

BLM – MILLICAN ROAD JUNIPER WOODCUTTING AREA Unit #4

Opens: May 1, 2014

Closes: November 30, 2014
(or until wood supply is depleted)

YOU CAN CUT:

only down juniper that has already been felled. **DO NOT CUT** standing live or dead trees. Harvest limit for the Millican Road Woodcutting Area is 4 cords per household per year for personal-use only.

DIRECTIONS:

From Prineville or Redmond: Turn south off Hwy 126 at Millican Road (across from the Prineville Airport, 3 miles west of Prineville). Go south on Millican Road for 8.9 miles. Turn right (west) at the cattleguard on the BLM dirt road at the firewood arrow signs.

From Bend: Take Highway 20 east, turn left (north) on the Powell Butte Highway, turn right (east) on Alfalfa Market Road to Millican Road. Turn left (north) on Millican Road. Go north about 5.3 miles. Turn left (west) on the BLM Road 90 at the firewood arrow signs.

DESCRIPTION: Cut only within the designated 400 acre woodcutting area which is signed and flagged with orange ribbon. The down juniper trees range up to 20 inches in diameter. Live trees were thinned in spring of 2014 but, when cut to firewood lengths and split, should cure by fall/winter. Access is via unimproved dirt roads.

OLD-GROWTH JUNIPER: Young juniper trees in this area were cut to improve the growth and diversity of bunchgrasses and forbs, to reduce fire danger, and to enhance old-growth juniper. The remaining large and gnarly old juniper trees have special habitat and aesthetic values. Some of the trees in this area are close to 1,000 years old. Please help us protect these old trees and the wildlife that live there by following the rules below.

SPECIAL CUTTING RULES (see the 2013 USFS/BLM Firewood Synopsis for general rules):

- 1) Cut and remove only juniper trees that were previously thinned by the BLM. Remove all wood down to 4 inches in diameter for less waste.
- 2) Do not cut snags or limbs of any standing green or dead trees.
- 3) Scatter your branches in the open bare areas away from green leaf trees. The remaining slash height should be less than 24 inches.
- 4) Keep roads and fences free of branches.
- 5) Avoid damaging vegetation and soils during loading and hauling.
- 6) Leave gates on access roads closed, or as you find them.
- 7) The penalty for cutting old-growth juniper is \$1,000. Please immediately report illegal activities by recording the vehicle license number and description, and calling **BLM Law Enforcement at (541) 416-6700, Crook County Sheriff or Oregon State Police.**

For more information call the BLM at **541-416-6700**