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Williams and Tusayan Districts to Offer Fuelwood Permits April 22

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The Williams and Tusayan districts of the Kaibab National Forest will begin offering permits for the 2013 fuelwood season on April 22, weather permitting. This year's fuelwood season will run through Dec. 15.

Permits will be issued for dead and down (dead standing and downed trees) and green fuelwood cutting. Dead and down permits are sold for \$5 per cord. Green permits are \$10 per cord. There is a minimum purchase of \$20 per permit. Cords will be sold in increments to meet the \$20 minimum.

Free-use permits will also be issued for the removal of downed wood within designated areas. A maximum of six cords (combined) of paid fuelwood may be purchased per household. An additional four cords of free-use fuelwood may also be issued.

The removal of fuelwood is permitted only from National Forest lands on the district for which the permit is issued. Private and other non-Forest Service lands are shown on fuelwood maps attached to the permit, visitor maps and the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Fuelwood cutters are reminded to take note of property boundaries and cut only on National Forest lands.

Fuelwood cutting is permitted across the entire Williams and Tusayan ranger districts, with the exception of wilderness and other special areas shown on the map attached to the permit. However, the use of motorized vehicles off of the open road system is restricted to designated fuelwood cutting units shown on the map. Within designated cutting areas, fuelwood cutters may drive cross-country off of designated roads in order to find and collect fuelwood. The map attached to each permit clearly identifies the areas where cross-country travel is allowed.

Outside of designated cutting units, fuelwood cutters may park up to 30 feet off the road to load fuelwood. Cutters are encouraged to obtain a free MVUM showing the open road system when purchasing a permit. These maps are available at all forest offices and on the Kaibab National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/tmr.

Additional cutting areas may be added or updated throughout the season, so fuelwood cutters are encouraged to contact the ranger district offices periodically for the most up-to-date information.

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.

Additional information on fuelwood permits is available at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/fuelwood or by contacting the Williams and Tusayan district offices. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Williams Ranger District, (928) 635-5600, 742 S. Clover Rd., Williams
- Tusayan Ranger District, (928) 638-2443, 176 Lincoln Log Loop, Grand Canyon

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