



## Taos Field Office -Fuelwood Special Stipulations

These Special Stipulations are part of your permit and must be in the permittee's possession when gathering and transporting fuelwood upon public lands or roads.

1. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable and are only valid on public lands administered by Bureau of Land Management within the areas specified on the map provided. **Copies are not allowed.**
2. Adhere to all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands, including having legal access to BLM lands.
3. Any completely **dead pinyon or juniper** tree under 12" diameter may be cut and removed, as long as doing so does not constitute a prohibited action as defined below.
4. After cutting a dead standing tree, any remaining stump must be no taller than 6 inches.
5. Slash (branches, stems, etc.) and any unused vegetative material resulting from harvesting activities must be removed from roads, fences, and other improvements and scattered on the ground at no more than 24 inches high.
6. Leave gates as you found them.
7. 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 highly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
8. Permits/haul tags expire 30 days from purchase or December 31, 2022, whichever comes first.
9. Permits can be purchased for up to eight cords of fuelwood per year, per household.
10. 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.

### Prohibited actions:

1. Littering or dumping trash.
2. 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. 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.
3. 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.
4. Vehicular travel when it creates rutting in excess of four (4) inches deep.
5. Vehicular travel off road more than 300 feet from existing routes.
6. Blocking traffic or impeding fire and emergency vehicles.
7. Damaging or disturbing any tree with visible cavities or other evidence of wildlife use.
8. Using heavy equipment to cut and/or remove forest products.
9. Forest product removal within 150 feet of the centerline of any flowing watercourse or paved road or highway.



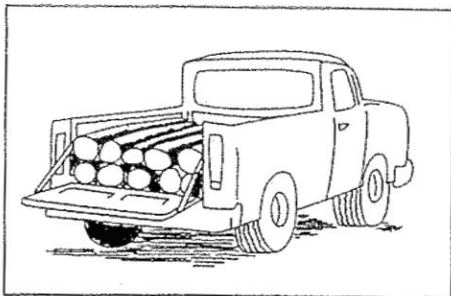
10. Cutting or removal of trees or logs marked with paint or tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, seed trees, or with transect location signs.
11. Cutting, injuring, or removing **any live tree**.
12. Operating mechanical equipment (e.g. chainsaws) in areas designated as a fire restriction closure. For current fire restrictions, call 575-758-8851 or visit <https://go.usa.gov/xuR8u>

### Areas Closed to Fuelwood Harvesting & Removal

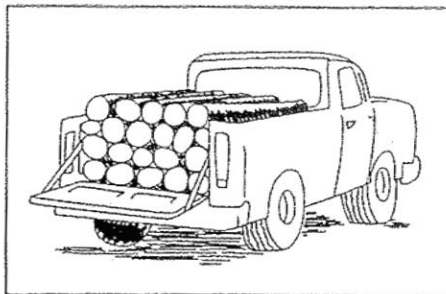
- San Antonio Wilderness
- Rio Chama Wilderness Study Area
- Ojo Caliente Wilderness Character area
- Ute Mountain Wilderness
- La Cieneguilla/La Cienega ACEC
- Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River Corridor
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- Guadalupe Mountains (where hunting is excluded)
- Rio Grande Gorge (rim to rim)
- Orilla Verde Recreation Area
- Wild Rivers Recreation Area
- Taos Valley Overlook
- Santa Cruz Lake



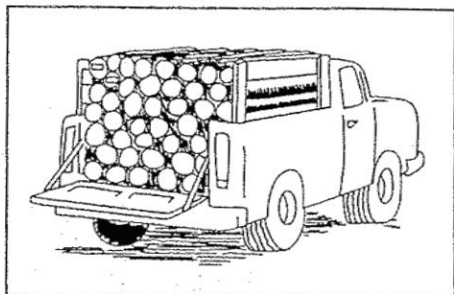
## Measuring a Cord



1/3 Cord for Long Bed  
1/4 Cord for Short Bed



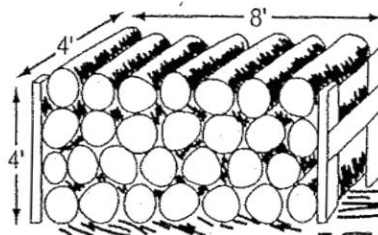
1/2 Cord for Long Bed  
1/3 Cord for Short Bed



1 Cord for Long Bed  
3/4 Cord for Short Bed

$$\text{Number of Cords} = (\text{length} \times \text{width} \times \text{height}) \div 128$$

Firewood is commonly measured in cords. A standard cord is the amount of lightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long.



The average half-ton pickup truck can carry a half cord of dry wood without overlapping the vehicle.

ONE CORD (128 cubic feet)



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**FIRE PREVENTION ORDER# NMF00000-22-01**

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the BLM Farmington District within the counties of San Juan, Rio Arriba, Taos, Santa Fe, McKinley, Sandoval, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, and San Miguel.

**This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m., MDT, April 27, 2022 and will remain in effect until further notice.**

**Prohibited Acts:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, including in campgrounds and picnic areas. Allowed: The use of stoves fueled by pressurized liquid or gas (can be turned off) within areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter.
2. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed sites and areas, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating a chainsaw or any other internal or external combustion engine without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
4. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off roads, except routes in areas open to OHV travel and except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.
5. Any "hot work" conducted by authorized contractors or permittees for, by or on BLM will follow permit stipulations provided by the BLM.

**Fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited on all BLM lands in NM under Fire Prevention Order #NM910-22-01.**

All BLM NM Fire Prevention Orders can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/new-mexico/fire-restrictions>

Monitor the BLM New Mexico social media pages at: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BLMNewMexico> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMNewMexico/>

**Exempted:**

Any federal, state, local and/or military employee acting within the scope of his/her duties; members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty; and persons, agencies, municipalities or companies with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by an exempted activity.

**Penalties:**

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR §9212.4, any violation of this order is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both. Restitution for total costs of fire suppression or damage will be borne by the violator. Information regarding these fire restrictions may be obtained by calling the Farmington District Office at (505) 564-7600. Dated this 26th day of April 2022, at Farmington, New Mexico.

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