Firewood cutting to open on Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests May 1

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Central Oregon — Beginning Wednesday, May 1, personal and commercial use firewood collection season will resume on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland. Firewood season runs through November 30, 2024. The public should note this is only for the National Forest system lands and does not include permits for firewood cutting on land managed by the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management.

While personal use firewood permits are free, a permit is still required. The public can obtain up to eight cords of wood per year. Permits are available at local vendors and Forest Service offices. While the permit is free, vendors may charge a \$2.50 processing fee per transaction. The firewood cannot be sold and must be used for personal use only. People interested in selling firewood must obtain a commercial permit at a Forest Service office.

Permit holders must have a permit and a copy of the 2024 Firewood Synopsis while collecting firewood and will be required to tag their loads. Permit holders need to pay particular attention to the "Rules and Regulations" as well as the specific cutting designations listed on each cutting area map in the synopsis. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to read the 2024 Firewood Synopsis and understand the tree species available for firewood cutting and gathering in the designated areas. It is prohibited to possess or remove trees that have been illegally cut.

Permits will be available at vendors (see attached list) and Forest Service offices beginning May 1. All Forest Service offices in Central Oregon are open from 8:00-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of the Crescent Ranger District that is closed to the public on Fridays.

Permit holders must be aware of and follow all fire restrictions, which can be found on either of the two Forest's websites (www.fs.usda.gov/main/ochoco/home) or (www.fs.usda.gov/main/ochoco/home). The 2024 Firewood Synopsis and list of vendors are also located on the two websites.

To contact a local Forest Service Office, please use the following phone numbers:

Deschutes National Forest

- Bend-Fort Rock RD: 541-383-5300
- Sisters Ranger District: 541-549-7700
- Crescent Ranger District: 541-433-3200
- Redmond Air Center: 541-504-7200

Ochoco National Forest

- Lookout Mountain and Paulina Ranger Districts: 541-416-6500
- Crooked River National Grassland: 541-416-6640

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2024 Firewood Permits – Local Vendors

Bend	Bend Bi-Mart	351 NE 2 nd St. Bend, OR 97701	(541) 389-5505
	Butler Market South	61396 S Highway 97 Bend, OR 97702	(541) 383-0146
La Pine	La Pine Bi-Mart	51670 Huntington Rd. La Pine, OR 97739	(541) 536-9600
	Quick Stop Market	51497 Highway 97 La Pine, OR 97739	(541) 536-6037
Madras	Madras Bi-Mart	1575 SW Madras-Prineville Hwy Madras, OR 97741	(541) 475-1394
Prineville	Prineville Bi-Mart	2091 NE 3 rd St. Prineville, OR 97754	(541) 447-0391
	R&R	940 SE Combs Flat Rd Prineville, OR 97754	(541) 447-7231
Redmond	Coastal Farm & Home Supply	3141 S Highway 97 Redmond, OR 97756	(541) 548-4095
	Redmond Bi-Mart	1727 SW Odem Medo Way Redmond, OR 97756	(541) 932-7220
Sisters	Sisters Ace Hardware	373 E Hood Ave Sisters, OR 97759	(541) 549-8011
	Sisters Bi-Mart	440 Highway 20 Sisters, OR 97759	(541) 719-2000
Sunriver	Summit Xpress	17355 Spring River Rd Sunriver, OR 97707	(541) 598-9080