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Personal use firewood gathering areas available on Palouse Ranger District

Potlatch, ID—Two recently-logged areas on the Palouse Ranger District will be open for personal use firewood cutting from July 9 to September 30, 2008.

According to Timber Management Assistant Mike Stayton, the firewood cutting areas are located within the White Pine timber sale area along Blake Meadows Road No. 3833 and Conrad Ridge Road No. 1981. He said both sites contain slash and debris resulting from the logging operation.

Individuals cutting firewood on national forest land are required to possess a valid personal use firewood permit.

Stayton said downed cedar that could be used for cutting posts and poles is also available within firewood cutting areas during the same time period. A separate post and pole permit for cedar products is required.

As a general reminder, firewood should not be gathered or cut within 150 feet of streams, ponds, lakes or marshy/wet areas. The requirement is necessary to protect water quality and fish habitat.

Please contact the Ranger Station in Potlatch for more information about these opportunities or to purchase applicable permits. The phone number is 875-1131.

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