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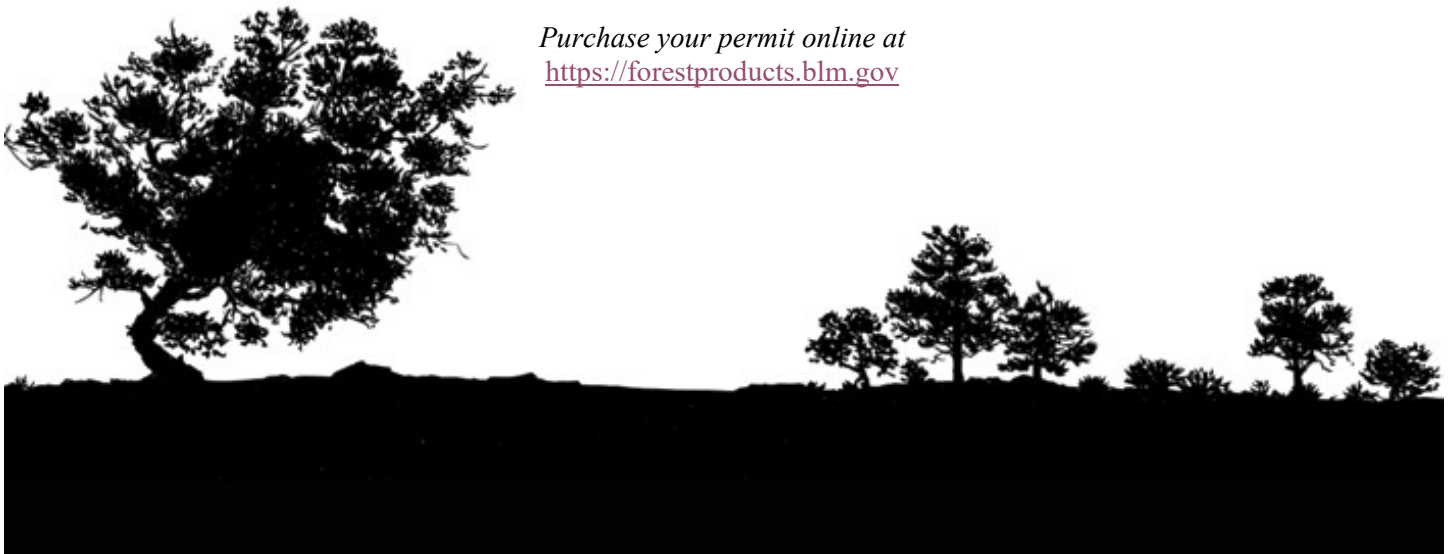
# Dead Firewood Removal Guide

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## Forest Products

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rio Puerco Field Office offers permits for harvesting of dead firewood on select BLM lands in Sandoval County. Permits for other forest products such as live trees for fuelwood, Christmas trees, transplants, posts, poles, boughs, seeds, nuts, and berries are not available for purchase at this time but are expected to become available starting in late 2022. You can check the status of progress towards these additions (and other changes) and get involved in the process by visiting <https://go.usa.gov/x6pss>

Firewood permits are available for purchase year-round at \$10 per cord with a sale limit of 4 cords per household annually. All permits expire 30 days from date of purchase.

*Prices and availability of products is subject to change without prior notice.*



## Dead Firewood Removal Rules

*These rules are issued in accordance with 43 CFR §5462 and must be complied with.*

Your permit cannot be transferred to or used by anyone else. Only the person identified as “Purchaser” is authorized to cut the specified amount of fuelwood under this permit. Only cut in the areas identified on the map(s) included with your permit. Land boundaries are often not clearly identified on the ground and there can be severe penalties for cutting in the wrong area. Call and ask the BLM if you need clarification or directions to the cutting area.

Adhere to all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands. Leave gates as you found them, either open or closed. When harvesting and removing any forest product, Purchasers must have in their possession: (1) this Removal Guide; (2) the dead firewood permit issued to the Purchaser; and (3) all maps and haul tags issued with the permit.



## Firewood

1. Any completely dead tree may be cut and removed if doing so does not constitute a prohibited action as defined below. If any part of the tree is live, the entire tree is regarded as live and must not be cut or injured.
2. After cutting, any remaining stump must be no taller than 6 inches.
3. Slash (branches, stems, needles/leaves) and any unused vegetative material resulting from harvesting activities must be removed from roads, fences, and other improvements and scattered on the ground at no more than 24 inches high.
4. Attach one haul tag per half cord while the load is in transport (see *How to Measure a Cord* on page 3 and *How to Use Haul Tags* on page 4).



## Prohibited Actions

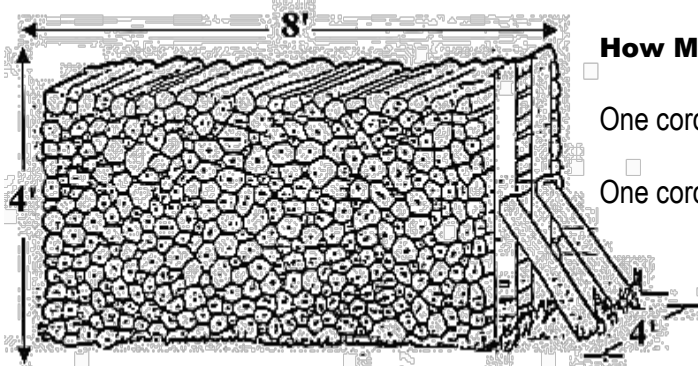
*All violations are punishable with a minimum \$50-\$250 fine for each occurrence in accordance with 43 CFR §5462.2, §5511.4, §8365, and §9239.*

1. Forest product removal within 150 feet of the Rio Puerco or any paved road or highway.
2. Damaging or disturbing any tree with broken tops, trunk holes (nesting cavities), and/or nests.
3. Cutting or removal of trees or logs marked with paint.
4. Cutting or removal of trees or logs with transect location signs, or with other small signs attached identifying them as wildlife trees, bearing trees, or seed trees.

5. Cutting or removal of trees or logs on lands outside the designated fuelwood area identified on the map(s) issued with your permit.
  6. Cutting, injuring, or removing any live tree.
  7. Littering or dumping trash.
  8. Disturbing prehistoric sites, historic sites, or artifacts.
  9. Vehicular travel on roads that show evidence of having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
  10. Vehicular travel on unimproved roads when it creates rutting more than four (4) inches deep.
  11. Vehicular travel off existing routes (i.e., off-road driving).
  12. Traversing across private, state, or tribal lands where “no trespassing” signs have been posted at vehicular access entryways.
  13. Transporting fuelwood without an adequate number of validated haul tags attached (see *How to Use Haul Tags* on page 4).
  14. Operating mechanical equipment (e.g., chainsaws) in areas designated as a fire restriction closure.
- For current fire restrictions, call 505-761-8700 or visit <https://firerestrictions.us/nm/>



## How to Measure a Cord



### How Much Wood in a Cord?

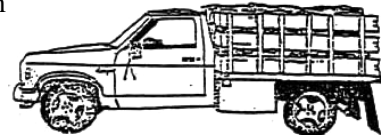
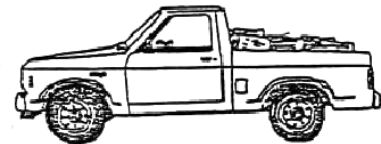
One cord = 8 feet long x 4 feet wide x 4 feet deep.

One cord = 128 cubic feet (length x width x depth).

A standard bed (6-1/2') pickup truck without rails will hold 1/2 cord of firewood when it is loaded to the top of the bed and 3/4 cord when it is loaded to the top of the cab.

A standard bed pickup truck with rails holds 1 cord of firewood when it is loaded to the top of the cab. This load would require two 1/2 cord haul tags.

A long bed (8-0') pickup truck without rails will hold 2/3 cord of firewood when it is loaded to the top of the bed and 1 cord when it is loaded to the top of the cab. Both loads would require two 1/2 cord haul tags. A long bed pickup truck with rails will hold 1-1/2 cords of firewood when it is loaded to the top of the cab. This load would require three 1/2 cord haul tags.



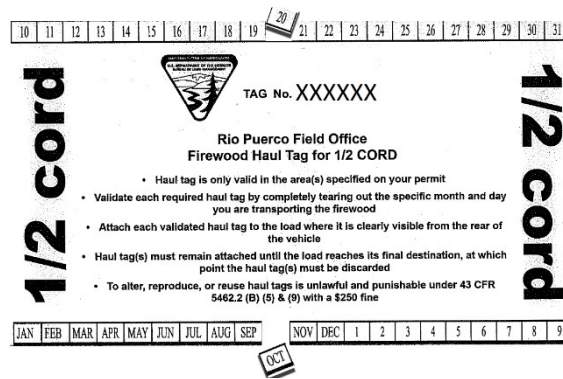


## How to Use Haul Tags

Haul tags are issued with each permit. One haul tag must be validated and attached to each half cord for firewood and remain attached until the load has reached its destination, at which point the haul tags must be discarded and must not be reused.

To properly tag your load:

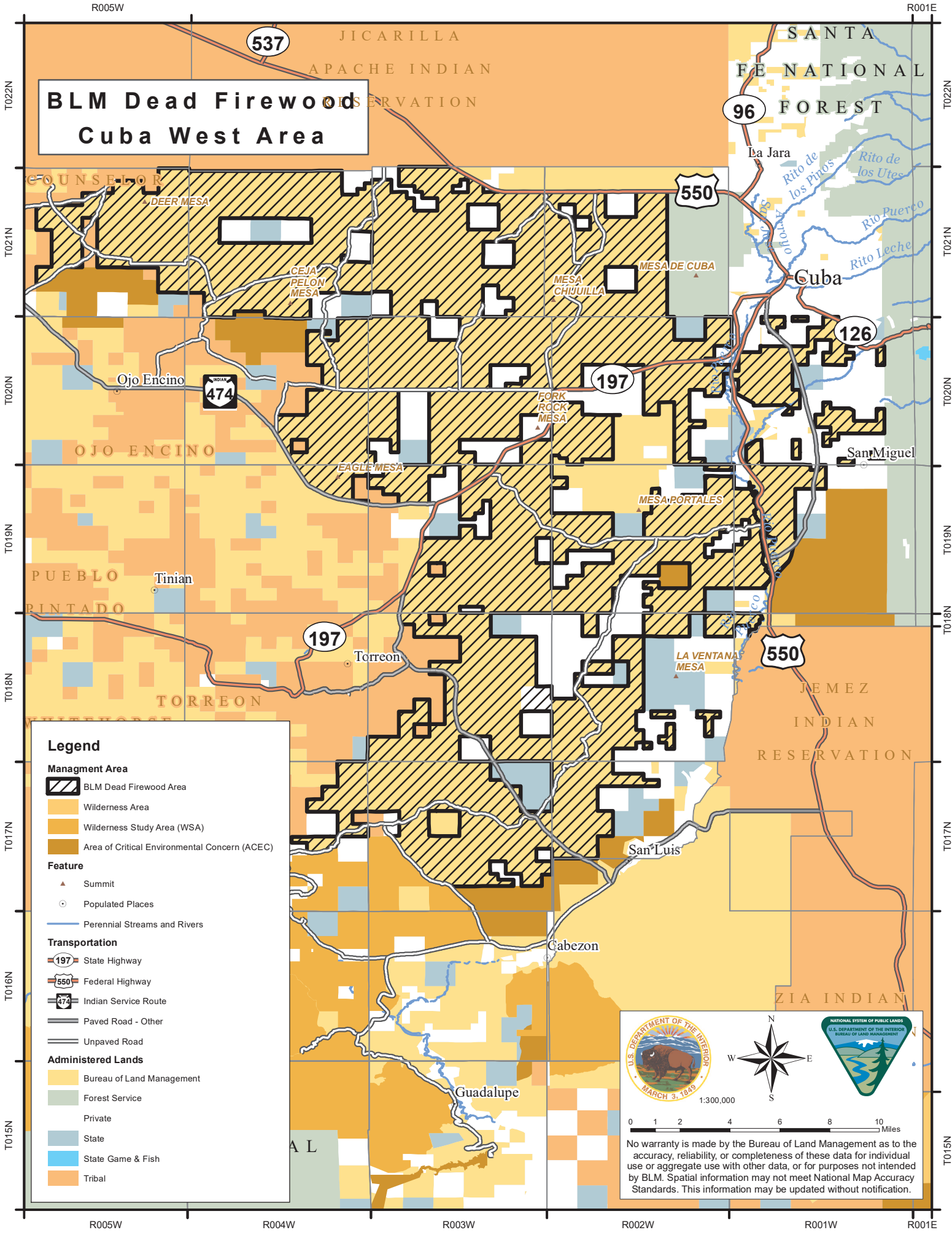
1. Determine how many haul tags are required for your specific forest product and load size (see *How to Measure a Cord* on page 3).
2. Validate each required haul tag by completely tearing out the specific month and day you are transporting the forest product.
3. Attach each required haul tag to the rear of the load where it is clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
4. Dispose of the validated haul tags once the load has reached its destination and do not reuse the tags.



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# BLM Dead Firewood Cuba West Area



**Legend**

**Management Area**

- BLM Dead Firewood Area
- Wilderness Area
- Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

**Feature**

- Summit
- Populated Places
- Perennial Streams and Rivers

**Transportation**

- State Highway
- Federal Highway
- Indian Service Route
- Paved Road - Other
- Unpaved Road

**Administered Lands**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- State Game & Fish
- Tribal

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