

News Release

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District 1536 S. Carson Street **Co** Carson City, NV 89701

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Carson Ranger District to Begin Selling Public Fuelwood Permits

Carson City, Nevada...The Carson Ranger District will begin selling public fuelwood permits Monday, June 16, 2008. Fuelwood cutting and gathering may begin that day and continue through Monday, November 19, 2008. The public fuelwood cutting areas on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest include:

- The Dog Valley area north and west of Verdi;
- The Leviathan area west of Topaz Lake;
- The Hope Valley area west of Woodfords, California; and
- The Hawken Fire burned area west of Reno. The Hawken cutting area is accessible by 4-wheel-drive high-clearance vehicles only no trailers will be allowed due to the rough and narrow roads.

Important fuelwood cutting information includes the following:

- Permittees are responsible for obtaining the latest fire restrictions in their chosen cutting area.
- Dead trees or logs less than two feet in diameter may be cut.
- Permits are \$15.00 a cord, with a two-cord minimum per permit.
- There is a six-cord maximum per household per season.
- Permits are available by cash or check only; debit and credit cards are not accepted.

During the hotter and drier months of summer, increased fire and cutting restrictions may be imposed. When "hoot-owl" fire restrictions are in place, fuelwood cutters are not allowed to operate a chainsaw after 1:00 p.m., and temporary restrictions on motorized equipment use may exist during extreme fire danger. Firewood cutting areas are subject to closure due to wildland fire risk or wet road conditions. Call 775-882-2766 after 4:30 p.m. the day before cutting wood to determine if woodcutting areas will be open or if restrictions are in place. **Remember – Call before you cut.**

Green fuelwood cutting areas may become available this fall for specially marked and designated green live trees. In order to reduce pollution, green fuelwood should be seasoned by splitting and stacking the wood in a sunny spot for four to six months before burning. The fuelwood in the Hawken burned area should be treated as green fuelwood.

Additional areas may be added later in the season. As these areas open, maps and rules will be available at any office that sells permits. For more information concerning fuelwood cutting, contact the Carson Ranger District at 775-882-2766. Permits and maps will be available for purchase at the following locations:

Carson Ranger District 1536 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-5291 Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (775) 882-2766

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisors Office 1200 Franklin Way Sparks, NV 89431 Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (775) 331-6444 Markleeville Chamber of Commerce #3 Webster Street Markleeville, CA 96120 9:00 am - 4:00 pm daily (530) 694-2475