

JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
FIREWOOD GATHERING PERMITS

Questions and Answers

Can I get a permit to gather firewood on the Jackson Demonstration State Forest?

- Firewood permits are only offered for sale if there is a sufficient supply of wood available in a publically accessible area after a commercial sale.
- In 2014, firewood permits were on sale between June 30th and July 31st; in 2015 when they are going to be sold, JDSF will put a notice in our office window and issue a press release. You can also call the office at (707) 964-5674 Monday-Friday from 8am to noon, and 1pm to 5pm. If you call after hours or on a weekend, press 104 to listen to the current JDSF announcements.
- Permits are limited to one per household, and can only be purchased at our office located at 802 N Main St in Fort Bragg during business hours.

How much firewood can I get and how much does it cost?

- Permits cost \$20 for 2 cords of wood. 8 load tags will be issued with your permit, along with a map of the wood cutting location(s).

What are load tags and how are they used?

- They are 1 ½ in. by 4 in. brightly colored tags printed with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection logo that contains areas for punching out the month and day the tags are used.
- The necessary number of clearly punched and dated tags must be securely attached in a visible location to the rear of your load of firewood before leaving the cutting site.
- Permits and tags assigned are valid only until October 1st of the year they are issued or until the sale is officially closed; you cannot save them for next year or turn them in for new tags.

How many tags will I need for each load?

- That depends on the size of your haul vehicle. You are issued 8 tags with your 2 cord permit, and each tag will be worth ¼ cord or portion thereof, and a guide is issued with your permit to determine how many tags to use. Make sure to stack firewood loads tightly to maximize value.

What if my tags are lost or stolen?

- Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced. Tags are consecutively numbered, with these numbers assigned to your permit only. To cut and transport firewood you must have both your permit and your tags to be legal. No one else may use your permit or tags, and the person named on the permit must be present when cutting/hauling.
- **Collecting without a permit or in violation of the permit is a Misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000.00, six months in jail, or both.**

How will tags be checked?

- Any Forest or Peace Officer may stop you to check your permit and tags. If you are traveling on the road and a patrol vehicle signals for you to stop, find the nearest safe place to pull off the road. You will also need to have a valid form of identification to verify you are the person named on the permit.