## **Firewood Permit Special Stipulations**

These Special Stipulations are in addition to the general stipulations as a part of your 5450 permit and must be in the permittee's possession when cutting and transporting firewood upon public lands or roads.

- 1. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferrable and good only for BLM public lands managed by the Little Snake Field Office in the maps attached with your permit.
- 2. Permits are only valid on BLM lands and do not authorize travel on or through private or state property.
- 3. Please follow all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands.
- 4. Permits cost \$5.00 per cord plus a 20% road maintenance fee, for a total of \$6.00 per cord. Only whole cords may be purchased. A maximum of ten cords is available for personal use. Any amount over ten cords is considered commercial and needs approval from the LSFO Field Manager.
- 5. The load tags must be filled out, signed, and displayed in the window of your vehicle when transporting wood products.
- 6. Permit holders must have their permit with them when cutting or transporting wood products.
- 7. Permits are limited to dead standing or down trees; no cutting of green, or live trees is permitted. We also ask that you avoid cutting dead trees that are being used as habitat by birds or small mammals (look for nests or tree cavities).
- 8. Firewood cutting is not allowed in the following areas:
  - i. Irish Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern
  - ii. Little Yampa Canyon Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)
  - iii. Juniper Mountain SRMA
  - iv. Cedar Mountain SRMA
  - v. West Cold Springs Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
  - vi. Cross Mountain WSA
  - vii. Diamond Breaks WSA
  - viii. Cold Springs managed Lands with Wilderness Character (LWC)
    - ix. Vermillion LWC
    - x. Dinosaur North LWC
- 9. Stumps must be cut within 6 inches of the soil level
- 10. Scatter all limbs and branches no more than 24 inches high.
- 11. Vehicles must stay on existing and designated roads identified in your maps. You may not travel on closed routes (red). Travel of up to 300' off of existing roads for wood collection is permitted. Leave gates as you found them.
- 12. Please avoid resource damage; do not travel when the ground is wet and muddy. Pack it in, pack it out.
- 13. 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 0.23 inches.

## **PROHIBITED**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Vehicular travel on unimproved roads when it creates rutting in excess of four (4) inches deep.
- 3. Blocking traffic or impeding fire and emergency vehicles.
- 4. Damaging or disturbing any tree with visible cavities or other evidence of wildlife use.
- 5. Using heavy equipment to cut and/or remove forest products.
- 6. Forest product removal within 150 feet of the centerline of any flowing watercourse or paved road or highway.
- 7. Cutting or removal of trees or logs marked with paint or tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, seed trees, or with transect location signs.
- 8. Operating mechanical equipment (e.g. chainsaws) in areas designated as a fire restriction closure. For current fire restrictions call (970)826-5000 or visit BLM CO Northwest District Fire Restrictions. Disturbing prehistoric sites, historic sites, or artifacts. Archaeological and historic resources are protected by Federal Laws. No driving on or across archaeological sites or historical structures is permitted. When cutting firewood, keep in mind that remains of "wickiups" (conical temporary houses made of wooden poles by Native Americans) are sometimes still preserved in pinyon and juniper trees on BLM land. Please avoid cutting firewood in the vicinity of any such possible wickiups. Intentional disturbance or vandalism of archaeological or historical sites or removal of historic artifacts of any kind is punishable under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (Public Law 96-95; 16 U.S.C. 470) by fines of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to one year, or both, for each incident.
- 9. Excavating, removing, damaging, or otherwise altering or defacing any paleontological resources located on Federal land. Paleontological resources on public lands are protected by the Paleontological Resource Preservation Act (PRPA). Illegal collecting, including taking or damaging vertebrate fossils, is against the law and is punishable by fines and imprisonment. Casual collection of small specimens of common invertebrate and plant paleontological resources from BLM lands may be allowed. Casual collecting activities may not cause disturbance to the surface or other natural or cultural resources. Some areas might have special designations that restrict collecting, access, and other activities.