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**FREE USE PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD**

PERMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic Location of Firewood Cutting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pursuant to Section 48 (1) (b) of the *Forest Act*, authority is hereby granted to cut up to 10 cubic metres of firewood on vacant Crown Land in the Skeena Stikine Resource District only. The Skeena Stikine Resource District does not collect a stumpage fee for firewood, provided the following conditions are complied with:

1. Firewood must be for personal use only – not for resale or commercial purposes. If you would like to sell firewood, you are required to contact the district office to obtain a Forestry Licence to Cut.
2. Firewood cutting is **PROHIBITED** on research trial areas, parks, ecological reserves, recreation areas, campsites, and other “no cutting” areas such as Wildlife Tree Patches. The cutting of trees marked by the Ministry of Environment for the preservation of wildlife, snags greater than forty (40) centimetres in diameter, and Culturally Modified Trees is also **PROHIBITED**.
3. Safety equipment must be utilized when falling and bucking trees – this includes (but is not limited to) hard hats, high visibility vests, and bucking chaps.
4. To protect archaeological values, firewood cutting is not allowed within one hundred (100) metres of lakes and streams.
5. You must obtain permission of the landowner before cutting firewood on private land.
6. Firewood cutting is **not permitted** on Woodlots, Community Forests, Woodland Tenures, and active logging areas unless approved by the tenure holder.\* This includes the cutting of decked timber that is marked for removal. The onus is on the Permittee to ensure cutting takes place on vacant Crown Land.

\* See map for location of these licences.

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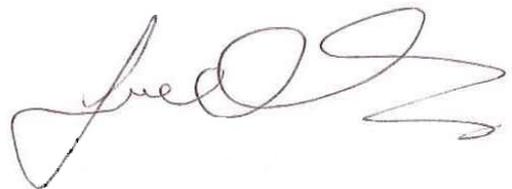
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7. Cut only dead standing or downed trees (no red needles) or deciduous trees (aspen and birch).
8. Stumps shall be as low as practicable and in no case higher than **30 cm**.
9. All felled trees must be utilized.
10. Refrain from using motor vehicles to skid or drag timber.
11. All harvesting to be done with chainsaw and transported by pickup truck or pickup truck with trailer.
12. The branches and tops of trees should be lopped and scattered as low as possible to the ground.
13. Ensure trees are not fallen on to roads, and any debris must be cleaned up from the road and ditches.
- 14. Firewood must be cut in lengths less than 60 centimetres (24 inches) for transporting.**
15. No timber shall be left leaning, hanging, or in any condition that jeopardizes the safety of others.
16. The Permittee assumes all risk of loss or injury and will indemnify and save harmless the Crown from all claims, costs, expenses, and losses incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result directly or indirectly of the activities carried out in connection with this permit.
17. Some roads have active logging operations seven (7) days a week. The Permittee shall watch for industrial traffic and adhere to road signs.
18. Failure to comply with conditions of this permit is a contravention of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and may be subject to a minimum fine of \$173.
19. This permit is subject to the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the *Forest Act*, and accompanying regulations. The Permittee must carry this permit at all times, while cutting or transporting firewood, and must produce it upon request of a Forest Officer/Official, Conservation Officer, or a Peace Officer.
20. This permit is limited to the following general geographic location: Skeena Stikine Natural Resource District.
- 21. This permit expires March 31, 2017.**

This Permit is not valid unless signed by the applicant.



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SIGNATURE OF PERMITTEE

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JEVAN HANCHARD, R.P.F. District Manager

Attachment: Important Best Practices

## IMPORTANT BEST PRACTICES

Falling and bucking of trees is a dangerous activity and should only be done by those with the training and experience to do it safely. Wear protective clothing and have the safety equipment necessary for the job. Make sure your power saw is in good condition and equipped with safety devices. Work with a partner and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Be sure to carry a first aid kit with you. The Worker's Compensation Board's *Fallers' and Buckers' Handbook* is a great source of information regarding safety equipment and practices. Only experienced fallers with hazard tree training are permitted to fall trees within one and one half (1½) tree lengths of electrical transmission or telephone lines.

Forests are often very dry during the summer months, and a small spark from your power saw or cigarette can result in a fire that consumes hundreds of hectares of our forests. **IF YOU SPOT A FOREST FIRE, PLEASE CALL 1-800-663-5555 OR \*5555 on your cell phone.**

You will assume responsibility for any damage, injury, claim, or expense the Crown faces as a result directly or indirectly from the activities carried out in conjunction with your firewood cutting. Remember that forest roads are often only wide enough for single lane traffic, so please drive cautiously. Use your headlights and watch for loaded logging trucks, especially on blind corners. Obey the warning signs and park well off the travelled part of the road when stopping.

For your interest, a typical pick-up truck holds about three-quarters of a cord of wood and takes two people about three hours to cut, split, and load.

Before starting your stove or fireplace, check your chimney for creosote build-up and check for cracks and deterioration in your heating unit and chimney. Well-seasoned (dry) wood burns best. Don't litter, be careful, and enjoy our forest.