



FREE USE PERMIT

DCC FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMIT

Date: _____

Phone No.: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

In accordance with Section 48(1)(b) of the *Forest Act*, this letter is a Free Use Permit which authorizes you to cut and remove firewood, for personal use only, within the Cariboo-Chilcotin Natural Resource District, subject to the following conditions:

Definition: **FIREWOOD** is round or split blocks of wood cut on site from dead-standing or dead-down trees for heating and/or cooking purposes. Firewood ranges in lengths up to 60 cm. The cutting or manufacturing of ties or any other forest products other than firewood is prohibited. No timber may be sold.

1. Trees and logs must be utilized to a 5 centimetre top diameter. Stump height shall be as low as practical, and in no case higher than 30 centimetres.
2. Clear all debris from roads, roadside ditches and streams, and lop all branches from felled trees and scatter them close to the ground.
3. The maximum volume to be cut under this specific authorization is 15 cords (or 50 m³) per annum. (*A cord is four feet by four feet by eight feet*). This permit limits up to six (6) cords per Legal Property Address per year.
4. Timber must be cut on vacant Crown land only. Onus is on person(s) cutting firewood to ensure they are on vacant Crown land which is not subject to any harvesting agreements.
5. This authority may be cancelled at any time for violation of conditions or requirements contained herein.
6. A copy of this letter must be in the hands of the person or persons representing the above while the cutting and/or transporting of firewood is in progress and is to be presented to the forest officer upon request.

Not authorized to:

1. Cut any trees marked for the preservation of wildlife or any trees showing obvious signs of wildlife use (ie: cavities, nests, foraging marks, etc).
2. Cut any live, green trees (coniferous or deciduous)
3. Cut dead standing Douglas Fir trees over 65cm (25.6 inches) in diameter at a 30cm (1 foot) stump height.
4. Clear or construct any access trails.
5. Cut any trees with intentions of leaving them, which could pose a risk to future forest health issues.
6. Cut any trees within a legally established Old Growth Management Areas or Old Growth Deferral Areas –see webmap link
7. Cut into or remove any Forest Company’s coniferous or deciduous logs decks or waste piles without permissions as doing so is an infraction against the Forest and Range Practices Act and may be subject to a minimum fine of \$173 and /or criminal charges of theft under the Criminal Code of Canada.
8. Cut any trees from First Nations Woodlands Licence areas, Community Forest Agreement areas or Woodlot Licence areas without permissions. See webmap link
9. Cut any trees in Parks, Recreation Areas or Campsites
10. Cut any trees within fifty (50) metres of any lake or stream.
11. No use of industrial equipment and/or use motor vehicles to skid or drag timber.

This authority terminates on **March 31, 2026**, at which time all rights shall cease.

Yours truly,



Harold Stolar
District Manager
Cariboo-Chilcotin Natural Resource District

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Links:

Permits by Region and Forest District: [Firewood permits - Province of British Columbia](#)
Interactive Webmap Link: [Firewood Cutting Prohibited Areas](#)

Special Tree Protection Regulation:

The regulation came into effect on September 11, 2020. The regulation protects large standing trees on Crown land, as well as private land that is subject to an agreement under the Forest Act.

Details regarding species and diameter limits can be found at the following link :

[Special Tree Protection Regulation](#)

Please report anyone involved in illegal harvesting activities to 1 877 952-7277