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Limited Firewood Available by Permit at Sequoia National Park

Approximately 40 cords of surplus wood in the Lodgepole/Dorst Creek area of Sequoia National Park is available for the public to obtain via firewood permits. The permits, which are required, cost \$10 per cord with a limit of six cords per family per year. Permits will remain available until the supply of wood is gone or snowfall hinders access to the wood yard (typically in mid-November). The surplus wood (pine and fir) comes from trees/branches that posed a serious hazard of falling in developed areas of the park (around campgrounds, buildings, and roads) and injuring park visitors or damaging park facilities. Firewood permits, must be obtained in person from either Ranger Chris Trotter or Ranger Michael Cole at the Lodgepole Visitor Center. Barring a park emergency, rangers may be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

People interested in obtaining a permit need to be aware of various logistics. Checks for permits must be made payable to the "National Park Service." People with permits who want to cut wood must contact a law enforcement ranger at the Lodgepole Ranger Station. A ranger will need to unlock the gate to the wood yard. The cutting and removal of wood is permitted in the wood yard seven days a week during daylight hours. Permits must be displayed at all times. Note: Cutting or collecting any trees or wood other than in the permitted area is prohibited. Please purchase permits only for what you can haul, as wood may not be set aside for pick-up later.

The National Park Service is concerned about visitor safety and the protection of park resources during woodcutting operations. Woodcutting equipment must be in good working order. The use of proper personal protective equipment (leather gloves, eye protection, and chaps) is strongly encouraged. In addition, it is recommended that an additional person be present while someone is cutting wood to act as a spotter and assist with loading wood. Chainsaws must be equipped with a spark arrester, and exhaust systems need to be in good repair. The wood consists mostly of large logs, so a chainsaw with at least a 32-inch bar is recommended.

For additional information, contact Chris Trotter at (559) 565-4403.

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