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North Kaibab Ranger District to Offer Fuelwood Permits May 1

FREDONIA, Ariz. – The North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest will begin offering permits for the 2014 fuelwood season May 1. This year's fuelwood season will run through Nov. 30, although weather conditions could necessitate temporary closures.

Permits will be issued for dead and down (dead standing and downed trees) fuelwood cutting for all species. Permits will be sold for \$5 per cord, with a four-cord minimum and 10-cord maximum purchase.

The permits will be available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the North Kaibab Ranger District office, 430 S. Main St., Fredonia. In past years, permits could be ordered by mail or purchased on designated days at the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center, but those options will not be available until further notice.

The removal of fuelwood is permitted only from National Forest lands on the district for which the permit is issued. A map of authorized cutting areas and regulations will be issued with the permits.

Fuelwood cutting is permitted across the North Kaibab Ranger District, with the exception of wilderness and other special areas shown on the map attached to the permit. In some areas, the use of motorized vehicles off of the open road system may be limited due to implementation of the Travel Management Rule. Fuelwood cutters will be provided with a Motor Vehicle Use Map along with their fuelwood permit, map and regulations.

All visitors to the Kaibab National Forest are reminded to always be extremely careful with fire. 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. Cutters should check with forest offices periodically for information about the implementation of fire restrictions.

Additional information on fuelwood permits is available by contacting the North Kaibab Ranger District office at (928) 643-7395 or at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/fuelwood.