Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca District

Wood Harvesting and Christmas Tree Cutting Information

Firewood[1] for noncommercial use[2] may be harvested[3] with a Wood Cutting Permit. Harvesting of Aspen, mountain mahogany, chokecherry, cottonwood, alder, white bark pine, or limber pine species is prohibited. Harvesting is only permitted on BLM administered lands throughout the Winnemucca District except in areas identified below. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to determine land ownership when harvesting firewood. The harvesting of Christmas Trees requires a separate Christmas Tree Permit.

Prohibited areas for firewood harvesting:

- Designated Wilderness Areas
- Wilderness Study Areas
- Instant Study Areas
- Exclusion Areas:
  - Water Canyon Recreation Area (Map Page 1)
  - Porter Springs Exclusion Area (Map Page 4)
- Only Christmas Tree harvesting is excluded in the Fence Make Exclusion Area (Map Page 7)

Live juniper tree species may only be harvested in Green Fuelwood Harvest Areas depicted on the following maps:

- Sonoma (Map Page 1)
- West Herschel Road (Map Page 2)
- Natchez Canyon (Map Page 3)
- Orofino Canyon (North and South) (Map Page 3)
- Willow Creek (Map Page 3)
- Kyle Hot Springs (Map Page 5)
- McClure (Map Page 5)
- Kennedy Canyon (Map Page 6)
- McKinney Pass (Map Page 6)
- Stillwater (Map Page 7)

Please help us maintain an esthetically pleasing and environmentally healthy woodland ecosystem by:

- Restricting vehicle use to existing roads and trails and not driving off road.
- Avoiding damage trees adjacent to your work area.
- Cutting the stump as close to the ground as possible when cutting down standing trees.
- Scattering lopped branches at least 50 feet from the stump. Please do not pile.
- Packing out your trash and leaving the area nice for everyone to enjoy.

The Wood Cutting permit will have further instructions that include:

- Do no cut trees that have been posted as "SEED TREE DO NOT FALL" or "WILDLIFE TREE DO NOT DISTURB"
- Do not harvest any trees within 100 feet of a spring or creek. Please stay out of riparian areas.

Thank you for following these instructions and the guidance provided by your permit. Enjoy your time on public lands!

[1] Firewood is defined as dead or down juniper and pinyon pine tree species.
[2] Noncommercial use is for personal use and not for resale.
[3] Harvesting includes collecting or cutting of trees.