

Forest Product Permitting

Division of Natural Resources EXPO

Navajo Forestry Department

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General Information

- These regulations may be enforced by any Officer commissioned to enforce Navajo Nation laws.
- These regulations apply to the harvesting of all trees on, near and/or from lands subject to the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.
- All harvesting of trees shall be conducted in conformity with all Navajo Nation and applicable Federal laws. These laws include, but are not limited to:
 - 17 N.N.C. § 525
 - 18 U.S.C. 1855
 - P.L. 101-630
 - 23 N.N.C. § 900
 - 18 U.S.C. 1856
 - 25 C.F.R. 163
 - 18 U.S.C. 1853
 - 25 U.S.C. 3106

Navajo Forest and Woodland Regulations - Purpose

- The Navajo forest and woodland resources are vital to the economic, cultural and social welfare of the Navajo people.
- ALL persons harvesting any forest or woodland product whether for personal use or resale, within the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation, must possess a valid Navajo Nation forest product use or transportation permit.
- These regulations are promulgated to maintain the quality of the environment, productivity of the land and to ensure that the forest and woodlands are managed in a sustainable manner for future generations of the Navajo Nation.
- The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to establish regulations as proposed by the Forest Manager and set fees for the use, transportation and protection of the Navajo forest and products.

Types of Permits

- **Dead Wood Permit** – authorizes the harvesting and transporting of “dead and down” forest/woodland trees for personal use.
- **Fresh Harvest Permit** – authorizes the harvesting and transporting of “live” forest/woodland trees for personal use poles, posts, rails, boughs and/or firewood.
- **Resale Harvest Permit** – authorizes the harvesting and transporting of “dead and down” firewood for resale.

Permits - Eligibility

- All the following within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Navajo Nation (except where specified in Regulation sections):
 - All persons 18 years of age or older,
 - Navajo Nation Government entities,
 - Federal Agencies,
 - Businesses

Harvest Locations

Anywhere within the forest and woodland areas on the Navajo Nation EXCEPT:

- When forest harvesting restrictions are in place.
- Any location designated as “No Harvest” by the Navajo Forestry Department.
- Within 200 feet of any:
 - Occupied residents.
 - Recreational areas.
 - Stream, riparian or wetland areas.
 - Ponds or lakes
 - Archeological sites.
 - Center line of any major forest logging road.
- Within boundaries of (except when permission is granted):
 - National Monuments.
 - Restricted areas.
 - Tribal Ranches.
- Within any right-of-way fence of any major highway, except for safety measures.

Permitting Locations by Agency

- Chinle

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- Tselani/Cottonwood
- Low Mountain
- Nazlini
- Many Farms
- Round Rock
- Hard Rock

- Northern

- Shiprock
- Tólikan
- Beclabito
- Cove
- Sanostee
- Newcomb
- Two Grey Hills
- Tse Bi Tai Propane

- Eastern

- Torreon/Star Lake
- Pueblo Pintado
- Whitehorse Lake
- Becenti
- White Rock
- Crownpoint
- Mariano Lake
- Smith Lake
- Bááháálí
- Church Rock

- Fort Defiance

- Jeddito
- Teesto
- White Cone
- Greasewood Springs
- Cornfields
- Houck
- Tse Si Ani
- Mexican Springs
- Coyote Canyon
- Tohatchi
- Naschitti
- Bahastl'ah
- Navajo Forestry Department

- Western

- Bodaway/Gap
- To'Nanees'Dizi
- Shonto
- Ts'ah Bii Kin
- Kayenta
- Chilchinbeto
- Dennehotso
- Navajo Mountain Senior Center

Permitting Office Contact Information

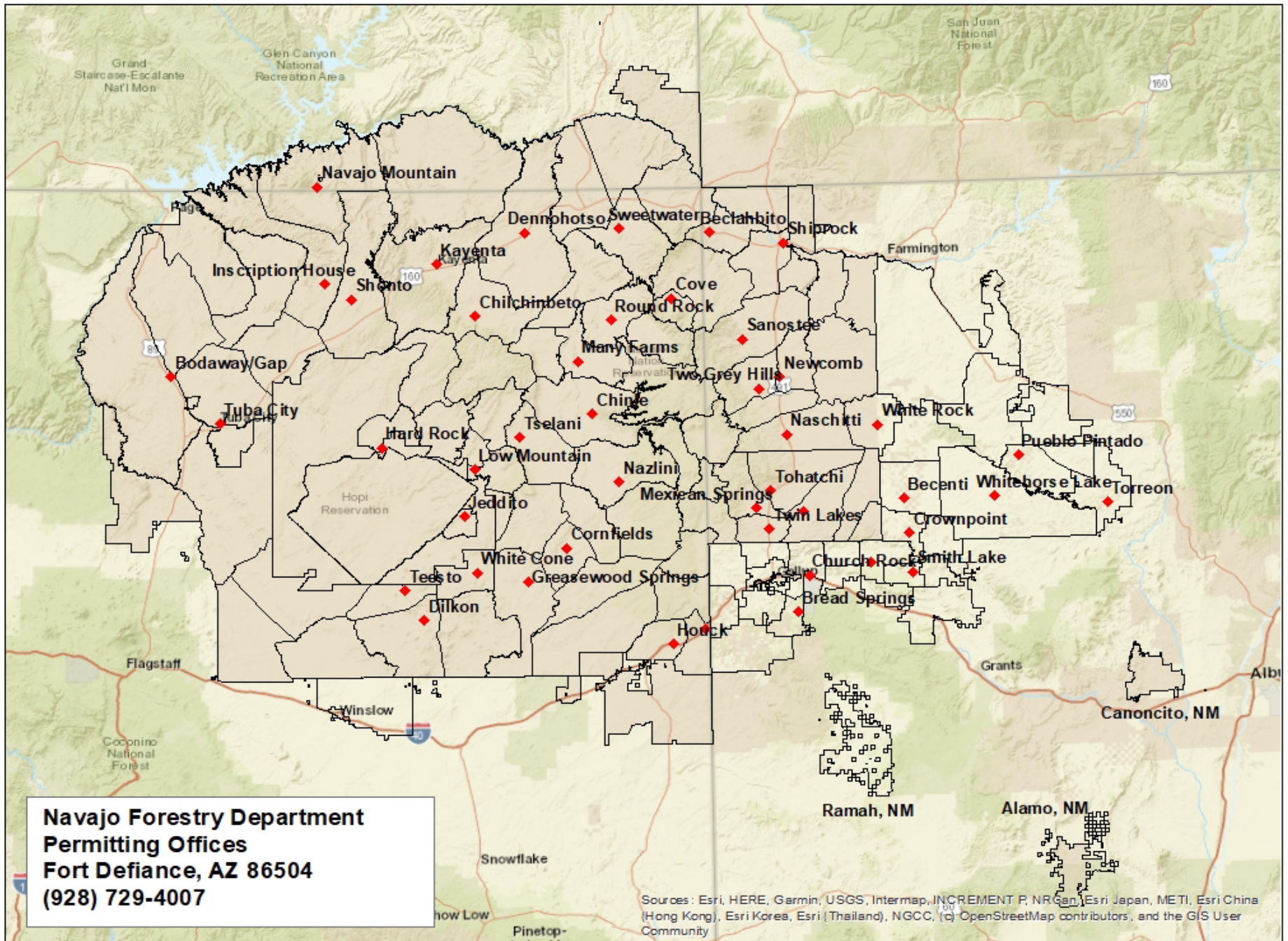
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Tse Bi Tai Propane (505) 368-5001

Chapter Houses:

Baahaali (505) 778-5788/5792
Bahastlah (505) 735-2600
Becenti (505) 786-2283
Beclabito (928) 656-3265
Bodaway Gap (928) 283-3493
Chilchinbeto (928) 697-5680/5681
Chinle (928) 674-2052
Churchrock (505) 488-2564
Cornfield (928) 755-5911
Cottonwood/ Tse Lani (928) 725-3766
Cove (928) 653-5806
Coyote Canyon (505) 735-2623
Crownpoint (505) 786-2130
Dennehotso (928) 658-3300
Greasewood Springs (928) 654-3239
Hard Rock (928) 725-3732
Houck (928) 688-2734
Jeddito (928) 738-2276
Kayenta (928) 697-5520
Low Mountain (928) 725-3700/3701
Many Farms (928) 781-3605
Mariano Lake (505) 786-2180

Mexican Springs (505) 733-2832
Naschitti (505) 732-5400/5402
Nazlini (928) 755-5900
Newcomb (505) 696-3300/3436
Pueblo Pintado (505) 655-3221
Round Rock (928) 787-2510
Sanostee (505) 723-2702
Shiprock (505) 368-1081
Shonto (928) 672-2910
Smith Lake (505) 786-2141
Teesto (928) 657-8043
Tohatchi (505) 733-2845/2846
Tolakin (928) 429-0977
Torreon/Star Lake (505) 731-2336
Tсах BiiKin (928) 672-2337
Tse Si Ani (928) 688-2128
Tuba City (928) 283-3284
Two Grey Hills (505) 789-3100
White Rock (505) 786-2444
White Cone (28) 654-3928
Whitehorse Lake (505) 655-5430



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Enforcement

- Unauthorized harvesting of forest/woodland products from the Navajo Nation is considered trespass.
- This trespass is a violation of the Navajo Nation Forestry Regulations, 17 N.N.C. § 525 and 25 C.F.R. 163.29.
- Any commissioned Officer is authorized to stop any person harvesting forest/woodland products, to determine if a valid permit is in possession.
 - If there is no valid permit, trespass is identified and a Notice of Seizure is issued and the products seized.
 - All seized products will be retained at the Navajo Forestry Department complex, with disposition being determined by the Navajo Nation Courts.

Firewood Harvesting

- A valid Fresh Harvest, Dead Wood or Resale Harvest Permit is required for anyone harvesting firewood for personal use or resale.
- Blue and Engelmann spruce are restricted from harvesting.
- All snags with a 12.0 inch or more DBH are restricted from harvest.
- Fresh Harvest or Dead and Down – Oak, aspen, pinyon, juniper and cottonwood are available.
- Dead and Down Only – Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and corkbark fir are available.
 - Size: 3.0 inches or greater in size.
 - Amount:
 - Personal use – two short-bed truck loads or 1 long-bed truck loads per permit per month.
 - Resale use – one short-bed truck load or 1 long-bed truck load per permit.

For additional information

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