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HEBGEN LAKE DISTRICT TO SELL FIREWOOD PERMITS

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT -- The Hebgen Lake Ranger District of the Gallatin National Forest will begin selling personal use firewood permits on May 9th. “We are pleased that the Forest Service can continue to provide this opportunity for individuals to collect firewood for their personal use on their National Forest” said District Ranger Bill Queen.

Personal Use Firewood Permits cost \$10.00 per cord with a two cord minimum purchase. Additional single cords may be purchased at the same time. Permits are sold at the Hebgen Lake Ranger Station.

While most terms and conditions of the permits remain the same as last year, there is one change to the 2005 Personal Use Firewood Permit. This year, a larger area on the Hebgen Lake Ranger District will be open for a longer period (May 9th to November 30th).

As in past years, all forest visitors (including firewood permit holders) are required to keep their vehicles on existing roads; cut only dead trees with no leaves or green needles; carry fire suppression equipment; and hand pile residual tree material. Other terms and conditions can be found on permits and supplemental regulations.

The District will continue to assist local residents who are physically unable to collect firewood by allowing these individuals to purchase one “third party” permit. These third parties are allowed to cut firewood for one physically limited person only.

“We understand that many individuals depend on a supply of firewood from the National Forest to heat their homes” said Bill Queen. “In addition to offering these personal use permits, the Hebgen Lake District has numerous commercial firewood sales conducted by small businesses in progress”. Individuals who have a need for more than the ten cords that the personal use permits allow; or do not want to cut their own firewood can purchase firewood from these small businesses. Individuals who wish to purchase firewood from the Forest Service and sell the firewood as a business can have their names placed on a firewood sale bidder’s list.

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