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Fuelwood permit cost reduced - available May 15 at southwest Idaho National Forests

Boise, Idaho, April 26, 2018 - - Personal use fuelwood permits for the Payette, Sawtooth and Boise National Forests are changing to reflect new minimum permit requirements as well as a cost reduction.

Fuelwood permits have been reduced to \$6.25 per cord with a 4-cord minimum and a 10-cord maximum per household. Two reasons are driving the change; aligning the overall price of the fuelwood to be closer with other National Forests in southwest Idaho and to help remove the fuel load since woodcutting is limited to dead trees.

Permits will be available at USDA Forest Service Ranger District offices, the Interagency Visitor Information Center at 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, the Sawtooth Supervisor's Office at 370 American Ave., Jerome, Idaho and private vendors in southwest Idaho (see attached list).

Please note that we can no longer sell permits of only 2 cords. If you want all 10 cords, permit purchases will need to be purchased 5 cords and 5 cords, or 4 cords and 6 cords or all 10 cords at once.

The 2018 fuelwood season for the Boise and Payette National Forests is May 15, through Nov. 30, 2018. Permit sales within the Sawtooth National Forest depend on snow conditions, and generally begin in late May and continuing through Nov. 30.

The Payette National Forest has two free-use areas, which are located in the Steamboat Summit/Warren Summit area and Big Creek area. A free-use permit is required for these areas and can be obtained at the McCall Ranger District office along with specific location information and permit use requirements. Free-use fuelwood counts with personal use toward the 10-cord maximum per household.

Cutting fuelwood within a closure area is prohibited. Check on the **Alerts & Notices** pages of Forest websites for closure information.

“Please check this year’s fuelwood brochure and current Motor Vehicle Use Maps to make sure you are cutting in an area open to fuelwood gathering and pay special attention to closed areas and roads with restoration activities,” said Boise National Forest Timber Program Manager, Larry Whitehead. “Remember all three forests have regulations prohibiting the cutting of dead or living whitebark pine trees which are declining and are critically important to several wildlife species.”

Fuelwood permits are valid within the Boise, Payette and Sawtooth Forests. All motorized travel related to fuelwood gathering must be in full accordance with Forest Service travel regulations for the area as shown in the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), unless specifically exempted in the fuelwood permit.

Once the snow melts, permit holders are encouraged to cut fuelwood early in the year because fire restrictions may impact the cutting season later in the summer. Early season fuelwood cutters are asked to use caution, avoiding wet muddy roads, where travel may cause resource damage. Fuelwood cutting is not allowed within riparian areas (adjacent to creeks and rivers).

Regulations for each forest are available when permits are issued. For additional information, contact the local Ranger District offices, or Forest websites. Check with forest vendors for weekend hours.

Boise National Forest Vendors:

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| Seasons, Idaho City | 208-392-9777 |
| Donna’s Place, Placerville | 208-392-9666 |
| Idaho City Grocery, Idaho City | 208-392-4426 |
| Tom’s Service/Sinclair, Idaho City | 208-392-4900 |
| B&W Fuels, Emmett | 208-392-4900 |
| Valley View Chevron | 208-793-4321 |
| Ray’s Corner Market, Horseshoe Bend | 208-793-2391 |
| East Cleveland Beverage, Caldwell | 208-459-6442 |
| Garden Valley Chevron, Garden Valley | 208-462-3869 |
| D & B Supply, Emmett | 208 365-2955 |

Boise NF Ranger District Offices:

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| Interagency Visitor Center | 208-373-4007 |
| Mountain Home RD | 208-587-7961 |
| Idaho City RD | 208-392-6681 |
| Cascade RD | 208-382-7400 |
| Lowman RD | 208-259-3361 |
| Emmett RD | 208-365-7000 |
| Emmett RD/ Garden Valley Work Center | 208-462-3241 |

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Payette National Forest Vendors:

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| Jay's Sinclair, Cambridge | 208-257-5000 |
| Ridley's Food & Drug, Weiser | 208-549-1332 |
| Farmer's Supply Co-op, Council | 208-253-4266 |
| C & M Lumber, New Meadows | 208-347-3648 |
| Albertsons, McCall | 208-634-8166 |
| The Corner, Yellow Pine | 208-633-3325 |

Payette NF Ranger District Offices:

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| Weiser RD | 208-549-4200 |
| Council RD | 208-253-0100 |
| McCall RD | 208-634-0400 |
| New Meadows RD | 208-347-0300 |

Sawtooth National Forest Vendors:

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| Rock Creek General Store, Hansen | 208-423-5659 |
| Hansen Quick Stop & Go, Hansen | 208-423-9900 |
| Camas Creek Country Store, Fairfield | 208-764-2211 |
| NAF Store, Malta | 208-824-5780 |

Sawtooth NF Ranger District Offices:

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| Minidoka RD | 208-678-0430 |
| Ketchum RD | 208-622-5371 |
| Fairfield RD | 208-764-3202 |
| Sawtooth National Recreation Area | 208-727-5013 |
| Stanley RD | 208-774-3000 |
| Sawtooth Supervisor's Office | 208-423-7500 |

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