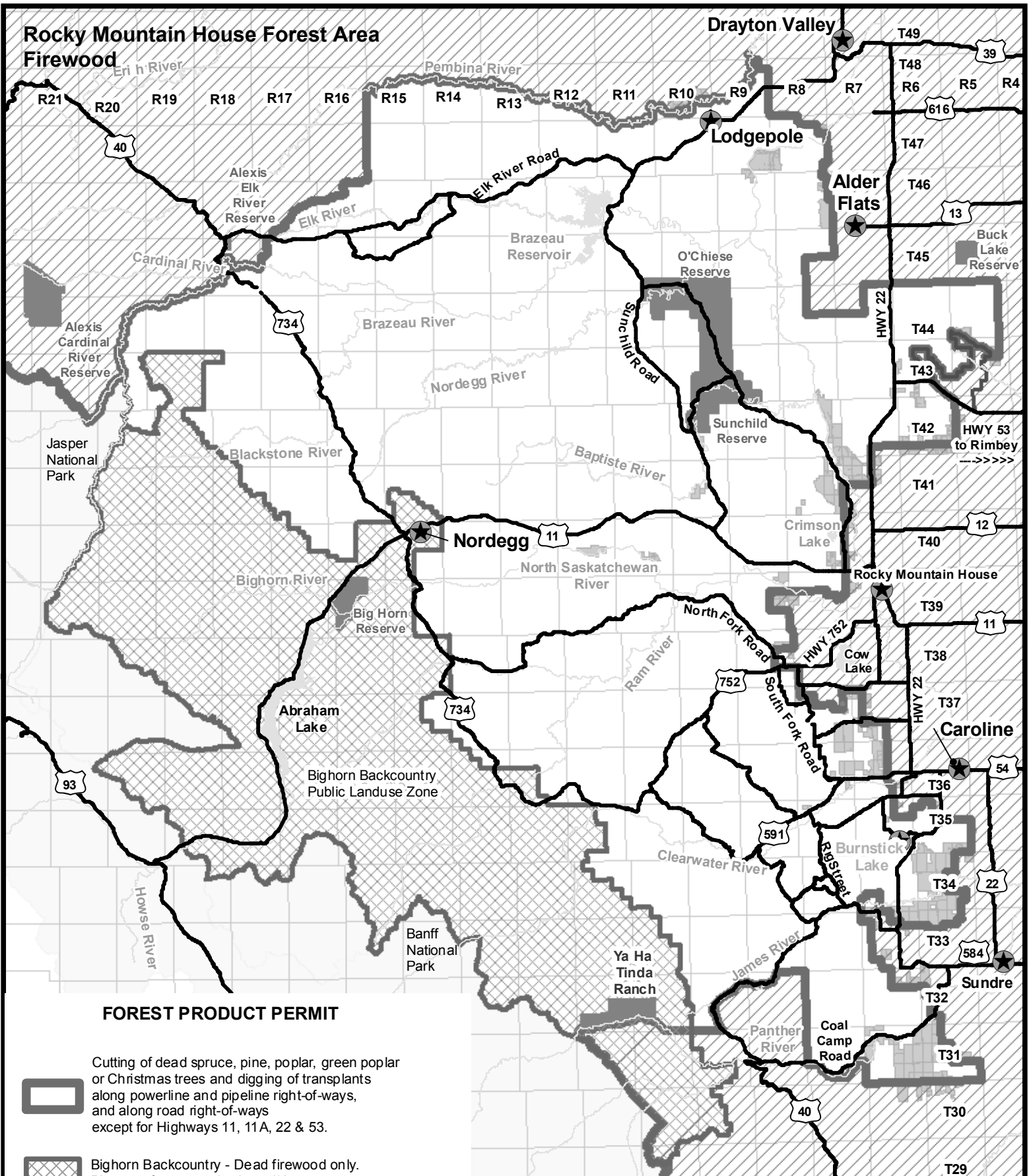



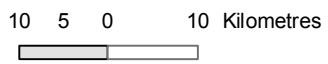


Rocky Mountain House Forest Area Firewood



FOREST PRODUCT PERMIT

-  Cutting of dead spruce, pine, poplar, green poplar or Christmas trees and digging of transplants along powerline and pipeline right-of-ways, and along road right-of-ways except for Highways 11, 11A, 22 & 53.
-  Bighorn Backcountry - Dead firewood only. Please refer to attached conditions.
-  Grazing Leases. Please refer to attached conditions.



TM66 Forest Product Permit – Conditions of Use (Includes Rocky Mountain House Forest Area Firewood Cutting Conditions)

Tree Cutting

General Conditions that apply to all Tree and Timber Cutting as Outlined under the TM66 Forest Product Permit

Those wanting to obtain a timber permit must

- o be over the age of 18
- o be a resident of Alberta
- o be in good standing with the Crown relating to timber, grazing and land use and not have any outstanding fines or dues

The permit authorizes the person named in it to harvest timber and shall state

- o legal description of the land where timber is being harvested
- o the period of time during which the timber may be harvested
- o the terms and conditions on which the permit is issued

- All harvesting operations are to be conducted in accordance with Alberta’s *Forests Act* and Timber Management Regulations.

Timber Management Regulation Clause that Applies to the TM66 Forest Product Permit	
67 (1)	On receipt of a non-refundable permit fee of \$5, the director may issue a Forest Products Tag in the TM 66 tag form to any person for the cutting and removal of up to the following quantities of primary timber products for use exclusively on land owned or controlled by that person or the spouse or adult interdependent partner or children of that person or jointly by 2 or more of any such persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 20 trees for transplanting, under 2.5 metres in height, b. 3 trees for use as Christmas trees, under 2.5 metres in height, or c. 5 cubic metres of roundwood timber.
(2)	The Forest Products Tag is effective for a period of 30 days from the date of issue and is exempt from the payment of timber dues.

NOTE: The forest products described above are for personal use by the person authorized and not for resale or commercial use.

- You must ensure you are in the proper area before you do any cutting. No cutting is permitted within one kilometre (0.6 miles) of a designated recreation area (campground). If you are caught cutting trees outside of the designated wood cutting area, you could be prosecuted.
- When taking primary forest products from public land, you must carry your permit with you at all times when harvesting and transporting the products, and comply with the conditions specified on the permit.
- You must fill out the back of the permit when hauling wood.
- Cutting of green standing trees is strictly prohibited (except for birch). Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut for firewood unless otherwise specified (except for birch, which may be taken green).
- All trees harvested must be cut within 30 centimetres (12 inches) of the average ground level.
- All trees are to be utilized to 4 centimetres (1.6 inches) or less top. All unused tops and limbs must be slashed, limbed and made to lie flat on the ground.
- All trees you fell must be removed. All trees must be harvested progressively as felled.
- No debris from logging shall be left on road right-of-ways or in ditches.
- No garbage (lunch bags, oil cans, etc.) shall be left lying around the cutting area.
- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum.
- No mechanical diggers allowed.
- All holes made by digging transplants must be filled in.

General Conditions for Christmas Tree Permits

Requests for specific areas of Christmas trees should be referred to Agriculture and Forestry offices.

- Cutting activities are not to interfere with general roadway traffic.
- Delimb and scatter unused portion of trees.
- Trees harvested cannot be sold – they are for personal use only.
- Refrain from removing any trees with a stem diameter larger than 15 centimetres (6 inches).
- Topping of larger trees is not permitted.
- Stump heights are not to exceed 30 centimetres (12 inches).
- Removing trees from harvested cutblocks is not permitted. No cutting of trees off right-of-ways or in cutblocks (these have been replanted).
- All trees you fell must be removed. All trees harvested must be used.

Rocky Mountain House Forest Area Conditions which apply to all Firewood Cutting with a TM66 Forest Products Permit

- Rocky Mountain House Forest Area allows cutting of green birch and dead standing or wind fallen spruce, pine and poplar, and green poplar along road, pipeline and powerline right-of-ways. Firewood is for personal use only by the permit holder and not for resale or commercial use.
 - Due to high activity, do not cut along highways 11, 11A, 22 & 53.
 - Cutting activities are not to interfere with general roadway traffic.
 - Use caution when cutting near powerlines.
 - Motorized vehicles are not allowed to travel on pipelines.
 - If you are caught cutting firewood outside of the cutting areas, you could be prosecuted.
- The permit holder must ensure they are cutting in allowable areas, not within:
 - provincial or federal parks or one kilometre of a designated recreation area (campground)
 - Indian reserves
 - ecological reserves
 - grazing reserves
 - thirty (30) metres of lakes and streams
 - a log deck
- Private Land: No cutting of firewood on private land unless consent is given first. If the wood is from private land, a forest product permit is not needed, but a bill of sale or manifest signed by the private land owner is needed and must be carried by the person hauling the wood.
- Grazing Lease: You have to contact the grazing lease holder prior to cutting firewood from a grazing lease. Firewood is to be cut only from the right-of-ways. Due to high activity do not cut along highways 11, 11A, 22 & 53.

A forest product permit is required. To find the contact information of a specific grazing lease, you may check the Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) website: aep.alberta.ca and search for recreation access on grazing.
- Bighorn Backcountry Public Land Use Zone: You have to determine access requirements first, if you are cutting dead firewood from the Bighorn Backcountry Public Land Use Zones. Dead firewood is to be cut only from the right-of-ways. Due to high activity, do not cut along Highway 11. A forest product permit is required. Please refer to the AEP website: aep.alberta.ca and search for Bighorn Backcountry. Access restrictions are also listed in the Bighorn Backcountry brochure.
- With a firewood permit, you are allowed to cut 5m³. One cord of wood = 2.4 m³ = 4 feet high X 4 feet wide X 8 feet long.
- Green trees to be cut down must have a minimum stump diameter of 15 centimetres (6 inches) measured 30 centimetres (12 inches) from the ground. All trees are to be utilized to 4 centimetres or less top.
- All trees felled must be removed. Any leaning trees are to be felled, limbed and topped. All unutilized tops and limbs must be slashed, limbed and made to lie flat on the ground. Debris shall be left in the bush, not on road right-of-ways or in ditches.
- No garbage shall be left lying around the cutting area. Fuel, oil or petroleum products are not allowed to enter any watercourses.
- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum. Do not cut under adverse ground conditions, as work may cause damage to soil and vegetation.
- Make sure safe practices and equipment are being utilized and loads are secure.
- Firewood may be taken during dry forest conditions. Practice caution with cigarettes, OHVs, chainsaws and campfires. If you should spot a wildfire, please call 310-FIRE or 310-3473.
- Please be respectful of the other users of the area and the values they have for the resources.

Penalties for Non-compliance

For non-compliance, the Minister may, with respect to a timber permit:

- suspend it indefinitely or for a fixed period
- cancel it or reduce its terms