

Moab Field Office BLM Firewood Stipulations

The Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office (MFO), issues permits for the cutting of fuel wood in Grand County and the northern portion of San Juan County (Dry Valley north). All public lands administered by the MFO are open for the harvest of fuel wood in accordance with the following stipulations. Permits can be obtained online at <https://forestproducts.blm.gov/> or at the MFO at 82 E Dogwood in Moab, Utah; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except for federal holidays. Failure to adhere to the stipulations is a violation of Federal law that may result in a citation and denial of future wood permits. Your permit and these stipulations must be in the permittee's possession when gathering and transporting firewood upon public lands or roads.

1. It is your responsibility to ensure that the cutting area you plan to cut in is located on BLM administered public lands, and to have the permit with the special provisions attachment sheet in your possession while cutting and transporting the forest products this permit authorizes. Wood cutting is only authorized on BLM lands; wood cutters must stay within the boundaries of the collection area listed on their permit. Fuel wood permits are valid for 90 days from the date issued.
2. Fuel wood cutting is not authorized within Wilderness Study Areas or within the following recreation areas: Canyon Rims, Sand Flats, the Colorado Riverway including the north side of Castle Valley & Onion Creek, Mill Creek Canyon and the Ken's Lake area.
3. Fuel wood may not be gathered within ½ mile of SR 313 or the Blue Hill, Gemini Bridges or the Long Canyon Roads.
4. Fuel wood may not be gathered within 100 feet of any designated route (paved & unpaved B roads).
5. Trees marked with a BLM sign (to identify boundaries, wildlife trees, etc.) may not be cut.
6. No trees can be cut that are marked with any color of paint, plastic ribbon and/or signs, that have bird cavity holes or nests, or any trees located in areas designated on the map as excluding wood products removal.
7. No cutting of forest products is allowed in areas closed to cutting such as areas signed as such including areas of high fire hazard, timber sale areas, and all developed recreation sites and campgrounds or any area not designated for cutting on the provided maps.
8. Wood cutters will not remove any wood (dead or alive) from reclaimed areas, range improvements or structures; including, but not limited to, fences, corrals, cabins, enclosures, and drill pads. All fences, utility lines, section corners, bearing trees, or structures encountered must be protected from damage.
9. Fuel wood cutting is limited to pinyon and juniper only.
10. You are only authorized to cut dead standing and downed trees when cutting firewood. Logs transported under this permit may not exceed seven (7) feet.

11. All stumps must be cut to 6 inches in height, or less, on the up-hill side of the tree, all slash (tree limbs, tops, or un-removed debris left from cutting) will be lopped and scattered to a height of 18 inches or less from the ground.
12. Vehicles shall be kept on existing roads during wet weather, when soil conditions are soft and muddy and kept on roads only in areas that are closed to ORV (off road vehicle) travel. Permitted travel is on designated routes.
13. Any debris generated from cutting will be removed from trails, roads, including ditches and cut and fill slopes.
14. Slash (branches & limbs) must be removed from roadways and road drainage ditches; slash must be lopped and scattered to a depth of 18 inches or less.
15. Leave gates as you find them.
16. Do not harass wildlife or livestock.
17. Historical and archaeological sites must be left undisturbed; do not disturb or remove artifacts.
18. All power saws used to cut forest products will have an exhaust system in good repair with a spark arrester consisting of a wire mesh screen with a maximum opening of .023inches. Each saw in use will have a functioning fire extinguisher and shovel with it for immediate use in the event an accidental fire start should occur.
19. When a fire closure is in effect, wood cutters must carry a shovel when a chainsaw is in use.
20. No heavy equipment, skidders, bulldozers, tractors, etc. are to be used in forest products collection.
21. Load tags for the amount of wood by cords must be validated, securely attached to the load, and clearly visible before wood is transported. Validate the tag by removing or marking the month & day and signing the tag on the day you are transporting the fuel wood. One cord of wood is 4 feet high x 4 feet wide x 8 feet long.
22. Woodcutting permits are non-transferable, the permittee or an immediate family member must be present during cutting and transportation of firewood.
23. The permittee and those accompanying them shall hold the USDI BLM harmless for any claims, loss, cost, injury, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, or liability caused by or arising out of the exercise of this permit.

Questions? Call the Bureau of Land Management at 435-259-2100
Report fires to the Great Basin Interagency Fire Dispatch at 435-259-1850