

**BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREA (CORE)
FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMIT**

FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY

Firewood Permit No. _____

Amount Received \$ _____

Check No. _____

This permit is issued to _____, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee," and authorizes the Permittee to cut firewood in designated areas on portions of the Blackfoot Community Conservation Area (BCCA) owned by the Blackfoot Challenge, hereinafter referred to as "BCCA Core."

This permit shall be effective from **July 1 through November 15, 20**____.

CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Firewood cutting is only permitted in areas designated by the BCCA Land Steward. Do not cut any standing or downed trees within 200 feet of any stream bed, lake shore or wetland.
2. Firewood cutters will stay on established roads and/or designated routes. Roads with tree regrowth on the roadbed shall be considered "not established", and thereby closed to motorized use. Roads closed with downed wood and/or felled trees are also closed to motorized use. Vehicles will access only those roads necessary to reach the permitted harvesting area.
3. The maximum amount of firewood to be removed hereunder is **five (5) cords**. An administrative charge of **\$15.00** will be assessed for this firewood cutting permit.
4. Firewood may only be cut from dead and/or downed trees. Firewood lengths will not exceed eight (8) feet. Use of logging trucks for the removal of firewood will not be permitted.
5. The firewood is cut for the PERMITTEE'S USE ONLY, and is not to be sold (1 permit per family). Resale of firewood is strictly prohibited.
6. Use of roads during wet conditions is prohibited.
7. Do not cut standing dead trees or down logs with signs, tags or paint marks on them.
8. Remove from the road surface, road bank, and draining ditches all debris resulting from firewood cutting. Do not litter or dump garbage. Do not block traffic on any road during cutting.
9. The Permittee, by signing this permit, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Blackfoot Challenge, its officers, employees, contractors and subcontractors, from any and all loss, liability or damage whatsoever for injury to person or property while working under this permit whether arising from condition of the property, negligence of others on or off the property or accident.
10. This permit must be in the Permittee's possession when cutting and transporting firewood.
11. Permittee will comply with all State fire regulations (i.e. shovel, fire extinguisher, spark arresters, etc.)

12. Land owned by the Blackfoot Challenge will be patrolled for compliance with the conditions of this permit. This permit must be presented upon request for inspection of compliance.
13. Permittee, by signing this permit, agrees to adhere to and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Firewood Cutting Permit as detailed hereon, as well as the **Information Sheet for Firewood Cutters** as shown on the following page.
14. Permittee must complete the information requested on the lower half.
15. The Blackfoot Challenge has the right to revoke this permit upon learning of any deliberate violation of this permit.
16. Additional Conditions:

Vehicle to be used to remove firewood:

Make _____ Model _____ License No. _____
 Address _____ Phone No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Permittee _____ Date _____
 Sold by _____ Date _____

INFORMATION SHEET FOR FIREWOOD CUTTERS

**FIREWOOD CUTTING UNDER THIS PERMIT IS ONLY ALLOWED
 UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Follow all conditions outlined in the Firewood Cutting Permit. Firewood cutting shall only take place in designated locations identified by the BCCA Land Steward. Violations of the permit conditions can result in criminal or civil action and/or suspension of the permit privileges.
2. We ask for your cooperation in observing all rights of private landowners. This permit is only valid on property owned by the Blackfoot Challenge. You must obtain permission to enter all other private landownership. No firewood cutting is allowed behind locked gates, on restricted use roads, or in other areas closed to firewood cutting, without written authorization by the Blackfoot Challenge.
3. State of Montana fire season officially begins May 1st and ends September 30th; in some years the fire season is extended beyond September 30th. During the fire season it is important to observe all state fire regulations. Use of a power saw requires the operator to have an 8-ounce liquid-chemical or 1-pound dry-chemical fire extinguisher and a shovel in the immediate area. The saw must have a screen-type arrestor installed.
4. During wet periods, stay off of forest roads. Vehicle tires may rut the road surface and possibly degrade water quality in the area.
5. DO NOT drive off of established roads; erosion, tree damage and weed spread often result.

