



Carson National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### Carson National Forest to Resume Virtual Fuelwood Permit Sales April 26

**Taos, NM, April 21, 2021** — The Carson National Forest is excited to announce that fuelwood permits sales will resume Mon. April 26. Although in-person sales will not be possible this year in accordance with federal guidelines, fuelwood permits will be available by phone. To purchase a permit, customers may call any ranger district office. The fuelwood permit, tags, and current fuelwood guide will be mailed within 10 business days. Permits expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

The \$20 fuelwood permits are good for up to 10 cords of dead-and-down wood and are valid on the entire forest — except in designated wilderness and restricted permit areas. For appropriate gathering locations, please refer to the fuelwood guide. To purchase a fuelwood permit, please call any of the following Carson National Forest offices **Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

- Questa Ranger District: (575) 586-0520
- Camino Real Ranger District: (575) 587-2255
- El Rito Ranger District: (575) 581-4554
- Tres Piedras Ranger District: (575) 758-8678
- Canjilon Ranger District: (575) 684-2489
- Jicarilla Ranger District: (505) 632-2956
- Supervisor's Office: (575) 758-6200

To expedite the process, customers should be prepared to provide their full name, ID number, mailing address, vehicle information and valid credit card number. The Carson National Forest asks that customers **DO NOT** leave credit card information on the voicemail.

Any of the Carson National Forest district offices, as well as the Supervisor's Office, will be able to issue permits. It does not need to be the customer's local office. Due to the expected high call volume, especially within the first few weeks, customers may experience busy signals and/or be directed to voicemail. Please leave a voicemail at only one location, provide a name and call back number, and allow up to 24 hours for callback. If you do not receive your permit within 10 business days after speaking with a representative, please call back.

*"We are committed to supporting the community's fuelwood needs," Carson National Forest Supervisor James Duran said. "I encourage woodcutters to plan for an early fuelwood harvesting season due to the dry conditions that may limit access as the summer heat becomes more intense. I also ask everyone to be safe and continue doing our part to end the spread of COVID-19."*

The Carson National Forest will continue to assess the best way to provide services to the local community and will provide additional information as conditions evolve. Stay up to date by checking the [Carson National Forest website](#) and following on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). To reduce the risk of wildfire, please ensure that you are gathering fuelwood responsibly, including the use of spark arrestors for chainsaws and checking [current fire restrictions](#).

Be safe and plan ahead to reduce unnecessary exposure and impacts on emergency personnel. Carson National Forest visitors are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html).