1. A permit is required to cut firewood on the Buchanan State Forest. The permit must be in your possession while you are cutting and hauling wood. You are required to show the permit upon request of a Forestry Representative.

2. You must be prepared to explain the location of the wood you plan to harvest prior to receiving the permit. The permit is good only for the location listed on the permit.

3. Permit is not transferable – permit must be written for the person cutting or gathering the wood.

4. Firewood permits are for standing dead or dead and down trees only. DO NOT CUT LIVE TREES. Felling of trees must not damage other trees or saplings.

5. Stump height shall not exceed the diameter of the stump or 12 inches, whichever is smaller.

6. Firewood cut from State Forest is for personal use only and may not be resold.

7. Firewood cutting is not permitted in any Wild or Natural Area or in areas marked for timber sales.

8. Only one tree may be cut at a time. This tree must be completely loaded, and all debris removed before cutting another.

9. Debris must be pulled back at least 25 feet from all roads, trails, streams, and boundary lines.

10. Blocking drainage ditches, pipes and other structures is prohibited.

11. Vehicles are not permitted off roads or drivable trails.

12. Hand Carry Wood ONLY, any mechanized removal of fuelwood from the forest is prohibited without written authorization of the District Forester.

13. One cord entitles the permit holder to 2 loads in an 8-foot or 3 loads for a 6-foot truck bed. Loads of wood must be stacked even to the cargo bed or truck not mounded above the top of the bed.

14. Fires are not permitted. You must make every effort to extinguish forest fires.

15. Don’t move firewood long distances or across state lines. It is recommended not to move firewood over 50 miles to prevent the spread of insects and diseases.

16. Please keep the forest clean. Carry your trash home with you. THANK YOU!

**PLEASE CUT SAFELY**

Work with a Companion! Check Inside for Recommended Personal Protective Equipment.

**FIREWOOD FACTS**

- Denser, heavier woods contain more heat than lighter woods for a given volume.
- A standard cord is a stack of wood 4’ x 4’ x 8’ and contains 128 cubic feet. The actual volume of wood is about 68 cubic feet, the rest is air, bark, etcetera.
- Wood should be dried as much as possible before burning (6 to 12 months). Air-dried wood has about 20 to 25% more available heat than green wood since less heat is lost driving out moisture during burning.
- A cord of air-dried hardwood has the heating equivalent of about 1 ton of coal, 230 gallons of fuel oil, or 28,000 cubic feet of natural gas.
- The best time to cut firewood is during the winter and early spring, before leaf-out, since moisture content is lowest then.
According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), more people are killed while felling trees than during any other logging activity. Personal protective equipment (PPE) and trim-fitting clothing (not baggy or ragged) should be worn every time you operate your chainsaw. Recommended PPE is described below:

**A hard hat outfitted with earmuffs and a screen full face shield offers the best protection for your eyes, ears and head.**

*Average Cost: $50.00*

**A sturdy steel toe work boot or at least an above-the-ankle leather work boot gives you support on uneven ground and protects from crushing/binding accidents to feet.**

*Average Cost: $100.00*

**Leather gloves will protect you from splinters and poisonous plants.**

*Average Cost: $10.00*

**Chainsaw chaps protect you by stopping the chain with dense fibers as illustrated in the picture. You should look for chaps that are 6 ply, wrap around, and long enough to protect the ankle.**

*Average Cost: $95.00*

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*Average Cost: $100.00*

**LEGS**

Leg injuries account for nearly 40% of all chainsaw injuries. Chainsaw chaps protect you by stopping the chain with dense fibers as illustrated in the picture. You should look for chaps that are 6 ply, wrap around, and long enough to protect the ankle.

*Average Cost: $95.00*

Safety must be your primary concern when approaching a tree to cut. The Bureau of Forestry strongly supports and encourages the use of Personal Protective Equipment when fuel wood cutting. With these safety items we hope that you have productive and safe fuel wood cutting season.