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FREE USE PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD

Permitee: _____ Date of Issue: _____

Address: _____

Geographic Location of Firewood Cutting: _____

This permit does not authorize cutting of firewood from private lands.

Pursuant to Section 49 of the *Forest Act* authority is hereby granted to cut up to 25 cubic metres (7 cords) of firewood on vacant Crown Land in the Rocky Mountain Forest District only, subject to the following conditions:

1. Firewood cut under this permit is for the Permitee's own use; and shall not be sold.
2. This permit must be carried at all times while cutting or transporting firewood – permit is not transferable.
3. Firewood cutting is **PROHIBITED** on research trail areas, recreation areas and campsites. Firewood cutting is **not permitted** on Woodlots, active logging areas or decked timber that is marked for removal, unless approved by the tenure holder. The onus is on the permittee to ensure cutting takes place on vacant Crown land.
4. The Permitee must not use any logging equipment, except power saws, for operations under this permit.
5. **Only dead trees may be cut** (standing or down). Trees with broken tops or freshly blown down trees are not to be cut if they have green needles. Larch trees lose their needles in the fall and extra care should be taken to avoid cutting live trees.
6. Wildlife Protection: Care shall be taken not to cut or remove any trees greater than 60 cm (about 2 feet) in diameter or showing signs of wildlife use (i.e. cavities, nests). Trees posted with a "Wildlife Tree" sign are reserved from cutting. It is an offence under the *Wildlife Act* to destroy any active bird nest.
7. Timber may not be cut within 50 meters of any stream.
8. No timber shall be left leaning, hanging, or in any condition that jeopardizes the safety of others. All branches the safety of others. All branches shall not be cut off the trees felled, and the branches scattered. Debris must be cleared from roads and ditches.
9. The Permitee assumes all risk of loss or injury and will indemnify and save harmless the Crown from all claims, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result directly or indirectly of the activities carried out in the connection with this permit.
10. All firewood must be cut into stove lengths before transport. **Lengths must not exceed 1.2 metres (47 inches) except cedar, which must not exceed 0.6 metres (23.6 inches).**
11. The Permitee is hereby exempted from the scaling requirements of Section 94(5) and the timber marking requirements of Section 84(5) of the *Forest Act*, for firewood.
12. The Permitee must comply with requirements of all legislation applicable of activities or operations associated with this permit.

Permit is not valid until signed by the Permitee and expires one (1) year from the date of issue.

Permitee

Paul Picard RPF Forest Officer, Rocky Mountain Resource District