

**United States
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Bureau of Land Management
Eugene District Office**

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

District Special Forest Products
DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2010-0009-CX

A. Background

The Special Forest Products (SFP) Program on the Eugene District includes certain vegetative material harvested from the forest, such as plants, seeds, cones, trees and tree parts, boughs, fruits and nuts, bark, roots, flowers and stems, mushrooms, edible plants, medicinal plants, floral greens, decorative woods, ornamentals plants and more. The SFP Program provides the public the opportunity to harvest this wide array of forest products to satisfy recreational, personal and commercial demands for these products.

The Special Forest Products Program on the Eugene District is important both to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to the public it serves. The program provides the public with the opportunity to harvest SFP for recreation, personal use, or as a source of income. In addition, the program enables the BLM to more effectively manage and regulate the harvest of SFP, thus protecting forest resources and reducing environmental impacts.

Proposed Action

Under the SFP Program, contracts for sale of forest products would be offered and administered for harvesting a variety of SFP. The collection of any SFP on the Eugene District, with the exception of small "Reasonable Amounts" under 43 CFR 8365.1-5 (SFP Handbook 5400-2, p. V-1), requires a valid written permit. The collection of reasonable amounts of forest products is an unregulated recreational activity that is not addressed in this document.

The collection and permitting of SFP would be allowed in accordance with the restrictions on locations and times of the year described in the attached Eugene District Standards, Guidelines and Harvest Provisions for Special Forest Products (Appendix A). Prospective contracts and permits for collection would be reviewed to ensure compliance with all applicable guidelines and restrictions. All contracts would include special provisions designed to protect other resource values such as special status plants, fungi, bryophytes, lichens and animal species. In addition, a map showing the location of the harvest area, as well as any sensitive areas restricted from harvest, will accompany each permit issued. The special provisions will include all mandatory provisions listed in the Special Forest Products Procedure Series (BLM Manual Supplement Handbook 5400-2). Other provisions may also be included to meet permit-specific needs. A listing of harvest provisions for most commonly sold SFP on the Eugene District can be found in Appendix A of this document. Species not included in this document will receive specialist's review to determine feasibility to harvest (See Appendix B). No permits will be issued for beargrass, lichens or moss.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Resource Management Plan. The objective is to manage for the sustainable production and sale of Special Forest Products (SFP) when demand is present and where actions taken are consistent with primary objectives for the land use allocation (page 87).

C. Compliance with NEPA

The proposed action qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 11.5 C (5)); disposal of small amounts of miscellaneous vegetation products outside established harvest areas, such as Christmas trees, wildings, floral products (ferns, boughs, etc.), cones, seeds and personal use firewood.

It does not meet any of the exception criteria in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2.

The Eugene District standards and guidelines and harvest provisions for special forest products handbook provides policy and direction for the management and regulation of the harvest of SFP on the Eugene District (Appendix A). And at the same time it implements effective management for species, habitat, and ecosystem protection (see attachment).

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist

Proposed Action: Categorical Exclusion No. DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2010-0009-CX Special Forest Products

Review the proposed action against each of the 12 "extraordinary circumstances" listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Extraordinary Circumstances		Comments
1.	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	No
2.	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	No
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7.	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No
8.	Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	No
11.	Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).	No
12.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).	No

Mitigation Measures:

Seasonal timing restrictions on activities using mechanical equipment or climbing would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets.

EUGENE DISTRICT STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND HARVEST PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

Guidelines:

Unless otherwise noted for a specific product, the following definitions, restrictions, conditions, and guidelines apply to the harvest of all Special Forest Products (SFP) from lands on the Eugene District, Bureau of Land Management. *Any action outside these Standards and Guidelines require separate review for NEPA compliance.* The permitting of each product is subject to all other guidelines which apply, as described in the Eugene District Categorical Exclusion Review and the Special Forest Products Procedures Series Handbook (BLM Manual Supplement, Handbook 5400-2).

Harvest of SFP would be allowed with restrictions on species, location, time of year and harvest techniques as described in these standards and guidelines.

NEPA Compliance:

Each contract issued would include a map specific to a core area or a designated location showing the harvest area along with a signed copy of the special harvest provisions. Special harvest provisions for SFP products include the required provisions listed in the SFP Handbook (Handbook 5400-2) and any additional provisions specific to Eugene District SFP policy.

The Authorized Officer who issues a contract is required to ensure that the action is adequately covered by NEPA documentation. For species and harvest quantities not explicitly outlined in this document, any requests for products will go to Specialist(s) for review and appropriate clearances will be completed where needed

Monitoring:

The SFP Manager(s) would be responsible for monitoring contract compliance. Monitoring would be carried out on a yearly basis where a subset of approximately 5 to 10 percent of contracts would be checked for NEPA compliance. The monitoring form listed in Appendix B would be filled out and filed with the Eugene District copy of the contract.

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species:

All proposed projects involving power machinery and/or tree climbing would be analyzed by a wildlife biologist before a permit is issued. No activity would be permitted if a biologist determines that the activity would adversely affect Threatened or Endangered wildlife species, species proposed for listing, or designated Critical Habitats. Seasonal restrictions and/or site buffering would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to species and habitats. Two species are currently listed as 'Threatened' on the District: the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

Special Status and Other Wildlife Species:

All proposed projects involving power machinery and/or tree climbing would be analyzed by a wildlife biologist for compliance with BLM Special Status Species policy, and applicable BLM policies pertaining to other wildlife species such as migratory birds and raptors. No activity would be permitted if a biologist determines that the activity would adversely affect BLM Special Status Species. Seasonal restrictions and/or site buffering would be implemented as necessary to prevent adverse effects to species and habitats.

Endangered Species Act, Threatened and Endangered Fish Species:

The following fish species are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act within the proposed action area:

Species	Listing Status	Critical Habitat
Oregon Coast Coho	T 3/12/08; 73 FR 7816	3/12/08; 50 FR 7816
Upper Willamette River Chinook	E 6/28/05; 70 FR 37160	9/02/05; 70 FR 52630
Upper Willamette River Steelhead	T 1/05/06; 71 FR 834	9/02/05; 70 FR 52630
Columbia River Basin Bull Trout	T 6/10/98; 63 FR 31647	To be designated on January 2010

Oregon Chub, a federally listed endangered species, occurs within the action area but does not occur on BLM-administered lands.

Effects Determination

The collection of special forest products generally creates minimal soil or vegetative disturbance. Because these actions create minimal soils and vegetative disturbance no causal mechanisms exist that would affect listed fish species or critical habitat. Therefore, the proposed action would not affect listed fish species in the action area.

Magnuson Stevens Act Effects Determination

Federal agencies are required to consult with NMFS on activities that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) of federally-managed commercial fishery species. Based on the rationale provided, the effects determination for the-ESA listed species within the action area is "No Adverse Affect".

Special Status Plant Species:

All proposed projects involving ground disturbance would be analyzed by a Eugene District botanist or limited to areas that have had surveys for special status plant species (vascular plants, lichens and bryophytes). Existing special status species sites would be restricted from harvest. As new sites are found they would be added to the GIS map showing restricted areas.

Botanically sensitive sites, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Research Natural Areas (RNA), Environmental Education Areas:

No contracts or permits for harvest of SFP would be issued in these special areas. Research projects may be exempted with proper documentation.

Recreation Sites:

No harvest of SFP is permitted within developed recreation sites.

Invasive and Noxious Weed Sites

No collection or permits for harvest of SFP would be issued in areas identified as being highly infested with target species of concern. As new sites are found they would be added to a GIS map showing restricted areas.

Active Timber Sales

No collection or permits for harvest of SFP would be issued in active timber sales due to safety concerns. Timber sales status would be added to a GIS map showing restricted areas.

Personal Use Collection Pursuant to 43 CFR 8365.1-5:

This section of the Code of Federal Regulations allows the collection of small “reasonable amounts” of berries, boughs, cones, greenery, moss and mushrooms for personal use and the collection of firewood for campfire use on BLM lands without a contract or permit. Harvest of these reasonable amounts of products is allowed to occur on the Eugene District without restriction as to area, time or harvest method. This document does not address the collection of products as defined under 43 CFR 8365.1-5. Collection of less than the minimum quantity limitations shown in the product guidelines and special harvest provisions is covered under personal use collection.

GUIDELINES AND SPECIAL HARVEST PROVISIONS:

A set of Special Harvest Provisions has been developed for most of the commonly sold SFP on the Eugene District. These special provisions for each individual SFP will be made a part of the conditions of sale and attached to each contract or permit. Several standard provisions are common to each product sold and may include additional provisions specific to the individual product.

Standard Provisions common to each product:

- Purchaser agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury, or death.
- Under the following circumstances the Purchaser shall suspend all operations and notify the Authorized Officer of his findings:
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any object or site of cultural value (over 100 years old) on the permit area.
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any threatened or endangered plants or animals protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
 - Discovery by the Purchaser or others of any Federal Candidate, Sensitive, or State listed species protected under BLM manual 6840.
- Collection of special products is permitted only on BLM land in areas designated by the permit and/or map.
- Purchaser shall clean up all of his/her trash and litter in collection area. Purchaser will be advised that existing trash/debris may contain hazardous materials and to please notify the local BLM office.
- Drive only on existing roads and park so as not to block traffic. Comply with all road closures. Do not drive on unsurfaced roads during periods of wet weather.
- Comply with all State laws, fire prevention requirements, and fire closures.
- The Purchaser of the permit must be present during collection and transport of the product and must possess the original document with attachments. Copies of the permit are not valid.
- When a Purchaser/Permittee moves between collection sites or leaves a contract/permit area, the product quantity removal record must be completed
- Failure to abide by the terms of this contract, and/or attachments made part of, may cause contract cancellation and result in a fine and/or the refusal of the issuance of future contracts for up to three years in accordance with the Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension Regulations found in 43 CFR 12.100 to 12.510. Failure to abide by the terms of this contract may also result in trespass damages.
- Every person involved in the harvesting, or assisting in a work party must obtain or be authorized under a permit
- During fire season, permittees using mechanical equipment must have a fire axe, fire shovel and a filled gallon of water or 2.5 lb fire extinguisher

I. BOUGHS:

Typical species are western red cedar and Douglas fir.

Conifer boughs are used by individuals and the floral industry for seasonal decorations such as garland and wreath primarily during the Christmas season.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Boughs would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season typically runs from late September through early December.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: 25 pounds

Maximum commercial use: 1,000 pounds per permit. Boughs may only be harvested from designated sites. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Bough collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Branches and debris will be dispersed into timbered area and away from roads, shoulder of roads and ditches. Clean debris from road surface and ditches.
- Do not cut boughs from trees with PLUS TREE signs on them.
- Do not cut boughs from trees inside fenced areas, or from posted areas specifically prohibiting bough or Christmas tree cutting.
- Do not cut boughs from trees less than 15 feet tall.
- Cut boughs only from the bottom third of the tree.
- Boughs must be cut at flush from the trunk. The bole of the tree shall not be damaged during the harvesting operations.
- Boughs will be cut using hand tools only (i.e., no chain saws).
- Climbing of trees is prohibited.
- For sales of evergreen boughs in Oregon that have both the Purchaser and individuals listed as their assistants or helpers on the contract, the Purchaser must comply with the requirements set forth in ORS 658.405 through 658.503 (Farm Labor Contractor laws). Contact Bureau of Labor and Industries for details.

II. BURLS:

The wood is used for woodcrafting in the manufacture of such items as clocks, tables and other decorative items. Burls are found on either the bole (cluster burls) or on the stumps (stump

burls) of trees. Stump burls can be quite large and are sought after for resale to veneer companies.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Burl harvest would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Burls are harvested year round.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: No limits have been set for burl collection. Burls are generally sold on an individual basis by the pound.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Burl collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- No burls will be cut in posted timber sale areas.
- Trees from which burls are cut will not be cut down, girdled, or otherwise damaged. Any such damage will make the purchaser of the permit liable for trespass damages.
- Burls will be cut from trees that are not readily visible from the road.

III. CASCARA BARK:

Cascara bark is peeled and used to make laxatives and tonics.

Cascara is found throughout the District. Removing the bark kills the tree but they will generally sprout new shoots. Harvest areas are rather limited since the majority of Cascara occurs within 200 feet of streams.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cascara Bark harvest would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Bark is generally harvested in the spring and early summer when the sap is flowing.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: Generally permit quantities have been small due to the accessibility of the harvest site. No maximum limit has been set, however quantities larger than 500 pounds would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements specific to Cascara Bark collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Trees must be cut down leaving less than a 12" high stump. Peel stem and limbs down to a 1" diameter.

- Trees shall not be cut in reforestation plantations less than 10 years old. Damaging of coniferous trees is prohibited.
- Remove all collection debris from the road surface and ditches.
- Harvest no more than 50% of cascara trees in the area.

IV. CHRISTMAS TREES:

On the Eugene District Christmas trees are sold for personal use only. Free use is not allowed.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Harvest is by permit only in specific areas that are well marked and signed.

Harvest Seasons

Christmas tree harvest season is mid-November through December 24.

Quantity Limitations

Permits are limited to a maximum of three Christmas trees per residence per calendar year.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Christmas Tree cutting that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Christmas tree cutting is allowed only in designated areas
- Maximum tree height is 20'
- Cut so the resulting stump height is less than 6".
- No topping of trees larger than 20 feet.
- Avoid any damage to other trees.
- Keep roads and ditches clear of debris.

V. CONES:

Cones are collected commercially for seed and harvested for ornamental purposes. Typical Species include western red cedar, Douglas fir, and western hemlock.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cones would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season typically runs from late August through early December

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: A maximum of 1 bushel of cones.

Maximum commercial use: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Cone collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Do not pick from trees with PLUS TREE signs unless specifically allowed in the permit.
- Do not pick in posted areas specifically prohibiting cone picking.
- Cutting of live branches or cutting the tree down is prohibited. Shooting cones or the branches to collect cones is prohibited.
- Using spurs to climb trees is prohibited.

VI. FUNGI:

Golden Chanterelle, winter chanterelle (yellow foot), and hedgehog, are the most commonly harvested terrestrial forest mushrooms on the Eugene District and are found mainly in younger Douglas fir forests.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Fungi would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest is in cooler and moist fall, winter and spring months -- Typically September through March.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: One gallon/person/day. Five gallons/person/year.

Maximum commercial use: 500 pounds per person per week. (May be adjusted for climatic conditions and time of year)

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Fungi collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- The Purchaser of the permit must be present during collection and transport of the product and must possess the original document with attachments. Copies of the permit are not valid.
- Do not disturb the soil, woody debris or surrounding vegetation. If accidental disturbance does occur return it back to its natural state.
- Mushrooms will be harvested by twisting or cutting at ground level.
- No raking or using a leaf blower in collecting mushrooms.
- Leave 50% of the fruiting bodies at all picking sites to produce spores for the next generation and to provide wildlife with this food source.

VII. GREENERY:

Used for floral arrangements or transplanting for landscaping. Greenery includes salal, red huckleberry, sword fern, and Oregon grape.

Salal is one of the more commonly sought after understory plants on the Eugene District. Its branches are pruned after the new growth has matured in the spring and it is usually sold and used for floral arrangements. Blue huckleberry, lady ferns and moss are for personal use only.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Greenery would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Can be harvested year round, but generally picked from mid July through April.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: 25 pounds / person / year

Maximum commercial use: Maximum of 2,000 pounds per permit.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Greenery collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Use only hand tools for cutting greenery.
- No collecting from areas easily visible from the road.
- Plants shall not be dug up from the ground.
- Collecting shall be spread out between numerous plants not from just a few. Harvest no more than 50% of the greenery in an area.
- Remove all collection debris from the road surface and ditches.
- For sales of fern fronds and/or salal in Oregon that have both the Purchaser and individuals listed as their assistants or helpers on the contract, the Purchaser must comply with the requirements set forth in ORS 658.405 through 658.503 (Farm Labor Contractor laws). Contact Bureau of Labor and Industries for details.

VIII. ORNAMENTAL WOOD:

Typical species include red alder, bigleaf maple, vine maple, willow, and cherry. Used in the manufacture of Rustic furniture, Bow Staves, etc.

Also includes cut sticks, alternately referred to as puddle sticks, which are generally red alder or other hardwood species that measure less than 4 inches in diameter at the large end. Sticks are harvested pole length along and adjacent to roadways.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Cut Sticks would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

The harvest season is generally year round based largely on product demand and material availability.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Ornamental Wood collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Ornamental vegetation shall not be larger than 2 inches at the large end or longer than 8 feet.
- Use only hand tools for cutting vegetation.
- Ornaments shall not be dug up from the ground.
- Harvest no more than 50% of the vegetation in the area.

IX. PITCH:

Pitch is collected by boring holes in the base of fir trees to drain resin filled pockets formed between the grain of the wood. These holes are drilled at the base of the tree to allow the pitch to run out and are sealed with wooden plugs after collection. Pitch is generally collected for medicinal purposes

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Pitch would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Pitch is generally collected when the sap begins to run, typically April through mid July.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to pitch collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- Only hand tools shall be used for drilling holes to extract the product.

X. TRANSPLANT STOCK AND/OR ROOTS:

Includes various ground cover, shrubs, bushes, forbs, and tree species including roots for transplanting or medicinal purposes. Requests for transplants/root stock will be restricted to Right of Ways and receive a Specialists review to determine feasibility to harvest. Plant harvest would be encouraged within road right-of-ways and post timber harvest areas.

The following plants are restricted from harvest in order to comply with the Oregon Wildflower Law:

Members of the family *Liliaceae* (Lily family)

Members of the family *Orchidaceae* (Orchid family)

For a list of the plants and animals that are restricted from harvest (ie. Special Status Species and Special Attention Species) see: Table 1-1, *Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (June 2002)* and The Eugene District Special Status Species List.

In addition, all plants listed on the State of Oregon Noxious Weed List or the Eugene Invasive Plant List would be restricted from harvest except for blackberry fruit for consumption and the collection of rhododendron for personal use only and not for resale.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Transplants would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, special status species sites, riparian reserves and wetlands, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Season

They are harvested year round.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Permit would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to transplant collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- A Vermeer Digger is only allowed with specialist review for commercial harvests on material greater than 4 feet in height, otherwise only hand tools are allowed.
- Hand tools are required on material removed on a personal use permit.
- Backfill all holes.
- Harvest no more than 50% of the material in an area.
- No harvesting of Pacific yew trees.
- Seedlings will not be removed from reforestation plantations.
- No digging of transplants within 200 feet of streams or wet areas.

XI. WOOD PRODUCTS CONVERTIBLE TO BOARD FEET:

Covers a variety of products including firewood, posts and poles, cedar shake bolts, etc.

Sawlogs and are not considered Special Forest Products under BLM Manual Supplement Handbook 5400-2, "Special Forest Products" and the sale of sawtimber is not addressed under this document.

Under Federal Regulation Section 43 CFR 8365.1-5(b) free collection of firewood (i.e. limbs, branched, woody debris, etc.) for campfire use is allowed on public lands.

Firewood

Firewood is woody material generated from harvest or stand improvement operations associated with timber harvest units, timber stand improvement areas and General Forest Management Areas. This material is not merchantable as sawtimber and as such is salvaged and sold as firewood.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Firewood would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest season is year-round with the greatest demand in the fall and winter months.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum commercial use: Maximum quantity for personal use is six cords per household per year. Quantities for commercial sales are determined by the Authorized Officer. All permits would require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Requirements, in addition to the standard provisions, specific to Firewood collection that are issued under and made a part of the sale contract:

- All standing trees (live or dead) or windthrown trees not listed on the permit are reserved. Cutting or removal of such material shall constitute a timber trespass.
- Firewood collection is allowed only within 10' of the road prism
- A map is attached to the permit. Cutting must be done at the designated location.
- Do not damage surfaced roads. Keep debris out of streams, roads, and roadside ditches.
- Load tickets (1 ticket per load) must be securely attached to the back of the load and be clearly visible. Before leaving the cutting area, the load tickets must be validated as indicated on the back of the load ticket.
- Firewood cutting allowed only during daylight hours.
- Have this contract available for inspection by any Government official while cutting and hauling.

- Payment made for this permit is not refundable.
- When a Purchaser/Permittee moves between collection sites or leaves a contract/permit area, forest product removal receipts (i.e., load tickets) must be completed, securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
- For firewood obtained in the state of Oregon: If the purchaser plans to sell or barter the firewood obtained under this contract, they must comply with OAR 629-24-107: Notification of the State Forester

Special Forest Products Measured in Board Feet (Poles, Posts, etc.)

On the Eugene District poles are sold on a per piece basis. Popular uses include fences, corrals, small sheds, tepee poles, and for resale.

Guidelines

Land Use Allocation Restrictions

Products would not be harvested from any ACECs, RNAs, environmental education areas, developed recreation sites, or unique cultural sites.

Harvest Seasons

Harvest season is year-round depending on availability of product.

Quantity Limitations

Maximum free use: No free use, permit required for all collection.

Maximum free use: Maximum quantity to be determined by the Authorized Officer. Products are sold from designated areas and permits require a site review.

Special Harvest Provisions

Special Provisions are written specific to harvest requirements at the time of sale and are written into and/or attached and made a part of the standard contract or permit.

- Collection allowed only from PCT Areas as shown on the attached map.
- All standing trees (live or dead) or windthrown trees not listed on the permit are reserved. Cutting or removal of such material shall constitute a timber trespass.
- Branches and debris will be dispersed into the timbered area, away from roads and ditches.
- Load tickets (1 ticket per load) must be securely attached to the back of the load and be clearly visible. Before leaving the cutting area, the load tickets must be validated as indicated on the back of the load ticket.
- Do not damage residual trees while harvesting poles.
- Have this contract available for inspection by any Government official while cutting and hauling.
- Payment made for this permit is not refundable.

- Products must be carried out of harvest area by hand with both ends suspended.

XII. OTHER SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

As demand for other forest products become known, permits will be considered for these products and permits may be issued on District after consultation with area and/or District specialists and a determination is made that impacts not exceed those addressed in this document.

On the Eugene District, commonly sold SFP are permitted at the front desk on a walk-in basis one day a week, which has been Wednesdays. The following table reflects the approximate timing of SFP sales on the Eugene District:

Approximate Seasons for the Harvest of Special Forest Products on the Eugene District

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Salal	=====												
Fungi	=====												
Holiday Trees			=====										
Other SFP	=====												

Other SFP sales would be scheduled by arrangement between the perspective buyer and the forest products manager.

During times of high fire danger, as determined by the Eugene District, sales of forest products would be suspended until such time the danger is lifted.

Eugene District SFP Monitoring Form

Contract #: _____

Contract Date: _____

Product sold: _____

NEPA Compliance: Eugene District Special Forest Products CE-2010-09

Other: _____.

Monitoring Items	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Contract Inspection:		
The sustainability and protection of Special Forest Product resources is ensured prior to selling Special Forest Products. Special harvest provisions sheets have been included with this contract.		
Appropriate botany and/or wildlife consultation has been completed for ground disturbing activities. Noise restrictions have been met for special status species where harvest of Special Forest Products involved power tools, mechanized machinery or load noise. Contract issued complies with the Eugene District Resource Management Plan, aquatic conservation strategies and Special Forest Products Handbook.		
The harvesting of Special Forest Products within Late-Successional Management Areas (LSMA) is compatible with maintaining a functional LSMA and old growth forest ecosystem.		
Field Inspection: (If completed, otherwise leave blank)		
Date of Inspection: ____ / ____ / ____		
Field inspection report was completed and included with permit.		
Harvest operations on contract area are considered in compliance with contract.		
Impacts from harvest and product sustainability on contract area are within limits.		
Additional Comments:		

Signature of the authorized officer below indicates that the contract issued falls under the Eugene District Special Forest Products CE-2010-09 or other previously prepared NEPA documentation.

Authorized Officer: _____

Date: _____

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

DECISION RECORD

Decision:

It is my decision to implement this action on BLM lands as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2010-0009-CX. The action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Resource Management Plan.

Decision Rationale:

The proposed action has been reviewed by Resource Area Staff and appropriate project Design Features as specified will be incorporated into the proposal. Based on the NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

Administrative Remedies

Notice of the decision to be made on the action described in this categorical exclusion will be posted on the District internet website. A decision is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals under 43 CFR part 4.

Authorizing Official:

/s/ Virginia Grilley

Virginia Grilley,
District Manager
Eugene District Office

1/5/10

Date