomposition plays a vital role in the feeding, breeding, or housing of wildlife. Before taking a standing dead tree for firewood, please examine the tree for wildlife use, and if there is significant use, please consider leaving it for wildlife.



## Woodcutting Permits and more information are available at the following locations:

### Deschutes National Forest

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District  
Deschutes NF Supervisor's Office  
63095 Deschutes Market Rd.  
Bend, OR 97701  
(541) 383-5300

### Ochoco National Forest

Lookout Mt. Ranger District  
Paulina Ranger District  
3160 NE 3rd St.  
Prineville, OR 97754  
(541) 416-6500

Redmond Air Center  
1740 SE Ochoco Way,  
Redmond, OR 97756  
(541) 504-7200

### Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Prineville District  
3050 NE 3rd St.  
Prineville, OR 97754  
(541) 416-6700

Sisters Ranger District  
US-20 & S Pine St  
Sisters, OR 97759  
(541) 549-7700

### Crooked River National Grassland

274 SW 4th St  
Madras, OR 97741  
(541) 475-9272

Crescent Ranger District  
136471 Hwy 97 North  
Crescent, OR 97733  
(541) 433-3200

For a list of vendors who also sell firewood permits, please visit the Forest Service website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xd4xV>