

Firewood sale permits to be available in Tahoe basin

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will begin the sale of fuelwood permits at the South Shore office on June 4 and at the North Shore office on June 6.

Permits cost \$20 per cord with a two-cord minimum purchase and a limit of 10-cords per household.

Permits have specific conditions and complete information is provided when the permit is issued. Maps to designated cutting areas are provided and must be in your possession along with the valid permit. The permit is for collection of "down-dead" wood up to a 30-inch maximum diameter in designated fuelwood areas within the Lake Tahoe Basin. "Down-dead" means the tree is down on the ground and dead, rather than dead and standing. Cutting any standing tree, whether dead or green, is not allowed.

Permit holders should keep vehicles on National Forest roads. No off-road travel is allowed and permit holders must comply with all permit conditions.

Permits are available through Oct. 31 at the LTBMU Supervisor's Office at 35 College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm and at 855 Alder Ave. in Incline Village, Wednesday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.