



## Section 3. Special Stipulations

# FUELWOOD HARVESTING

### (a) Your Permit

- Keep your original permit with you while cutting firewood. We do not accept photocopies or digital copies.
- Show your permit when any BLM staff or law enforcement officer asks to see it.
- Your permit expires at midnight on the end date or when you collect your full amount of wood, whichever comes first. You cannot extend or reactivate an expired permit.
- You cannot give or sell your permit to someone else.
- You cannot get a refund for your permit.

### (b) Safety Rules

- Check fire restrictions at [www.blm.gov/programs/fire/fire-restrictions](http://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/fire-restrictions) before you start.
- Use a chainsaw with a BLM-approved spark screen.
- Always keep these safety items within reach:
  - Fire extinguisher (at least 8 oz liquid or 1 lb dry chemical)
  - Shovel
- Make sure your vehicle has:
  - A working muffler
  - A complete exhaust pipe
- Cut wood only during daylight hours when you can see clearly.

### (c) Where You Can Cut

- Cut wood only in allowed areas shown on your permit map.
- If you're not sure about boundaries, ask at the permitting office.
- Do not cut wood in:
  - 150 feet of any water body, including streams, ponds, lakes, and wetlands.
  - Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas
  - Developed recreation sites and campgrounds
  - Wild and Scenic River corridors
  - Active timber sale units
  - Any area marked as closed to cutting on maps or signs.

### (d) How to Cut Your Wood

- Cut only dead wood, including:
  - Logs on the ground
  - Dead standing trees without nests or dens
- Do not cut or damage live trees, including whitebark or limber pine, bushes, or other vegetation - this will cancel your permit.
- Do not cut trees with signs, tags, ribbons, or paint marks - these trees are protected. Cut logs into pieces 6 feet or shorter for safe transport.
- Cut stumps 12 inches or less from the ground.
- Use only hand tools or chainsaws.
- Do not use tractors or bulldozers.



- If you want to use pulling equipment over 100 feet long:
  - Get written permission from BLM first
  - You can use it for 14 days after approval

### **(e) Moving Your Wood**

- Leave gates exactly as you find them - if open, leave open; if closed, leave closed.
- You can drive up to 300 feet off existing roads to collect wood.
- Don't drive on wet or muddy ground - you might make ruts.
- Park without obstructing any roads or access routes.
- Before leaving the cutting site:
  - Attach a load ticket visibly to the back of your vehicle
  - Each ticket allows up to half a cord of wood - use enough tickets for your load
  - Use a new ticket each trip - never reuse, share, or transfer tickets

### **(f) Clean-Up Rules**

- Clear all unused wood and branches from roads and ditches.
- Spread leftover materials evenly across the area:
  - Keep piles under 18 inches high.
  - Stay 20 feet away from water.
- Keep all wood and debris away from power and phone lines.
- Take all your trash with you when you leave.

### **(g) Protecting the Land**

- Protect historical items:
  - Leave old cabins, mining equipment, or Native American artifacts untouched
  - Take photos instead of souvenirs
- If you accidentally damage anything historical, tell BLM within 24 hours.
- If logs fall into streams or ponds, leave them there - don't try to get them out.
- Follow all BLM signs and rules, which may change with the seasons.

### **(h) Following the Rules**

- Follow all federal, state, and local laws.
- When laws conflict, follow federal law.
- BLM may change permit rules to protect public lands.
- Breaking rules can result in permit revocation and legal action.

### **(i) Your Responsibility**

- You are responsible for any accidents or damage while cutting wood.
- The U.S. government is not responsible for accidents, injuries, property damage, or loss of life.