



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Special Stipulations ARCATA FIELD OFFICE FIREWOOD COLLECTION

These Special Stipulations are part of your permit and must be in permittee's possession when gathering and transporting firewood on public lands or roads. To ensure sustainable harvesting practices and minimize negative impacts on the environment, wildlife, and other resources on public lands, permit holders must follow the conditions and prohibitions below. Violating any of these can result in consequences such as revocation of the permit, fines, or legal action.

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER TO CHECK FIREWOOD AVAILABILITY PRIOR TO PURCHASING PERMIT. THE BLM DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT WOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE.
2. NOTE THAT SOME AREAS ARE CLOSED TO FIREWOOD COLLECTION DURING CERTAIN TIMS OF THE YEAR FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASE TO REFER TO THE MAPS AND TABLE ON PAGE TWO TO DETERMINE WHICH AREAS ARE OPEN. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
3. Permits are for gathering **dead and downed** fuelwood within the areas shown on the map. You may not collect wood past any locked gates or before BLM land begins.
1. **SOUTH SPIT:** This is for driftwood collection only. Driftwood must be no larger than three feet in diameter and less than eight feet in length. Only driftwood washed up on the beach to the first line of the dunes, bluff, or vegetation is available. **NO BURLS MAY BE CUT OR COLLECTED.**
4. Motorized vehicles must remain on designated roads when collecting firewood. Firewood collection is not allowed along designated trails.
5. Ensure all power saws are equipped with an exhaust system and are in good condition. Each saw must have a spark arrestor consisting of a wire mesh screen with a maximum mesh opening of .023 inches.
6. Check for potential fire restrictions in the permitted collection areas. You can follow local CalFire recommendations for fire danger, call the office, or visit <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions#Arcata>. This is an especially critical planning step during the summer fire season.
7. Adhere to all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands.
8. Slash (branches, stems, etc.) and unused vegetative material resulting from gathering must be removed from roads, fences, and other improvements and scattered on the ground at no more than 24 inches high.
9. Any cutting debris must be removed from roadside ditches or other road drainage features that has the potential to impound flows or divert water onto the road surface.
10. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable and are only valid on public lands administered by Bureau of Land Management Arcata Field Office within the areas specified on the map provided.
11. Harvesting is only allowed during daylight hours.

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12. Securely attach and validate (punching out the month and day of transport) one haul tag per half cord of firewood while the load is in transport making sure haul tags are visible from the rear of the vehicle.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS:

1. Collecting firewood in an area not shown on the map, or during wildlife restrictions in relevant areas.
2. Cutting, injuring, or removing any standing trees.
3. Damaging or disturbing any downed tree with visible cavities or other evidence of wildlife use.
4. Disturbing sensitive natural and cultural resources (prehistoric sites, historic sites, or artifacts, archaeological and historic resources) which are protected by federal laws such as the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act and Archaeological Resources Protection Act, among others.
5. Forest product removal within 50 feet of the centerline of any flowing watercourse or paved road or highway. The only exception is Shelter Cove Road in the designated turnouts where cut material may be staged during projects.
6. Blocking traffic, including residential or recreational traffic, or impeding fire and emergency vehicles.
7. Using heavy equipment to cut and/or remove forest products.
8. Vehicular travel on roads when it creates ruts.
9. Vehicular travel on roads that show evidence of having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
10. Littering or dumping trash or waste, including human waste.
11. Harvest within 200 feet of any active forestry and fuels reduction work.
12. Trespassing on lands where no legal access is granted.
13. No collection is allowed in any wilderness areas. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to identify wilderness boundaries when collecting in adjacent areas, such as the King Range and Cahto Peak.

Remember to always carry your permit and contact the BLM Arcata Field Office if you have questions or concerns.

Collection Area	Open Dates
Butte Creek	August 1 st to January 31 st
Cahto Peak	All Year
King Range – Check Map	August 1 st to January 31 st <u>OR</u> All Year, depending on specific location
Lacks Creek East Side	All Year
Larabee Buttes	August 1 st to January 31 st
North Red Mountain Road – Check Map	August 1 st to January 31 st <u>OR</u> All Year, depending on specific location
South Spit	September 16 th to March 1 st

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