



Lassen National Forest

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Zone V to Open for Woodcutting

Susanville, April 22, 2004.... The Eagle Lake Ranger District (Zone V) on the Lassen National Forest will open for woodcutting on Monday, May 10, 2004.

District Ranger Bob Andrews, would like to caution woodcutters that, although woodcutting will re-open soon, many roads and meadows remain wet. Andrews stated, "We are concerned about public safety and resource protection." He added, "While driving in the forest, if folks fail to use good judgment, get stuck, and tear up the roads, meadows or streamside areas, they may be held liable for damages." The District has annually closed Zone V since 1995, to prevent ruts being carved into the roads and meadows.

Woodcutters are urged to check their maps to make sure they are on National Forest land and that they are not cutting in a non-cutting area. All material included in each wood permit packet should be carefully read. Please remember that no trees, even blown over trees, may be cut that have paint on them. Be on the lookout for active timber sale area signs. An active timber sale area is a no-cutting zone.

The price of wood permits remains at \$10.00 per cord with a 2-cord minimum per purchase. Woodcutters may purchase up to five permits per calendar year, with a maximum of 10 cords, per household. Tags purchased on the Lassen National Forest are valid on the Plumas National Forest and vice versa.

Permits may be purchased at the Eagle Lake Ranger District Office, which is located at the intersection of HWY 36 and County Road A-1 (Eagle Lake Road), 3 miles west of Susanville. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call us at 257-4188.

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