**FORT CARSON FIREWOOD PROGRAM**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Firewood collection is available on Fort Carson, but is to be collected for personal use only. Firewood collected on Fort Carson cannot be collected for a commercial enterprise or resold.**

**General Information and Safety**

* **The prescribing directives are:** Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, AR 405-90, and AR 420-74 (DA PAM 420-7).
* Customers must abide by all applicable federal, state, county, and Fort Carson regulations. Violations can result in ticketing and fines.
* Individuals not following the requirements specified herein will be required to forfeit all forest products authorized by this permit, and will not receive any additional permits.
* As with all activities on Fort Carson, military activities have priority over activities authorized on these permits.
* **Firewood collection is NOT available on Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site.**
* Proceeds from your wood collection permit purchases are used for forest habitat improvement projects.

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**Safety**

* The customer will provide all necessary labor, equipment and vehicle support for wood collection.
* All customers operating under these permits will clean and remove all personal equipment, trash, debris, etc. and will not block roadways.
* It is highly recommended that customers use safety equipment at all times (e.g., helmet, eye and ear protection, chaps, gloves, steel toe boots, etc.)
* All chainsaws used on Fort Carson must have a spark arrester.
* Special circumstances, such as military training, fire ban levels, wet conditions, and firewood availability, can result in temporary changes to the guidelines provided on this webpage, including wood yard and downrange wood collection.

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**Downrange Collection Rules and Guidelines**

* Downrange wood collection is for **dead trees only**, unless specifically identified through the iSportsman permit process, and only in specified areas marked downrange by forestry personnel.
* Cutting at locations other than specified on this permit is strictly prohibited.
* Permit and a copy of the Map MUST remain in the vehicle at all times while cutting/hauling firewood, and both must be available for inspection at all times.
* Only empty vehicles are permitted into the cutting area. All wood found in vehicle is assumed to be taken under the current permit.
* Protect standing and downed snags marked as wildlife habitat. Taking trees (dead or alive) marked as wildlife habitat is strictly prohibited.
* Areas and trees marked as excluded for collection with tape or paint are off limits and cannot be cut or collected, unless specified otherwise.
* The removal of artifacts is strictly prohibited.
* Slumps must be cut to within four (4) inches of the ground on the uphill side.
* Slash will be scattered so as to not exceed 12 inches in height, and shall not be left in the roadways or trails.
* Only one (1) cord per permit can be collected per day.

**Downrange Safety**

* RECOMMEND the use of safety equipment at all times (helmet, eye and ear protection, chaps, gloves, steel toe boots, etc.)
* Inspect the tree for hazards prior to cutting.
* Felling of trees is not allowed within 200 feet of other wood collection customers or activities.

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**Wood Splitter**

* In order to get a wood splitter permit, the customer must call the Installation Forester to provide verification of experience of user or to obtain safety training. Contact number is: 719-526-1696; location is DPW building 1219, 3rd floor. Customers will have to view a video on the operation and safety of the wood splitter before use. After experience or training has been verified by the forester, the forester will validate the customer’s wood splitter training on their iSportman personal account. After validation the customer can purchase the wood splitter permit on iSportsman.

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**Contact Information**

* Installation Forester: 719-526-1667 (or 719-526-1696, 719-526-1329)
	+ Directorate of Public Works Forestry Office: Building 1219 at the corner of Wetzel Ave. and Evans St., 3rd Floor
* iSportsman Assistance: 719-526-8006
* Range Control: 719-526-5698
* Military Police: 719-526-2333