

# Permits to cut wood in Tahoe National Forest available in May

Woodcutting permits for the Tahoe National Forest may be purchased beginning May 2.

The price for permits is \$15 per cord with a two-cord minimum and an annual 10-cord maximum per household.

Permits can be obtained at all TNF Ranger Stations, the forest headquarters or by mail. Applications for mail-in permits can be found online under "Passes and Permits". Firewood season will extend into the fall, until rain and snow traditionally make the roads impassable.

In general, the woodcutting permit allows removal of dead and down wood on TNF system lands unless otherwise designated. It does not allow cutting on private land. Trees may not be cut if marked with paint, wildlife signs, boundary signs, other official signs or in areas closed to woodcutting.

Wood cutters are also reminded that they are required to keep a serviceable shovel at least 46 inches long and an approved fire extinguisher (2 pound dry chemical or 1 pound foam type – ABC or greater) within 25 feet of where saws are being operated. All gasoline-powered saws and other internal combustion engines such as motorized splitters must have a USFS approved spark arrester installed. Transportation load tickets will be issued along with the permit.

For more information on the woodcutting program and the woodcutting hotlines, call (530) 587.2158.