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# News Release

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## **Kaibab National Forest to offer firewood permits at Hotevilla Community Center at Hopi on Sept. 28**

**Tusayan, Ariz., Sept. 20, 2018—For Immediate Release.** The Kaibab National Forest will issue free-use, paid personal-use and ceremonial firewood permits for the Tusayan Ranger District at the Hotevilla Community Center next week. This is the first fuelwood event to be held at Hopi and is part of the Kaibab National Forest's ongoing effort to increase accessibility of firewood to tribal communities.

Event details are as follows:

- Friday, Sept. 28 – *10 a.m. to 2 p.m. MST* – Hotevilla Community Center

A permit must be acquired by anyone harvesting any firewood on the Kaibab National Forest, except for the small amounts used in a campfire and gathered at the campfire site. The 2018 firewood cutting season runs from April 16 to Dec. 31 for the Tusayan Ranger District.

The minimum cost for a paid, personal-use firewood permit is \$20, which is good for 10 cords of wood. A maximum of 20 cords of wood is available per individual for \$40. For free-use permits, a maximum of 10 cords is available per individual. For ceremonial permits, two cords are available per individual with proper identification.

Besides the upcoming event at the Hotevilla Community Center on Sept. 28, permits are also available during firewood season 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

It is important that a permit be acquired even for free-use areas because by tracking public demand for the various kinds of permits, the amount of wood removed, and other factors, forest managers are better able to plan for the future needs of firewood collectors and provide greater opportunities for accessing these important resources. Firewood from the Kaibab National Forest is frequently used by local community and tribal members for home heating, cooking and other critical purposes.

All permits issued by the Kaibab National Forest 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 and to inform planning for future firewood cutting areas to meet public need and forest restoration objectives.

The removal of firewood is permitted only from National Forest lands on the district for which the permit is issued. Firewood cutters are reminded to take note of property boundaries and cut only on National Forest lands.

Firewood 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 will be updated throughout the firewood season on the Kaibab National Forest website at [www.bit.ly/KNFfuelwood](http://www.bit.ly/KNFfuelwood).

Members of the public can find additional information on the Kaibab National Forest through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Website: [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab)
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/KaibabNF](http://www.twitter.com/KaibabNF)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/KaibabNF](http://www.facebook.com/KaibabNF)
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