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Wood Cutting Restrictions Change on Lassen National Forest

Susanville, CA....On Sunday September 28, the Lassen National Forest will change woodcutting restrictions. The new restrictions will allow woodcutters with valid permits to cut wood until 1:00 p.m. "This change will allow for people to gather firewood for the upcoming winter. Conditions on the forest remain extremely dry as rainfall has been minimal." said Assistant Forest Fire Management Officer Christi Whitcome. "We recommend that woodcutters check their spark arrestor screen on their chainsaw, stay in the cutting area after shutting down their saw to clean up and ensure there are no fire starts."

Fire restrictions implemented in June are still in effect.

- Campfires are only allowed in designated recreation areas such as campgrounds and visitors are reminded to put those fires out before leaving. Liquid and gas fuels are allowed with camp stoves and lanterns with a California campfire permit.
- Campfires are not allowed in undeveloped areas, even with a valid California campfire permit.
- Smoking is allowed only in vehicles and cigarettes are to be extinguished completely.
- Target shooters may not use tracer, incendiary or exploding ammunition.

Autumn is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Officials remind visitors to stay on designated roadways to avoid damaging natural areas or starting wildfires with their vehicles catalytic converters. Also be advised hunting season has begun in several areas, thus extra safety precautions are necessary such as wearing orange clothing.

For more information, contact your local Forest Service Office or call (530) 257-2151, or go online to: www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen.