Special Provisions for Special Forest Products Personal Use Permits  
(to be issued with BLM Form 3603-10)

1. Do not cut live trees.
2. Do not disturb prehistoric sites, historic sites, or artifacts
Archaeological and historic resources are protected by Federal Laws. No driving on or across archaeological sites or historical structures is permitted. Intentional disturbance or vandalism of archaeological or historical sites or removal of historic artifacts of any kind is punishable under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (Public Law 96-95; 16 U.S.C. 470) by fines of up to $10,000 or imprisonment of up to one year, or both, for each incident.
3. Do not block traffic or impede fire or emergency vehicles
Firewood harvesters are encouraged to have a fire extinguisher with at least a 5-pound capacity and a shovel in your possession when harvesting with the use of a power saw.
4. Do not use heavy equipment to harvest the product(s)
Harvesters are encouraged to have a fire extinguisher with at least a 5-pound capacity and a shovel in your possession when harvesting with the use of a power saw.
5. Ensure all power saws are equipped with an exhaust system in good condition having a spark arrester consisting of a wire mesh screen with a maximum mesh opening of .023 inches. Fuelwood harvesters are encouraged to have a fire extinguisher with at least a 5-pound capacity and a shovel in your possession when harvesting with the use of a power saw
6. Do not litter or dump trash
Littering is prohibited. The BLM operates under the guidelines set forth in the Clean Water Act (PL 92-306) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (PL 92-501). Littering or dumping may result in a fine.
7. This permit is nontransferable
This permit and activities hereunder are subject to all applicable federal statutes and regulations.
8. This sale is final and payments are not subject to refund
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9. Each household is allowed to purchase & harvest 8 cords of fuelwood.

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PERSONAL USE FUELWOOD HARVESTING ON BLM LANDS

General Information, Taos Field Office
Thank you for choosing to purchase your fuelwood permit from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM manages 67 million acres of forests and woodlands of which approximately 2 million are in New Mexico. When you purchase a fuelwood permit from the BLM, the funds go directly toward sustainable forestry projects such as healthy forest and watershed restoration, wildfire risk reduction, and soil erosion prevention on roads through regular road maintenance.

Rules and Regulations
These are in addition to “General Stipulations” listed on your permit. Violations of these may result in fines of up to $100,000 and up to 12 months in jail (43 CFR § 5462.3).

You Must:
• Have your permit in your possession while engaging in any activity connected with the harvest or removal of fuelwood. Copies are NOT allowed.
• Have legal access onto BLM lands, before harvesting fuelwood
• Produce your permit for inspection upon demand by a BLM employee or any official of a cooperating law enforcement agency acting within his or her designated authority.
• Obey all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands.
• Harvest ONLY Dead & Down and Dead & Standing fuelwood below 12” diameter
• Harvest ONLY Piñon and Juniper fuelwood
• After cutting, any remaining stump must be less than 6 inches high.

Do Not:
• Cut any species of live trees
• Cut any live or standing Ponderosa Pine
• Take more fuelwood than the amount specified on your permit
• Travel off-road more than 150 ft. from existing routes; be mindful of closed and restricted areas
• Travel on roads or trails if soil conditions permit rutting in excess of 6 inches deep
• Disturb prehistoric sites, historic sites, and artifacts
• Cut fuelwood on private lands

Validate and Use Haul Tags Correctly:
• Attach one tag for each 1/2 (one-half) cord of wood. A standard, full cord of wood is a volume of 128 cubic feet, measured as a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. A full cord can weigh up to 5,000 pounds.
• Each haul tag is good for up to 1/2 cord of wood.
• One cord = 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet (128 cubic feet).
• Measure your load of wood to determine how many haul tags need to be used & attached.
• To validate your tags, completely remove the day and month tabs from each haul tag.
• Securely attach all haul tags to the REAR of your load in a HIGHLY VISIBLE location.
• Permits must be used within 30 days of purchase OR December 31, 2017, whichever comes first.
• Each household is allowed to purchase & harvest 8 cords of fuelwood.
• To report illegal fuelwood harvesting call 1-800-637-9152.
• For more information you can visit: https://www.blm.gov/maps/frequently-requested/new-mexico

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BLM Fuelwood Harvest Area - Portion of Taos and Rio Arriba Counties

Legend

Area Closed to Fuelwood Harvesting