FIREWOOD SYNOPSIS
Rules and Regulations for Firewood Collecting

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests
Crooked River National Grassland
Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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REPORT

illegal woodcutting and illegal off-road travel!

Call your local Ranger District for details.

REPORT wildfire
Call 911 or
Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC)
541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560

Additional firewood cutting areas may open after publication of yearly maps.

Contact a Ranger District office regarding the availability of additional areas and to obtain a map of those areas. You are required to have the specific USDA Forest Service map noting the location of additional areas in your possession when cutting or removing wood.

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Rules and Regulations

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

Enforcement Authority:
36 CFR 261.6 Subpart A

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: chainsaws, 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 and ditches.

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

Know Where You Are & Where You Are Cutting

Watch for the following signs:

Entering Newberry National Volcanic Monument

FOREST PRODUCT REMOVAL AND OHV/ATV USE IS PROHIBITED

for the greatest good

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
Woodcutter
Fire Safety Requirements

You must know and comply with the current Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL). Call the toll-free 24-hour recorded message line at: 1-800-523-4737 or Visit the Central Oregon Fire website at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire/ifpl

INDUSTRIAL FIRE PRECAUTION LEVELS

Level I:

Stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts and carry equipment listed below.

Level II:

Shut down all power equipment at 1:00 PM and stay in the area for one hour after power equipment has been shut off to watch for fire starts. Carry equipment listed below.

Level III and IV: All woodcutting activity is prohibited.

All Precaution Levels Require:

ALL power equipment be in good repair with a screen type spark-arrester of 0.023” or less and qualified under USDA/USDI Federal standards.

and always keep both of the following tools with you:

- **Shovel**: Long-handled round point with an 8” blade (Size 0) in possession of operator.

- **Fire Extinguisher**: Pressurized chemical of not less than 8 ounce capacity by weight.

Remember

Faulty spark arresters cause wildfires! Maintain your saw screen and keep your saw in good working order.

Parking on vegetation causes wildfires! Park in cleared areas away from brush and grass.

Careless smoking causes wildfires! Use your ashtray.

Wildfires are expensive! Don’t be the cause of one.

To report a wildfire call 911 or
Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center 541-416-6800 or 800-314-2560
1. Measure your load of wood to determine how many tags are necessary

ONE CORD = (4 feet) x (4 feet) x (8 feet) = 128 cubic feet

- Shortbed 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

2. Properly validate your load tags

This permit requires you to completely remove the current day and month tabs from each load tag needed on the day you are removing the firewood. The color of the tag is different from year to year.

Securely attach all required load tags to the back of your load in a highly visible location.

Attach one current year’s load tag for each 1/2 cord or portion thereof (see #2 on page 3).

Fill out the product removal record on the permit.
Prevent the spread of 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
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:

www.deschutes.org/weeds

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.

Need more information or want to join the battle against noxious weeds?

Contact the Invasive Plant Program Manager for the Deschutes National Forest, Ochoco National Forest and the Crooked River National Grassland for more information.

Toadflax and Spotted Knapweed
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.

Cavities can be used by wildlife at any time of the year, with most use occurring during the spring and summer when animals that utilize these cavities are breeding and rearing young. During late summer and fall these cavities can be used by wildlife to escape the elements and afford protection from rain, snow, and wind.

Even if a cavity is vacant, it may serve as a home later. 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.

Do not cut trees with wildlife tree tags.
Central Oregon Tree Descriptions

**Lodgepole pine** bark is thin, flaky and gray with no crevices, except near the base of the tree. Prickly, egg-shaped cones, seldom longer than 2 inches, may remain closed on the tree for years.

**Ponderosa pine** egg-shaped cones are 3-6 inches long and each scale is tipped with a short, straight prickle, hence the nickname “prickly ponderosa.” The bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark and sheds jigsaw puzzle flakes. The bark on young trees is nearly black, while mature trees are yellow or orange in color. Bark crevices of older trees and cut branches have a pitchy smell similar to turpentine.

**Juniper** needles are tiny, scalelike and scratchy to the touch. Juniper trees have bluish-white coated berries instead of cones. The bark is thin, reddish-brown and fibrous.

**White fir** horizontal branches form a pointed, narrow crown. Flat, flexible needles extend in rows perpendicular to the stem. Needles are light bluish green with white lines above and are 1 to 2.5 inches long. Light gray bark is much thicker than lodgepole pine bark. Cones are greenish-yellow or purplish, 3-5 inches long, and cylindrical, growing upright from the topmost twigs. Cone scales have fine hairs and short concealed bracts. White fir produces a fragrant resin which rises in small blisters on the trunk.

**Douglas-fir** needles are 1 inch long with a blunt tip. They surround the twig like the bristles of a bottle brush and are soft to touch. Cones are 3-4 inches long. Pitchfork shaped bracts are longer than the scales and hang down. The bark has resin blisters when young and is reddish-brown with deep furrows when mature.

**Western larch** also called Tamarack is Oregon’s only native conifer that sheds its needles after they turn yellow in the late fall or winter. Spring needles are very light green and darken over the summer. Needles cluster on stout woody pegs. Whiskery cones are small and woody, 1-2 inches long with papery bracts that are longer than the scales. Bark is reddish-orange, furrowed and flakes off in irregular shaped pieces.
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, 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: Electronic maps on the Avenza website are provided for your convenience only; they do not replace the actual 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.

Firewood Cutting Season:
The firewood cutting season is limited to the dates specified on unit 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.

Woodcutting Permits 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 or 383-4000

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**
- **Prineville District**
  - 3050 NE 3rd St.
  - Prineville, OR 97754
  - (541) 416-6700

**Crooked River National Grassland**
- **Prineville District**
  - 274 SW 4th St
  - Madras, OR 97741
  - (541) 475-9272

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

**Deschutes National Forest**
- **Sisters Ranger District**
  - 136471 Hwy 97 North
  - Crescent, OR 97733
  - (541) 433-3200

**Deschutes National Forest**
- **Sisters Ranger District**
  - 3160 NE 3rd St.
  - Prineville, OR 97754
  - (541) 416-6500