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U.S. Forest Service is opening Hastings Campground for firewood collection on May 15 - 23, 2009

Hastings Campground in Batchelder's Grant, Maine currently has numerous white spruce trees on the ground due to recent hazard tree removal. The White Mountain National Forest will open the campground to allow the public to collect firewood from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, through Saturday, May 23. A valid firewood collection permit and a letter allowing collection in Hastings campground from the White Mountain National Forest are necessary. Letters and firewood permits are available at the Androscoggin Ranger Station, in Gorham, NH, located on Rt. 16 south of Gorham.

If driving from Gorham, NH, take Route 2 east to Gilead, ME. In Gilead, take Rt. 113 south for approximately 3.5 miles to the entrance of Hastings Campground. If you are traveling from Bethel, ME, take Rt. 2 west to Rt. 113 south and then follow the directions given for driving from Gorham, NH.

A limited amount of firewood is available, so please call ahead for availability and any other questions related to this activity at the Androscoggin Ranger Station (603) 466-2713.