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Colville National Forest implements firewood permit changes

Colville, Washington -- Forest Supervisor, Rick Brazell, announced today that folks cutting firewood for personal use on the Colville National Forest will encounter some changes for the 2004 firewood season.

Persons wishing to cut firewood can do so beginning April 1, 2004. The season will last until November 30, 2004. "We are implementing this new season to enable the public to access national forest administered lands during a time when there will be the least amount of resource damage to forest roads" he added. "A majority of the forest is located at higher elevations, and roads are usually not accessible until early spring."

This latter date will be in line with county, local and state road restrictions.

The cost of firewood permits will remain at \$5.00 per cord, with a minimum purchase of 4 cords for \$20 required when obtaining the permit. The maximum amount of cords allowed has been raised from 10 cords to 12 cords per household.

Persons can purchase their permits at the following offices: Colville National Forest Headquarters, 765 S. Main, Colville, WA 99114, (509) 684-7000; Three Rivers Ranger District, 255 W. 11th., Kettle Falls, WA 99141 (509) 738-7700; Newport Ranger District, 315 N. Warren, NEwport, WA 99156, (509) 447-7300; Republic Ranger District, 180 N. Jefferson, Republic, WA 99166, (509) 775-7400; Sullivan Lake Ranger District, 12641 Sullivan Lake Rd., Metaline Falls, WA 99153, (509) 446-7500 and National Forest Informatkion Center, 1103 N. Fancher Rd., Spokane, WA 99212, (509) 536-1251.

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