



is prohibited.  
cross-country travel (making a new road)

- Thomas Canyon Recreation/Wildlife Area
- Simon Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern
- Rock Garden Recreation Area
- Piñon Mesa Recreation Area
- Negroto Canyon Special Designated Area
- Navajo Lake Horse Trail
- Head Canyon Motorcross Track
- Glade Run Recreation Area
- Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area
- Alien Run Mountain Bike Trail
- Carrizas Mesa Recreation/Wildlife Area
- Angel Peak Scenic Area
- cutting, including:
- All areas behind locked gates and in designated recreation areas are off-limits to firewood cutting.

### AREAS OFF-LIMITS — SEE MAP

### There is life in dead trees

Dead and dying trees provide food and shelter for many wild animals. As a tree dies, each stage of decomposition plays a vital role in the feeding, breeding or housing of wildlife. Even if a cavity or nest is vacant, it may serve as a home later.

In some areas, trees that benefit wildlife are scarce because of their popularity as firewood. Before taking a standing dead tree for firewood, consider leaving it for wildlife habitat.

#### HELPFUL TIPS

- Get permission from landowners to cross private land. If transporting firewood from private land across public land, carry a letter of authorization from the landowner.
- Archaeological and historical sites are protected by federal law so avoid these areas.
- Roads may be closed to protect wildlife, to prevent erosion or for your safety.
- Please do not disturb livestock or wildlife. Leave gates as you find them, open or closed.
- Respect the rights and privacy of others.
- Check the local weather forecast before embarking on a firewood gathering trip.
- Never leave trash at your firewood gathering site.
- Take plenty of water and all the tools you may need.

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- NOTE: When cutting beetle-killed pinyon pine, you should cut only trees with no spread of beetles. Cover pinyon firewood with plastic or peel the bark so the wood have beetles. If a tree has red needles, it may still have beetles. It is important to prevent the spread of beetles. Cut down and stand dead wood and down and dead wood.
- Juniper/pinyon pine — you can cut dead juniper/pinyon pine — cutting these types of wood is prohibited.
- Oak, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir — cutting map directing firewood cutters to tree-thinning areas.
- Green wood — cutting green wood is prohibited except when the BLM conducts tree thinning operations and provides a map directing firewood cutters to tree-thinning areas.
- BLM permit does not allow you to cut firewood on state, tribal or private land. See the map for areas where firewood cutting is allowed.
- Your permit only allows you to cut firewood on public land administered by the BLM where firewood cutting is allowed. Your BLM permit does not allow you to cut firewood on areas where firewood cutting is prohibited. Your permit can result in fines and possible confiscation of firewood.
- You must have your permit with you when gathering firewood. Not having your permit can result in fines and possible confiscation of firewood.
- Estimate the amount of your load when transporting. Attach your permit(s) to the load so the permit(s) are visible. Be prepared to stop if a BLM Law enforcement officer wants to verify your permit(s).

### FIREWOOD CUTTING RULES

#### MORE HELPFUL TIPS

- Drive carefully, because even in remote areas of public lands there can be considerable traffic, including oil and gas field traffic.
- Spread cut branches over the firewood gathering site to promote growth of grasses and forbs. Cut stumps down to 6 inches or less above the ground. Cover stumps with soil to help them decompose.



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Ruts like these can be caused by people gathering firewood in wet conditions. Help maintain roads on public lands by gathering wood when roads are dry.



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### How to Use Your Firewood Permit

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