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Firewood Areas to Open May 1st

Bend—Firewood cutting areas in the Deschutes National Forest will open on May 1st this year. The snowpack and lingering cold temperatures are holding back the annual melt-off at higher elevations.

Many forest roads remain closed at this time due to snow, and can be easily damaged by traffic when saturated with the melting snow.

Trees that have blown down in winter storms are difficult to find in deep snow, and the wood is still too wet to burn.

Forest officials plan that with nature's cooperation, the roads and firewood areas will be open by May 1st. The annual "Firewood Synopsis" will be published by that date, illustrating the areas where the public will have access to collect firewood after purchasing a firewood permit.