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Firewood Available by Permit on a Limited Basis in Sequoia National Park

Approximately 40 cords of surplus wood in Sequoia National Park will be made available by permit to the public beginning Monday, July 21, 2014, on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply is gone or snowfall hinders access to the Dorst wood yard (typically in mid-November). Firewood permits must be purchased before wood can be removed and may be obtained in person from Ranger Chris Trotter from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily at the Lodgepole Visitor Center. The cost is \$10 per cord with a limit of six cords per family per year. Permits are in effect for 30 days from date of purchase. Checks must be made payable to the "National Park Service." Contact Chris Trotter at the Lodgepole Visitor Center at (559) 565-4403 for more info about wood permits and availability. *(Note: This wood is from trees deemed to be potential hazards to visitors or property in the vicinity of campgrounds, buildings, and roads.)*

If you have a permit and want to cut wood, you will need to contact a ranger at the Lodgepole Ranger Station who will unlock the gate to the wood yard. Permits must be displayed at all times. The cutting and removal of wood is permitted seven days a week, but only during daylight hours. Purchase permits for only what you can haul, as wood cannot be reserved.

The National Park Service is concerned about visitor safety and the protection of park resources during woodcutting operations. Cutting or collection of any trees or wood other than identified in the permit and located in approved woodlots is prohibited. All equipment needs to be in good working order, and the use of proper personal protective equipment, such as leather gloves, eye protection, and chaps is strongly encouraged. It is recommended that an additional person be present while someone is cutting wood in order to act as a spotter and to assist in loading wood. Chainsaws need to 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.

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