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Firewood Available on a Limited Basis in Kings Canyon National Park

Approximately 40 cords of surplus wood is available to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis by permit at the Grant Grove woodlot in Kings Canyon National Park. The wood will be available until the supply is gone or snowfall hinders access to the woodlot. Obtain a permit from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center. The cost is \$10 per cord with a limit of 10 cords per individual per year. Checks must be made payable to the "National Park Service." Credit cards are not accepted. Firewood permits must be purchased before wood may be cut or loaded.

Please call in advance to ensure availability of permits and check on woodlot access. (*Note: The woodlot may be temporarily closed due to weather or emergency incidents. Permittees should check on the status of woodlot access prior to arrival and be prepared to wait for access, if necessary.*) Upon arrival, people with valid firewood permits must contact a ranger at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to gain access to the woodlot. For more information, contact the Kings District Office at (559) 565-4331.

Firewood permits must be displayed at all times. The cutting and removal of wood is permitted seven days a week, but only during daylight hours. People are advised to purchase permits for only the amount of wood that can be hauled, as wood may not be reserved. (*NOTE: The wood consists mostly of larger logs, over 30 inches in diameter, and permittees will need appropriate saws to cut the logs.*)

The National Park Service is concerned about visitor safety and the protection of the park 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 in order to act as a spotter and to assist in loading wood. Chainsaws need to be equipped with spark arresters, and exhaust systems must be in good repair.

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