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## Kaibab National Forest to offer Tusayan Ranger District fuelwood permits in Tuba City and Cameron

**Tusayan**, **Ariz.**, **Sept. 20**, **2017**—**For Immediate Release.** The Kaibab National Forest will issue freeuse, paid personal-use and ceremonial fuelwood permits for the Tusayan Ranger District at the following events in Tuba City and Cameron:

- Sept. 29, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. DST Tuba City Flea Market
- Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. MST Cameron Community Celebration

A permit must be acquired by anyone harvesting any fuelwood on the Kaibab National Forest, except for the rather small amounts used in a campfire and gathered at the campfire site. The 2017 firewood cutting season runs from May 1 to Dec. 31 for the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts and from May 1 to Nov. 30 for the North Kaibab Ranger District.

The minimum cost for a personal use fuelwood permit is \$20, which is good for four cords of wood. A maximum of six cords of wood is available for \$30. For free-use permits, a maximum of four cords is available. These cord limits are per household, not individual. For ceremonial fuelwood permits, however, two cords are available per individual.

Besides the Sept. 29 and Oct. 13 Tuba City and Cameron events, fuelwood permits are also regularly available at the following Kaibab National Forest locations:

- Williams Ranger District 742 S. Clover Road, Williams; (928) 635-5600
- Tusayan Ranger District 176 Lincoln Log Loop, Grand Canyon; (928) 638-2443
- North Kaibab Ranger District 430 S. Main St., Fredonia; (928) 643-7395

All permits issued will include a map and detailed cutting regulations as well as load tags, which must be physically attached to each ¼ cord of firewood and visible from the rear of the vehicle. The goal of this load tagging system is to ensure accountability for the amount of wood removed from the forest. The removal of fuelwood is permitted only from National Forest lands on the district for which the permit is issued. Fuelwood cutters are reminded to take note of property boundaries and cut only on National Forest lands. Fuelwood cutters should be aware that chainsaws can throw sparks and ignite grasses and brush. Always carry a shovel and a fire extinguisher or water in case of a fire start. Additionally, all chainsaws must be equipped with a stainless steel spark arrestor screen. Detailed firewood cutting information and maps for each ranger district are available on the Kaibab National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/fuelwood.