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PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD PERMITS AVAILABLE

Free of Charge at Sierra Vista and Nogales Ranger Districts

SIERRA VISTA, AZ (November 5, 2009) Beginning November 9, 2009 through April 1, 2010, the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, is offering personal-use firewood permits to the public at no charge. Applications for half- and full-cord permits will be available at two district offices (Sierra Vista Ranger District, 5990 S. Highway 92 between Ramsey and Carr Canyon roads in Sierra Vista, and the Nogales Ranger District, 303 Old Tucson Road in Nogales), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Permits are limited to one cord per household, per year.

The collection areas, located on the west side of the Huachuca Mountains near the San Rafael Valley, can be accessed by a variety of routes. The Lochiel collection area is located along Forest Road 61, between the communities of Lochiel and Duquesne, east of Nogales, AZ. The Mowry collection area is located along Forest Road 214 and can be accessed from Patagonia and the Canelo Hills/Parker Canyon Lake areas. Area maps will be included with permits and permit information. Caution is advised when driving in the areas during wet conditions. All travel is restricted to designated roads.

Available wood consists primarily of manzanita, along with small amounts of oak and juniper. All fuelwood is dead and on the ground. No cutting of live or standing dead trees will be permitted. No green firewood is available.

Fuelwood has been made available as a result of fuel reduction activities to decrease wildfire spread and intensity. Most pieces are in sizes easy to handle and load.

Warning: Wood collection near the US/Mexico Border on the Coronado National Forest presents the possibility of encountering undocumented immigrants and other illegal trafficking. Collectors should be aware of their surroundings and personal property. Cell phones may not be dependable in some areas.

For more information, please call the Sierra Vista Ranger District (520) 378-0311 or the Nogales Ranger District (520) 281-2296.