

Dillon Ranger District 2013 Firewood Cutting Program

The Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest will be modifying its Personal Use Firewood Cutting program. Beginning June 1, 2009 all firewood cutting and gathering for removal of products from National Forest Service System lands will be confined to designated cutting areas only. The District has moved to a designated cutting area program to better meet Forest goals and to further assist with the removal of hazardous trees and excessive fuels in several key areas. Detailed maps and information of the designated cutting areas will be available at the Dillon Ranger District office at the time of firewood permit purchase.

Designated cutting areas will be available late May/early June with additional areas added and removed as management objectives are met. It is anticipated that several short-term, managed firewood gathering opportunities will also occur at specific locations throughout the district. Firewood gathering is confined to dead and down trees within 300 feet of Forest Service Development Roads (FDR) unless otherwise noted on provided maps. Designated Cutting Areas will be identified with signs to mark the beginning and end of each Cutting Unit. The Dillon Ranger District office located at 680 Blue River Parkway in Silverthorne will have up-to-date information regarding cutting area opening and closures dates and should be referred to for the latest information on product availability. Firewood permits are \$10 per cord, cash or check only (minimum 2 cord purchase, maximum 10 cords per household). If you have any questions please contact the Dillon Ranger District at (970) 468-5400 for further information.

Instructions for Firewood Gathering

Refer to the individual Fuelwood Cutting Maps for areas and restrictions.

Only dead standing and/or dead down trees are allowed to be removed with a fuelwood cutting permit (see map for restrictions). Some areas may only allow the taking of dead down trees. If any portion of a tree has green needles, it is still considered to be live (36CFR261 .5(a)).

For property owners wanting to remove dead and/or dying trees on Forest Service land adjacent to their property for hazard tree or hazardous fuels reduction, fill out a Fuels Reduction Tree Removal application form available at the Dillon Ranger District Office.

Forest Service Travel Management regulations apply. Motorized Vehicles are prohibited from driving more than 300 feet from an existing Forest Service road. Motorized equipment cannot be used to remove dead trees, unless it is less than 300 feet from a Forest Service or County road (36CFR261 .56).

Resource damage (vegetation damage, rutting, damaging smaller trees) caused by off-road motorized vehicle use is prohibited. Please be aware of ground conditions prior to any off-road use (36CFR261.13(h)).

Fuelwood permit tags must be in the possession of the person gathering fuelwood. Fuelwood permit tags must be attached to each truck load of fuelwood leaving Forest Service Lands (36CFR261 .6(e)).

All logs greater than 7 inches in diameter at the large end must be removed in lengths of less than 8 feet (36CFR261 .6(h)).

Stumps must be cut to less than 12 inches from ground level (36CFR261 .6(h)).

All slash (limbs, tops) must be scattered to a depth not to exceed 24 inches from ground level (36CFR261 .6(h)).

A Maximum of 10 cords of fuelwood per calendar year is allowed per household.

The dimensions for a cord of firewood is 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 8 feet long or 128 cubic feet. (4'x4'x8'=128 cuft)

Refer to the table below to determine how many trees it takes to make a cord based on the diameter of the tree 4 1/2 feet above ground level. This is only a rough guide as the height of the tree will affect the numbers of trees needed to make a cord.

Diameter of tree 4 1/2 feet above ground in inches	Approximate number of trees to make a cord
5"	50
6"	40
7"	30
8"	22
9"	13
10"	10
11"	8
12"	6
13"	5
14"	4
15"	4
16"	3