



# Forest Service News Release

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## Personal-use firewood permits on sale April 11

**WILLOWS, Calif., April 11, 2023** — Personal-use firewood permits are now on sale for wood collection from the Mendocino National Forest. The permit and tags cost \$2.00 per cord with a minimum purchase required of \$20 for 10 cords. The maximum number of cords that can be purchased is 12 cords per household. Permits are valid through December 31, 2023.

Visitors can purchase a permit in person at the Supervisor's Office in Willows or from the Upper Lake District Office. It is suggested to bring a completed [permit request form](#) to ease the purchase.

### Supervisor's Office

825 N. Humboldt Ave  
Willows, CA 95988  
(530) 934-3316  
Mon – Fri 8:30am-12pm/1-4pm

### Upper Lake District Office

10025 Elk Mountain Rd  
Upper Lake, CA 95485  
(707) 275-2361  
Call for days & hours

Permits may also be obtained via mail by downloading a firewood permit request form at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mendocino/firewood> and following the mail-in instructions. Please allow three weeks to receive the permit, tags and the map of cutting areas on the forest. A third-party authorization form to allow another person to cut wood for the permit-holder is also available upon request.

It is illegal to remove firewood from the forest without a valid permit. Any wood removed from the forest must be dead and on the ground. The maximum length for a piece of wood to be removed is 6 feet.

A cord of wood is a well-stacked pile measuring 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet. A chart with truck bed sizes and approximate cord capacity is available online at <https://bit.ly/3kxoocW>.

Firewood collected within Lake and Mendocino counties is subject to state and federal quarantines to limit the spread of the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) pathogen. Firewood taken from these counties can only be transported into other SOD quarantined counties,

including Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity counties.

After several rounds of winter storms, access into the forest on both county roads and forest roads has been significantly impacted. Visitors should call or check for latest conditions and closure alerts at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mendocino/alerts-notices>

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The Mendocino National Forest consists of 913,306 acres along northern California's coastal range. The forest includes the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, four designated wilderness areas, two designated wild and scenic rivers, Red Bluff Recreation Area, and the Chico Seed Orchard. Headquartered in Willows, the forest maintains district offices in the communities of Covelo and Upper Lake. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.