

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS and NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS
FREE USE PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD (2012)

Valid only within the Selkirk Resource District
(Columbia, Arrow Boundary, Kootenay Lake Forest Districts)

This is your Free Use Permit which allows you to cut dead and down wood for firewood (maximum 5 cords) in the Selkirk Resource District. Pursuant to Section 94(5) of the *Forest Act*, and Section 10(5) of the *Timber Marking and Transportation Regulation*, firewood covered under this free use permit is exempt from the scaling and marking requirements. This permit is subject to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA), the *Forest Act* and accompanying regulations. The permittee must fill out, sign and carry the permit at all times, while cutting or transporting firewood, and must produce this permit at the request of a Forest Officer/Official, Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer. This permit is not transferable.

I, _____ (FULL NAME OF PERMITTEE)

of (Home address): _____

HEREBY apply for a Free Use Permit to cut firewood for personal use and NOT for sale.

I hereby agree to the following:

1. Only **DEAD** conifer trees (standing or down) or live and dead deciduous trees (birch aspen, cottonwood) may be cut for firewood. Conifer trees with broken tops, or if they have been blown down can **ONLY** be cut for firewood if there are no green needles left on the tree. Please be aware that live larch trees do not have needles on them in late fall, winter and early spring months. Dead cedar must not be cut for firewood.
2. **DO NOT** cut standing leave trees within a cutblock area.
3. 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 (see next page). Watch especially for trees posted with a "Wildlife Tree" sign. It is an offence under the *Wildlife Act* to destroy any active bird nest. Look carefully before you cut!
4. Cutting of **any** decked logs is **PROHIBITED** and may be subject to criminal charges.
5. Firewood gathering is **PROHIBITED** within Provincial Parks, Woodlots; Harrop-Procter, Slocan, Nakusp and Creston Valley Community Forest Agreement areas, Mt MacPherson ski area/demonstration forest, active logging areas, research trial areas, recreation areas and campsites or in areas where a road closure is in effect or road access restrictions are posted.
6. It will be the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure they are cutting on vacant crown land.
7. Stumps will not be higher than thirty (30) centimeters (1 foot) from the ground. No tree shall be left leaning, hanging or in any other condition that jeopardizes the safety of other forest users.
8. The maximum length of firewood pieces shall not exceed 1.2m (less than 4 ft.) in length.
9. All branches shall be lopped from the trees felled, and the branches shall be scattered as to not cause an accumulation. The debris must be cleared from roads, roadside ditches, culvert inlets and outlets prior to leaving the area with a load of firewood.
10. No tree will be cut within 10 meters of any stream.
11. The permittee assumes all risk of loss or injury and will indemnify and save harmless the Crown of and 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 connection with this permit.
12. The Permittee shall not use machinery to haul out firewood from the cutting area under this permit. Power saws may be used for falling and bucking.
13. The Permittee shall make themselves familiar with and abide by any published notice in respect to the *Wildfire Act* (Note: whenever you cut, you must have at least one useable shovel and one useable fire extinguisher present at all times.)
14. Failure to abide by any of the above conditions will result in immediate cancellation of this permit, possible forfeiture of the timber

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and/or issuance of a violation ticket or other monetary penalty under the *Administrative Remedies Regulation*.

Many roads have active industrial traffic. Do not block access roads with vehicle or firewood. Drive safely!

This permit is not valid until it is signed by the Applicant and expires on December 31, 2012.

DATE

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE

This permit is issued by: Garth Wiggill, District Manager, of the Arrow Boundary, Kootenay Lake, Columbia Forest District; Selkirk Resource District.

WHAT CONSTITUTES GOOD WILDLIFE TREE HABITAT?

When considering the needs of wildlife it is important to recognize that all trees are not equal in value. Given the large number of wildlife tree-dependent species and wide range of wildlife uses of these trees, there can be no simple system for determining which trees provide the best habitat for wildlife. The most significant indicators of wildlife tree quality are the height and diameter, decay stage, location, distribution and cause of death.



Wildlife Tree

Characteristics:

- greater than 15 m in height preferable
- greater than 30 cm dbh preferable (interior)
- greater than 70 cm dbh preferable (coastal)
- tree classes 2-6 most valuable
- windfirm, sound root system
- broken top
- some large branches
- some intact bark with space behind loose bark
- nest cavities, feeding excavations
- some evidence of decay (visible fungal conks or open cavity)