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BLM Fuel Wood Permits Available for Beetle Killed Piñon Pine

TAOS, New Mexico – For centuries, the piñon has warmed New Mexico homes by supplying fuel wood and provided a special connection to the land through its fruit, nutritious nuts, gathered in family outings. Just because the piñon has fallen on hard times with the advent of the bark beetle onslaught, doesn't mean New Mexicans will lose the benefit of using it for fuel wood.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office will issue fuel wood permits to the public for harvest of beetle-killed piñon pine. Wood permits are on sale for \$10.00 per cord, with a four-cord limit per household.

Regulations and conditions of the permit will be available at the Taos Field Office. The office will also have handouts that describe the process to kill bark beetles that may still exist in the wood. Wood permits can be obtained at the BLM Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571-5983.

For more information, please call the BLM Taos Field Office at (505) 758-8851.

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