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To:

All Permitting Offices

From:

Michael Yazzie, Program Manager Navajo Forestry-Department

Date:

December 20, 2024

Subject:

END OF OAK FIREWOOD RESALE

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The Navajo Forestry Department (Department) is requesting your assistance with relaying the information to all interested parties at the local level.

Effective Monday, December 23, 2024, resale of oak firewood is to cease, due to extreme fluctuating temperatures within the mountainous areas, where oak is currently located. This decision is being made since it is currently difficult to determine if the oak species is "dead or alive" as this species is a deciduous tree (drops its leaves in the Fall /Winter); therefore, making "live/dead" determination difficult.

Anyone attempting to sell oak firewood after this date will be issued a citation and firewood will be confiscated. Therefore, you are strongly advised in sharing and relaying this information at your chapter level.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact our department at (928) 729-4007. Thank you for your continued support and services on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

**CONCURRENCE:** 

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