

## Keeping your tree fresh...

Because trees begin to lose moisture as soon as they are cut, they should be put into water as soon as possible. This helps avoid discoloring and drooping of the needles. As soon as a tree is brought to your home or other place of use, store it in a cool, shady spot with the butt end placed in water, sprinkling the branches and foliage with water daily.

Cutting the butt diagonally (preferably with a saw) about an inch above the original cut will aid absorption of water. An evergreen will absorb an astonishing amount of water through the butt. Most of this is soon lost by evaporation through the foliage.

## ...Keeping your tree safe

The following tips can help keep your tree safe for about four to six weeks.

- ❄ Keep the butt end standing in a container of water during the time the tree is in the house.
- ❄ Be sure the tree is well supported and is away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, or other sources of heat.
- ❄ Check electrical lights and connections.

## Christmas Tree Cutting and Woodcutting Permits on the Plumas National Forest

Please note that your permit **DOES NOT** authorize Christmas Tree cutting or woodcutting on private land within the Forest or excluded areas indicated on the map. Violations of the terms of the permit may result in a citation.

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## Plumas National Forest Woodcutting and Christmas Tree Cutting Map

For all Christmas Tree and wood cutting you must have both the map and permit with you while cutting and transporting your Christmas Tree or firewood. Please be sure to review the conditions of the permit.

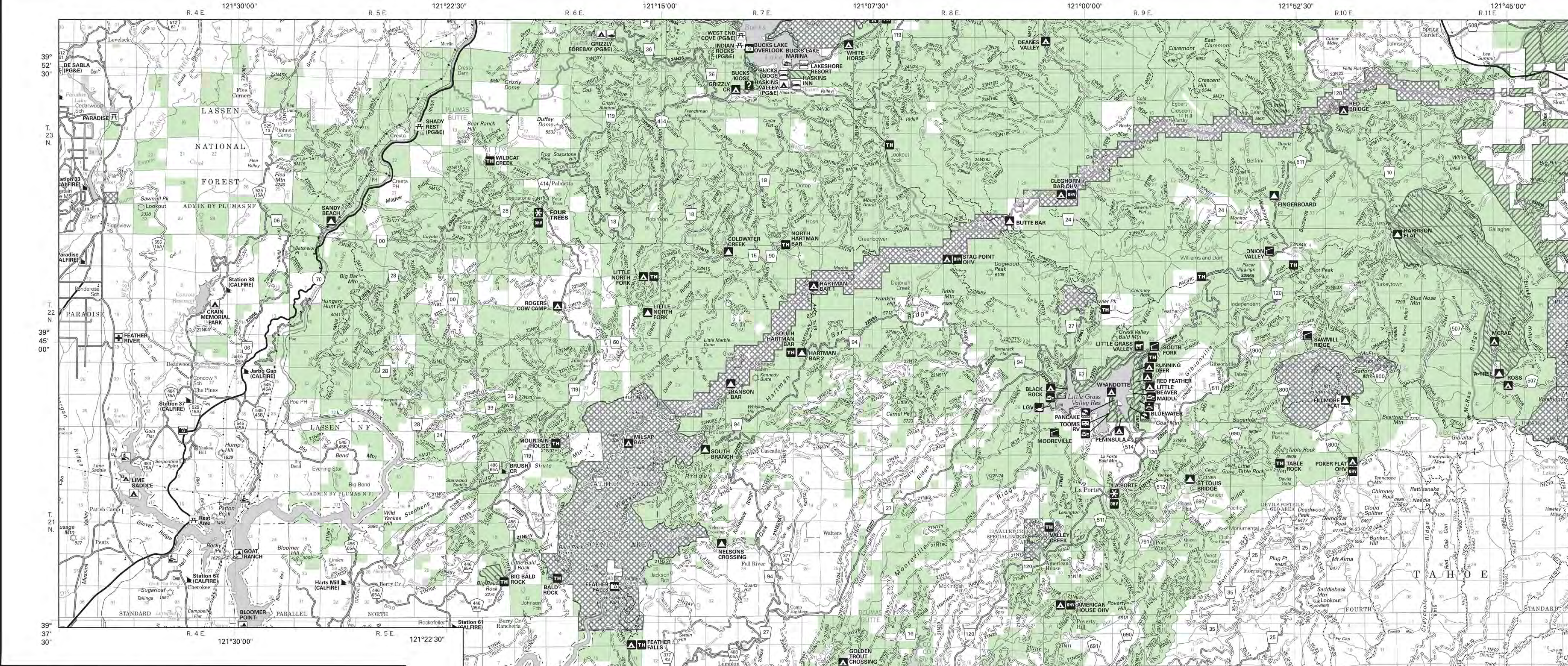
For additional information about the Plumas National Forest, please call or visit:

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| Mt. Hough Ranger District<br>39696 Hwy. 70<br>Quincy, CA 95971<br>(530) 283-0555                 | Feather River Ranger District<br>875 Mitchell Ave<br>Oroville, CA 95965<br>(530) 534-6500 | Greenville Work Center<br>122 Hot Springs Rd.<br>Greenville, CA 95947<br>(530) 284-7126   |
| Beckwouth Ranger District<br>P.O. Box 7<br>23 Mohawk Rd.<br>Blairden, CA 96103<br>(530) 836-2575 | Challenge Visitor Center<br>18050 Mulock Rd.<br>Challenge, CA 95925<br>(530) 675-1146     | Supervisors Office<br>(Christmas Tree Permits Only)<br>P.O. Box 11500<br>159 Lawrence St.<br>Quincy, CA 95971<br>(530) 283-2050 |

From a TTY, call 711 to be connected to the above numbers.

### Motor Vehicle Use

Motor vehicle use on National Forest System Lands is restricted to designated roads and trails. In addition to this map, use a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) to make sure you are on a designated route, as they are not always signed on the ground. The MVUM also displays uses allowed by vehicle class (highway-legal vehicles, vehicles less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles), seasonal restrictions and other travel rules and regulations. The MVUM is a free black and white map with no topographic features. Maps are available at each Ranger Station or can be requested by mail at (530) 283-2050. Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery. It is also available on the Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas>



### How to Measure Firewood

A standard cord is a well-stacked pile, 4 x 4 x 8 feet. This is 128 cubic feet of wood. To help you estimate how much wood your truck will hold, please note the following:

| Truck Bed                                    | Bed Size<br>L x D x W ft. | Max. Volume<br>(Cubic feet) | Cord Size<br>(approx.) |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mini   | 6 x 1-1/2 x 4-3/4         | 37.25                       | 29%                    |
| Mini (loaded cab high)                       | 6 x 3 x 4-3/4             | 80.00                       | 63%                    |
| Mini Longbed                                 | 8 x 1-1/2 x 4-3/4         | 51.50                       | 40%                    |
| Mini Longbed (loaded cab high)               | 8 x 3 x 4-3/4             | 108.50                      | 85%                    |
| 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton                           | 6 x 2 x 4-1/2             | 48.50                       | 38%                    |
| 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton (loaded cab high)         | 6 x 4 x 4-1/2             | 102.50                      | 80%                    |
| 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton Longbed                   | 8 x 2-1/2 x 5             | 94.50                       | 74%                    |
| 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton Longbed (loaded cab high) | 8 x 4 x 5                 | 154.50                      | 120%                   |

\*\* 5.5 cubic feet allowance made for wheelwells

For a closer estimate on how much wood you have collected, multiply the Length by Width by Height of your load. This gives you the total cubic feet. Then divide by 128 to find what percent of a cord you have collected. The tighter you stack, the more wood (and less air) you have per cord.

To learn daily woodcutting conditions and fire restrictions on the Plumas National Forest, call any of the offices listed above, or call 1-800-847-7766.

