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# Fuelwood Information

## Eldorado National Forest



**To cut your own firewood** on the Eldorado National Forest, you will need to purchase a Personal Use Fuelwood permit. You will usually have to search out wood locations yourself.

- ◆ The permit is issued from any of the District offices and is **valid from April 1 to December 31**. Permits can be purchased as of April 1st.
- ◆ The permit allows you to search for and gather **dead and down** wood on almost all Eldorado National Forest land outside of wilderness areas and administrative sites. The permit is only valid on this forest.
- ◆ **Standing dead trees less than 10 inches** (no larger) in diameter at eye level can be cut. Please note that many broadleaf trees lose their leaves in the fall and winter. Do not mistake them for dead.
- ◆ The **fee** is \$15.00 per cord with a two-cord minimum and an eight-cord maximum per household per year. You may purchase your permit with a personal check, cashier's check, money order, or cash.
- ◆ The permit is non-transferable and non-refundable.
- ◆ The permit is for personal use only.
- ◆ The permit does not authorize camping or any other activity.

### Obtaining A Permit

**You may obtain a permit** in person at any of the Ranger District Offices. To obtain a permit by mail download the application form from [www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/passes/fuelwood](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/passes/fuelwood) and mail.

**You will be issued four items:** They are all considered to be part of your permit.

- 1) The permit.
- 2) Personal Use Firewood Conditions attachment which has the Product Quantity Removal Record. **You are required to** write the load ticket numbers on the record form along with the date, time, number of cords and your signature before you move any wood, even if you have not finished a complete load.

### Traveling In The Forest

In 2008, roads and trails on the Eldorado were designated for wheeled motor vehicle travel. Vehicle travel off these designated roads and trails is prohibited. In addition:

*All dirt roads and trails are closed to motor vehicle use between January 1 and March 31. The Seasonal Closure may be longer if roads or trails are wet and susceptible to damage. This closure is intended to protect water quality and prevent rutting and damage to these roads and trails.*

Approximately 600 miles of paved and gravel roads are not affected by the closure. The Rock Creek area near Georgetown has its own seasonal closure policy and procedures.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map is a free map available in early 2009 at any of the Eldorado National Forest offices and on our website. This map shows the roads and trails on the Eldorado National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use and which ones are restricted during the seasonal closure.

- 3) Transportation (load) tickets appropriate for the number of cords you purchase. Each ticket is meant for transporting 1/4 of a cord of wood, or portion thereof. Please do not lose the tickets, as they will not be replaced. If you are unable to use them before December 31, they will no longer be useable. A different color will be used for the next year.
- 4) Map - Fuelwood Permit Cutting and Travel Areas map to be used in conjunction with the Motorized Vehicle Restrictions Map.

**Note: If more than one vehicle** will be hauling wood at a time, be sure that one party has the permit and that all loads have completed tickets attached. The vehicles should stay together during travel since the load, tickets, and permit may be inspected.

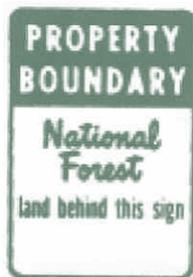
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## What Is A Cord Of Wood?

A cord of wood is a well-stacked pile of wood which measures 4x4x8 feet. Multiplying Length X Height X Depth of the pile gives 128 cubic feet. Your transportation tags are valued at 1/4 of a cord, which is 32 cubic feet. When your wood is loaded, multiply to find out how many cubic feet you are carrying, and attach the correct number of tags. If you are over 1/4 cord (or multiple), but under the next 1/4, you must add the extra tag.



## Where May I Cut?

You must be on Eldorado National Forest land. It is your responsibility to determine where you are cutting. Always be alert for property boundary signs.

## Do Not Cut In:

- ♦ Areas signed NO WOODCUTTING.
- ♦ Areas designated closed; such as, wilderness areas and administrative sites.
- ♦ Campgrounds or within 150 yards of campgrounds, developed recreations sites or buildings.
- ♦ Active Timber sales (look for signs).
- ♦ Private or other non-National Forest lands.
- ♦ Designated Sensitive areas.
- ♦ Some areas may be closed under emergency conditions in order to minimize conflicts with other uses or to reduce resource damage.



This is a K-tag or location poster that can be found in the forest. A nail or tack stuck in a yellow location poster shows your location in the forest. Forest Service maps are marked with the corresponding legal subdivisions.

In this example: T11N, R15E, Section 1.

## Equipment Requirements & Safety

A chainsaw inspection is not necessary to obtain a personal-use woodcutting permit. It is your responsibility to make sure your saw has a properly operating spark arrestor system as required by state law. A fire extinguisher or shovel are required while woodcutting.

A first-aid kit, gloves, and safety glasses are recommended for a safe outing. In addition to a chainsaw, maul, splitting wedges, and cable or chain, a well-equipped tool box is recommended.

## Permit Offices

### Placerville Ranger District

7 ½ miles east of Placerville  
on Highway 50 - Cedar Grove exit #54  
4260 Eight Mile Road  
Camino, CA 95709  
(530) 644-2324

### Pacific Ranger District

16 miles east of Placerville  
on Highway 50 - Mill Run Road  
7887 Highway 50  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726  
(530) 647-5415

### Amador Ranger District

17 miles east of Jackson  
on Highway 88  
26820 Silver Drive  
Pioneer, CA 95666  
(209) 295-4251

### Georgetown Ranger District

3 miles east of Georgetown  
on Wentworth Springs Road  
7600 Wentworth Springs Road  
Georgetown, CA 95634  
(530) 333-4312

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