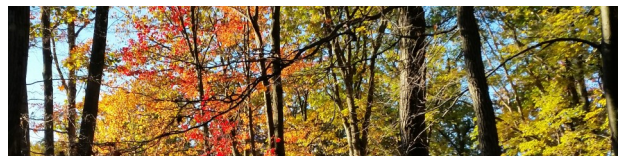


Guidelines

**This wood is for personal use only.
Resale is prohibited.**

1. Individual fuelwood permits are sold by the standard rough cord at a price of \$20.00 per cord. All permits expire in thirty (30) days and are dated the day they are written. Only two roads, areas, or trails may be listed on a permit. Up to 10 cords per household may be issued per year.
2. Removal of fuelwood is not permitted in designated Natural or Wild Areas, State Parks, or State Forest Picnic Areas. Other areas of this forest may be posted as “closed” to fuelwood cutting, or listed on the restriction list as closed to cutting. Permits cannot be issued for these areas.
3. A standard rough cord is a stack of wood 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long (128 cubic feet including air space). A cord weighs between 5,000 and 5,500 pounds. It is approximately equal to 2 standard pickup truck loads filled level with the top of the bed.
4. Your receipt is your permit to remove dead fuelwood from Bald Eagle State Forest District land, subject to any additional restrictions listed on the permit. A permit is not transferrable. The time limit will not be extended. **A permit may be suspended or revoked at any time for violations of State Forest Rules and Regulations. Each individual transporting fuelwood from State forest land must have a valid individual permit in his/her possession which must be shown to a DCNR Ranger or State Forest Officer upon request.**
5. Stumps must be cut as low as possible. Maximum stump height is 12 inches.
6. **All debris must be removed from road surfaces, ditches, and culverts.** A leaf rake will make the job easier.
7. Brush and tops shall be moved back 25 feet from roads, trails, and streams.
8. Cutting of live trees or any tree marked with any color of paint is prohibited unless written permission is listed on the permit.
9. Hand-carry only from woods to vehicle. Non-motorized wheelbarrows are permitted. There is no motorized access off-road: no skidding, no winching, no vehicle access.
10. Cutting of fuelwood is prohibited in active timber sale areas.
11. For SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - hard hats, ear, eye, and leg protection must be worn when cutting wood.
12. If you notice a hole in the tree, please consider not cutting it. These trees are valuable for wildlife as dens.
13. **This permit does not authorize you to cross any private lands. No permits will be issued for any areas that are not directly accessible from public roads (i.e., state highway, township and county roads, or state forest roads).** Exceptions can be granted to individuals who furnish written proof of access to the area. The proof must contain the signatures of all landowners who may have a vested interest in any lands or right-of-way between public roads and state forest lands. The burden of proof and liability for any damages to private lands is directly on the permittee.
14. Do not move firewood more than 50 miles, and not across state borders. This decreases the chance of spreading invasive, tree-killing insects.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Fuelwood Permits BESF Firewood Cutting Guidelines

This brochure contains current regulations regarding cutting and removal of dead fuelwood in Bald Eagle State Forest. Compliance with these regulations is necessary to ensure a sustainable supply of fuelwood while supporting forest health.

Please follow the regulations.
Non-compliance could make further restrictions necessary to protect forest resources and your future wood supply.

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Fuelwood Permits Bald Eagle State Forest



From April 1st to November 1st, many BESF roads are restricted to no felling of standing trees. Only down and dead wood may be cut in these areas during this timeframe, with a permit.

A map with a list of these roads is available.

Utilizing Dead or Fallen Trees

- Guidelines
- Permit Information
- Locations with Restrictions
- PPE and Safety



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Fuelwood Permit Required Info:

The District Office of Bald Eagle State Forest (BESF) is open from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

You may also mail in a request for a permit. Please include the following:

- 1. First and last name
- 2. Full mailing address
- 3. Telephone number
- 4. License plate number(s) of the vehicle(s) being used for transport
- 5. How many cords of wood you are requesting (\$20/cord, no tax)
- 6. Name of up to two roads in BESF where you wish to cut
- 7. Check made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"
- 8. A self-addressed and stamped return envelope

Mail the request to:
DCNR - Bureau of Forestry
Bald Eagle State Forest District
18865 Old Turnpike Road
Millmont, PA 17845

Use Firewood Locally

The spotted lanternfly is a huge threat to today's agriculture and trees. Its quarantine area currently includes all Counties within BESF.

If seen, please kill immediately and report to 1-888-4BADFLY.

Learn more about SLF



Fuelwood Location Restrictions
NO CUTTING IN THESE AREAS
(Rev. June 22, 2023)

Eastville Division:
(Northern BESF)

- **Boyer Gap Road** - north side from powerline to Sand Mountain Road (Halfway Run Natural Area)
- **Cranberry Road** - not accessible to public traffic, Water Company Gate. Natural Area on west side of road, deer fence on east side of road
- **Sand Mountain Road** - south side from power line to Boyer Gap Road (Halfway Run Natural Area)
- **Rag Valley Road** - south side, beginning approx. 0.4 mi. from the intersection with Riansares Rd., extending west 3.16 mi.
- **Rte 192**—South side of road next to RB Winter State Park to Oley Camp Road
- **Schwenks Gap Road** - The entire north side of the road both sides of the road west of the powerline.
- **Garden Hollow Road** - The west side of the road between Duncan trail and Breon Road.
- **White Deer Creek**—From Running Gap to McCall Dam Rd.
- **Zimmerman Road**—South side starting at intersection of Mohn Mill to Bucks Gap Trail.
- **Engle Rd**
- **Black Gap Rd**—From White Deer Creek to Engle Rd

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):

- Hard Hat
- Ear Protection
- Eye Protection (safety goggles)
- Leg Protection (chaps)



Safety Measures

- Always work with a companion
- Wear orange during hunting seasons
- State forest roads may sometimes be unsafe due to hazardous weather conditions. Stay alert. These roads are not maintained during winter.

Hickernell Division:
(Central BESF)

- **Southern Slope of Buffalo Mountain** - Bartley Gap to Buffalo Gap. Must have proof of access, signed by private landowner and dated with the current year. This includes Shady Lane, Polly Pine Road, Hartley Township dump, Eureka Camp and Sand Springs Camp
- **Jones Mountain Road** - south side from powerline to Pine Creek Road (Hook Natural Area)
- **Pine Creek Road** - south side from Buffalo Path to Kessler Trail (Hook Natural Area)
- **Sharpback Hollow Road** - north side from Old Shingle Road to Kessler Trail (Hook Natural Area)
- **Old Shingle Road** - north side from powerline west to Negro Hollow Road (Hook Natural Area)
- **Bear Run Road** - south side from private land to Woodward Gap Road (Bear Run Natural Area)
- **Cherry Run Road** - east side from Woodward Gap Road to private land (Bear Run Natural Area) AND west side of road from intersection with Old Mingle Road, south to state forest boundary in Penns Creek Wild Area
- **Shade Mtn Road** - Between Ritchfield path to Beaver Tower Rd. (South Side)
- **Shade Mtn Road**— From Game Refuge Trail to Paxtonville/ Bear Spring Trail (South Side) From eastern State Forest Boundary to Van Horn Haul Road (Both Sides)
- **Weikert Run Road** - north side of road in Penns Creek Wild Area
- **Old Mingle Road** - entire south side AND north side from intersection with Lick Hollow Road to Penns Creek (Penns Creek Wild Area)
- **Longwell Draft Road** - north side of road from Hoofnagle Road west to Long Path in Penns Creek Wild Area
- **Weikert Run Road**— From state forest boundary west of White Mountain Rd. west to Green Gap Trail.

New Lancaster Valley Division:
(Southern / Western BESF)

- **Havice Valley Road** - east side of road from Long Path to Penns Creek in Penns Creek Wild Area
- **Poe Paddy Drive** - north side from Poe Paddy State Park to 0.2 miles west of Penns View Vista (Penns Creek Wild Area)
- **Pine Ridge Trail** - The entire drivable length to Krebs Gap Trail
- **High Top Trail** - from Pine Ridge Trail to Pardee's Tram Trail

1 pickup truckload = approx. 1/2

