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Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument

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Monumental Outlook Over The Horizon

(What's Happening on the Sequoia National Forest
Giant Sequoia National Monument)

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Hello Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument Stakeholders!

You requested it and now it is here! Woodcutting permits for the Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument will be available starting November 1, 2008 at the Supervisor's Office in Porterville located at 1839 South Newcomb Street (near the Porterville Airport). Previously these woodcutting permits were only available at Forest Service offices in Dunlap, Springville, Lake Isabella, and Kernville. Customers can purchase an 8-month wood permit which can be used from April 1-November 30, 2008.

Woodcutting activities throughout the Sequoia will continue to be based on road, weather, and fire danger conditions. Please check with your local Forest Service office before heading out to cut firewood for current updates on conditions.

Wood permits are \$10 per cord with a minimum purchase of two cords per person (\$20), maximum purchase of 10 cords. At the time of purchase, a forest map and instructions about the woodcutting areas and forest policies will be provided and discussed. The cost of the permits is non-refundable.

In 2009 woodcutting permits will be available again for people to cut wood from April 1-November 30, 2009. The Forest Service is pursuing partnerships in other localities to expand areas where woodcutting permits can be issued. Stay tuned and thank you for your comments about other locations for selling woodcutting permits.

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