

Bridger-Teton National Forest

## **Forest Service News Release**

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## Public Firewood Gathering Opportunity at Togwotee Lodge

**Moran Wyo., September 27, 2024**– Approximately 700 cords of firewood located at Togwotee Lodge are stacked in log decks from the Fish Creek Fire suppression operations and are available to the public for firewood gathering with a permit. The decks contain Engelmann spruce and some lodge pole pine. They are easily accessible and located off the Togwotee Lodge Road.

A valid, hard copy, personal use fuelwood permit will be required. Wood cutters can take up to 10 cords of firewood per household for personal use under the personal use permit. Normal firewood permit restrictions and requirements will apply. Please do not travel more than 300 feet from any road while gathering the firewood.

These decks, or piles of logs exceeding 10-feet in length, were formed from fire suppression activities and the logs are full length. The Bridger-Teton reminds firewood gatherers that fuel wood permits only allow logs of 8-feet or less to be removed. This means one will still have to buck the logs into the appropriate lengths prior to leaving the area.

Woodcutters should exercise caution when cutting from decks, and please be courteous and respectful of other woodcutters. As access to the area is through a mountain resort area, woodcutters are asked to be respectful of the nearby business and exercise extreme caution while driving on the road. Togwotee lodge closes for the season on Tuesday, October 1, and no services will be available at the lodge.

There are multiple decks in the area of the Fish Creek Fire and some are available to the public for fuelwood, and others are not yet ready because fire personnel are still stacking wood. The firewood that is available from the Fish Creek Fire is only the wood in the Togwotee Lodge area. The Shoshone National Forest and the Bridger-Teton National Forest will be issuing subsequent public notice as additional wood piles become available.

The permit is for personal-use firewood only, not for resale. No commercial permits are available. Firewood permits cost \$7.00 per cord, with a minimum purchase of five cords, for \$35.00. A cord is the amount of wood in a stack 4-feet wide, 4-feet high and

8- feet long. Permits are valid through the calendar year and can be purchased 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Blackrock Ranger District Office, 20250 US-26 #287, Moran, WY 83013. The office is closed on holidays and weekends. For more information, call 307-543-2386.

As the wood is no longer in the operational area of fire suppression activities, contact the Bridger-Teton National Forest with any questions at 307-739-5500. In the event of emergency, dial 911 for local response. For other news, events and information visit <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf</u> or follow the Bridger-Teton National Forest on Facebook <u>@BridgerTetonNF</u> or on X (formerly Twitter) <u>@BridgerTetonNF</u>.

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