



News Release

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Forest Service Fuel Wood Cutting Program Reopened with Restrictions

Carson City, Nevada... Firewood cutting and gathering has reopened with restrictions on the Carson Ranger District. “With the last few days of increased humidity, cooler temperatures and some ground wetting rain we can resume with some restrictions,” said Community Affairs Officer Franklin Pemberton.

The fuel wood cutting and gathering is open with “hoot-owl” restrictions in place. These restrictions allow for cutting and gathering until 1:00 p.m. Loading can occur after this time, but no cutting or use of power saws is allowed. Fire Prevention Officers are encouraging fuel wood cutters to bring five gallons of water a shovel and remain vigilant and in their immediate cutting area for one hour after they shut down their saw.

Due to the extreme fire danger and unprecedented low-levels of moisture in the surrounding trees the Carson Ranger District temporarily suspended their fuelwood cutting and gathering program for two weeks. “While we do not like to suspend these types of popular programs, we felt it was crucial to reduce the risk to the public and the forest,” Said Erick Walker, Carson District Resource Officer. “We really appreciated the public’s patience and cooperation over the last few weeks.”

Fuel wood cutters are also reminded to “call before you cut”. Call (775) 882-2766 the night before you go out to cut to get the latest on area restrictions and fuelwood information.

Each year the Carson Ranger District provides hundreds of personal fuel-wood permits for citizens to cut and gather their own firewood. These permits provide approximately 2000 cords (a cord is 4’X4’X8’) of wood a year for the public to cut and gather from dead trees on the Ranger District.

For more information regarding the reopening and the hoot-owl restrictions or the Forest Service fuelwood program please call the Carson Ranger District at (775) 882-2766.

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