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New Personal Use Firewood Cutting Areas in the Mat-Su

(Trapper Creek, AK) – The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, Mat-Su Area office has established two new personal use firewood cutting opportunities in the northern Susitna Valley. Residents now have access to additional locally sourced and low-cost home heating fuel while simultaneously supporting the division's forest management goals. **These sites are for personal use only and harvested firewood may not be sold.** Commercial firewood entities are encouraged to contact your local Division of Forestry & Fire Protection office for other options.

Petersville Road Cutting Area

Located north of the Oilwell and Petersville Road intersection. In the new Petersville Road cutting area, personal-use-only harvesters are allowed to harvest birch larger than 8 inches in diameter at breast height and/or all dead spruce (no green) of any size for use as firewood. Vehicles should be parked well off the north side of Petersville Road using area pull outs or the trail running parallel to the road for loading.

Parks Highway Milepost 111 Cutting Area

Located on the west side of the Parks Highway, past milepost 111 near Trapper Creek. The Parks Highway Milepost 111 site is a deck of birch and spruce logs located in a gravel material site. Tree-length logs have already been cut down from the expansion of this site and are available in stacks. Personal use harvesters can only cut from the existing log deck, no standing trees are to be cut or damaged on this site.

The public seeking firewood for personal use from state land must obtain a permit prior to cutting. Permits and maps for the new sites, as well as the other established personal use firewood areas can be obtained online at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection firewood permit website: https://dnr.alaska.gov/FPS/, or by contacting the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection. Permits are valid for one calendar year and allow up to ten cords per household. The price is $10 per cord, a measure of wood when stacked at 4 feet x 4 feet x 8 feet, or a total of 128 cubic feet.

Firewood cutting is hazardous. Always wear proper personal protection equipment, watch for overhead hazards and snags, be aware of your surroundings, check road conditions, and follow the terms and stipulations of the permit. For more information, contact the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, Mat-Su Area Forestry at (907) 761-6301 with any questions about harvesting, permitting, or about these or the other harvest areas.

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