

**Fort Drum Regulation 420-6**

**Facilities Engineering: Management of Natural  
Resources**

# **Forest Product Sales**

**Environmental Division  
Directorate of Public Works  
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# ***SUMMARY of CHANGE***

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This revision dated 1 January 2020:

- Prescribes policies and procedures for obtaining firewood and other forest products on Fort Drum.
- Paragraph 3 contains changes to firewood permit acquisition process, which will be done through iSportsman starting 1 January 2020. Permits will be valid for 1 calendar year.
- Paragraph 4 contains changes in check-in/check-out procedures as it pertains to forest product harvesting.
- Paragraph 7 contains changes to definition of forest products under the new Forest Product Harvesting Permit rules, and changes to personal protective equipment requirements.
- Paragraph 8 contains changes to personal protective equipment requirements as it pertains to log pile contracts.
- Paragraph 9 contains changes to personal protective equipment requirements and a requirement to demonstrate the ability to directionally fell trees and safely operate a chainsaw as it pertains to standing firewood lot contracts.

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**History.** This publication is a revision.

**Summary.** This Regulation sets forth policy and procedures for obtaining firewood and other forest products on Fort Drum.

**Applicability.** This Regulation applies to all personnel, Military and Civilians, who engage in obtaining forest products on Fort Drum.

**Proponent.** The proponent is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch.

**Suggested improvements.** Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 28

(Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Environmental Division (DPW), Attn: Natural Resources Branch, 4896 Nininger St, IMDR-PWE, Fort Drum, NY 13602.

**Distribution.** This publication is available in electronic media and is available to all persons engaged in obtaining forest products on Fort Drum.

**Restrictions.** There are no restrictions.

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## 1. Purpose

This regulation sets forth policy and procedures for obtaining firewood and other forest products on Fort Drum Military Installation. Forest products include but are not limited to: dead and down wood (i.e., firewood), walking sticks, pine boughs, holiday trees, pinecones and tree seeds (acorns, walnuts, etc.), and pine straw.

## 2. General Information and Restrictions.

- a. Harvesting forest products on Fort Drum is secondary to requirements of the military mission and a privilege for all persons. Violation of this regulation may result in the loss of harvesting privileges and future access on Fort Drum.
- b. Failure to comply with lawful orders, posted signs, or written notices is illegal.
- c. By entering Fort Drum Military Reservation, individuals have consented to the search of their person or vehicles by law enforcement personnel, and the confiscation of all evidence of unauthorized activities.
- d. **All observed violations of Federal, State or Fort Drum Regulations or Laws must be reported to the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).**
- e. All forest product harvesters must understand the life threatening hazards associated with touching unexploded ammunition that may be uncovered in the Training Area. No person shall touch suspected unexploded ammunition and will immediately report its location to Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police, Bldg. P-10715 (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157). Forest product harvesters who would like more information or a short briefing on the identification and hazards of unexploded ammunition should contact the Scheduling Section of Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-5673 or 315-772-5275).
- f. Persons observing wildland fires must notify Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police, Bldg. P-10715 (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
- g. Accidents and lost persons must be immediately reported to Range Branch (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
- h. No person shall discard, bury or dispose of any trash, waste or litter on Fort Drum. This includes the use of flagging. Flagging must be removed after use.
- i. No person shall injure, deface or disturb any part of a building, range structure, sign, equipment or property found on Fort Drum.
- j. The collection of any artifact (such as old bottles, coins, etc.), disturbance of any feature related to past human activity, and the collection of paleontological specimens on Fort Drum is prohibited. The use of metal detectors on Fort Drum is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted under both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, 16 USC Sections 470ee-470ff.
- k. Unauthorized excavation or digging is prohibited.
- l. Feeding, harassing or molesting of any wildlife is prohibited.
- m. Picking up, disturbing or taking Government equipment, ordnance, munitions or parts of the same is prohibited.
- n. All permanent structures on ranges (e.g., towers, buildings, concrete bunkers, trenches, etc.) except latrines are off limits to all forest product harvesters.

## 3. Forest Product Permits

- a. In order to provide safe and compatible usage of Fort Drum Military Installation, **the only person allowed to transport forest products is the Forest Product Harvesting Permit holder in a registered haul vehicle.** Only one vehicle designated as a haul vehicle may be used at a time per permit; a trailer attached to the permitted haul vehicle is allowed (i.e.,

assistants are not allowed to drive additional haul vehicles at the same time except for log piles and standing firewood lots (see paragraph 8 and 9)).

b. Forest Product Harvesting Permits are available for purchase through the Fort Drum iSportsman website (<https://fortdrum.isportsman.net>). By applying for a Forest Products Harvesting Permit, registrants are acknowledging the hold harmless agreement. Ensure all vehicles that may be used for hauling forest products are registered in iSportsman. Trailers used for hauling are not required to be listed.

c. The permit is valid from 1 January – 31 December of each calendar year no matter when the permit is purchased during the year. The permit is non-refundable.

d. The permit is non-transferrable.

e. The Forest Product Harvesting Permit **vehicle pass** must be kept in the vehicle at all times and displayed with the pass numbers facing up, on the driver side dashboard, windshield, or window.

f. The Forest Product Harvesting Permit must be kept on your person while engaged in forest product harvesting and the permit holder must follow sign-in/sign-out procedures through iSportsman (see paragraph 4).

g. Anyone assisting a Forest Product Harvester must have a valid Fort Drum Recreation Pass (also available through the Fort Drum iSportsman website: <https://fortdrum.isportsman.net>). If riding in the haul vehicle, the recreation pass must be displayed at all times and displayed with the pass numbers facing up, on the driver side dashboard, windshield, or window. If assistants are driving their own vehicle, recreational passes must be displayed at all times and displayed with the pass numbers facing up, on the driver side dashboard, windshield, or window. **Assistants may not place forest products in their vehicle unless they also possess a Forest Product Harvesting Permit.**

h. There is occasional availability of non-firewood forest products to include but not limited to: walking sticks, pine boughs, pinecones, and tree seeds. A free collection permit for such products may be obtained through the Fort Drum Forest Management Office in building T4848 Delahanty Ave, Fort Drum, NY 13602 or by calling 315-772-3170. These permits will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and may allow cutting of live vegetation during certain times of the year. You must still possess a valid Fort Drum recreation pass in addition to the issued collection permit.

#### 4. Check-in/Check-out Procedures

a. Forest Product Harvesting Permits must be obtained prior to check-in. See paragraph 3 for permit information.

b. Forest product harvesters must check-in daily through the Sportsman's Hotline (<https://fortdrum.isportsman.net> or 1-855-267-9770). Check-in for "Firewood" must be done prior to entering the Fort Drum Training Areas. Forest product harvesting is not allowed in the Cantonment Area (refer to Appendix C). The Sportsman's Hotline is updated at approximately 3:00pm and lists the training areas that are open for forest products harvesting the following day. Forest product harvesters may check into up to three areas at a time. If changing areas, Forest product harvesters must check-out and then check-in again listing the new areas. Check-out is required at the end of the day and must be completed two hours after sunset. Failure to comply with check-in/check-out procedures is grounds for terminating the individual's access to Fort Drum for forest product harvesting.

c. Anyone assisting forest product harvesters, scouting for firewood/forest products, or issued a free collection permit (see paragraph 3(h)) must check-in daily through the Sportsman's Hotline (<https://fortdrum.isportsman.net> or 1-855-267-9770). Check-in for "Other Recreational Activities" must be done prior to entering the Fort Drum Training Areas. Forest product harvesting is not allowed in the Cantonment Area (refer to Appendix C). The same requirements in paragraph 4(b) apply.

d. Recreational activities (e.g., hunting, trapping, and fishing) are not allowed during forest product harvesting operations and hunting implements are not allowed to be left in your vehicle unattended. You may not be signed in for both forest product harvesting and hunting/trapping/fishing at the same time. Assistants may not be engaged with forest product harvesting while also engaged in hunting/trapping/fishing and vice versa.

## 5. Restricted Areas and Times

a. Forest Product Harvesting Permits are valid for all of Fort Drum to include the Training Areas. **Refer to Appendix C for areas that are off limits to firewood/forest product harvesting.**

b. Fort Drum Military Installation, and any part thereof, may be closed without notice at the discretion of the Installation Commander when deemed necessary.

c. Areas permanently closed to forest product harvesting are posted with New York State yellow and green (Restricted Area) signs.

d. Harvesters are prohibited from entering environmental or archeological sensitive areas marked with "Off-Limits by Order of the Commander" signs or Seibert Stakes, either on foot or with motor vehicles. Seibert Stakes (a.k.a. Siber Stakes) consist of a 16 inch piece of PVC pipe with alternating rings of white, red, and yellow reflective tape mounted on a metal post approximately 4 feet above the ground. A black strip runs down the backside of each Seibert Stake. If this is visible, the harvester is within a sensitive area and must leave immediately.

e. The Main Impact Area is off limits to all forest product harvesting.

f. Entry onto Fort Drum property by any means may begin 2 hours before sunrise. Exit of the property must be no later than 2 hours after sunset.

## 6. Roads and Motor Vehicles

a. It is unlawful to consume alcohol or other drugs, or be under the influence of the same, while operating a motor vehicle.

b. A haul vehicle operated under a Forest Product Harvesting Permit may be used on designated recreational roads and/or roadways (improved light duty roads, unimproved dirt roads, or trails) within the boundaries of the Fort Drum subtraining areas and Cantonment Area while signed out for forest product harvesting. If a Forest Products Harvesting Permit holder is signed out for "Other Recreational Activities" for scouting purposes, their vehicle must stay on designated recreational roads (Fort Drum Regulation 420-3, Fort Drum Recreational Use Map - Appendix B) and hike into subtraining areas open for recreation.

c. Assistants driving their own vehicle and signed in with a recreation pass for "Other Recreational Activities," must remain on roadways identified as recreational roads (Fort Drum Regulation 420-3, Fort Drum Recreational Use Map - Appendix B).

d. Speed limit on Fort Drum roads/tank trails is 30 mph during daylight hours and 15 mph during hours of darkness.

e. Harvesters may use headlights while traveling on roads and trails although travel should be minimized during hours of darkness to reduce conflict with military operations.

f. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in signed environmental or archeological sensitive areas.

**g. Any time vehicles leave roadways, all ground disturbance must be kept to a minimum and any damage will be repaired at the harvester's expense.**

h. Hauling or loading forest products by mechanical means (i.e. tractors, four wheelers, bobcats, etc.) is permitted in the Training Areas after completion of Form 420-6A Equipment Information (Appendix A.) and registering the equipment with the Forest Management Program. Prior to commencing daily harvesting activities, the Forest Management Office **must be notified** by phone or email (current contact information available in iSportsman) to report the harvest location and equipment being used. Any ground disturbance will be repaired at

harvester's expense as determined by the Fort Drum Natural Resources Branch. To use equipment to haul or load forest products on Fort Drum, the following provisions must be followed:

- (1) No persons 15 years of age or younger may operate equipment.
- (2) Passengers may not be carried on equipment.
- (3) All persons desiring to operate equipment must have the following on their person and must show it if requested by Fort Drum authorities:
  - (i) NYS proof of Registration for ATVs.
  - (ii) Proof of NYS minimum required insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death, \$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident.)
- (4) The following equipment must be worn while operating equipment on Fort Drum:
  - (i) Department of Transportation compliant helmet or hard hat.
  - (ii) Eye protection (glasses, goggles, or face shield).
  - (iii) Full-fingered gloves.
  - (iv) Long-legged pants.
  - (v) Long-sleeved shirt (sleeves rolled down) or long-sleeved jacket.
  - (vi) Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes.
  - (vii) A high visibility garment.

## **7. General Forest Products**

a. Forest products can be harvested in any training area open for recreation that are not active construction sites, active logging operations, or otherwise restricted, with a valid Forest Product Harvesting Permit.

b. **Only dead trees on the ground** are allowed to be harvested with a Forest Product Harvesting Permit. Standing and/or leaning trees (dead or alive) may not be cut down for firewood.

c. Hauling or loading forest products by mechanical means (i.e. tractors, four wheelers, bobcats, etc.) is allowed in accordance with paragraph 6(h).

d. Cutting or harvesting of any standing trees (regardless of size, living or dead) is not permitted except in accordance with paragraph 9.

e. Cutting of any live vegetation is prohibited unless in accordance with paragraph 3(h) or paragraph 9.

f. Persons engaging in the use of a chainsaw must wear appropriate personal protective equipment to include at a minimum: hard hat, eye protection, hearing protection, and approved protective chainsaw pants or chaps. Failure to wear appropriate protective clothing can result in revocation of harvesting privileges.

## **8. Log Pile Bid Opportunities**

a. When large quantities of forest products become available (log piles), the Forest Management Program will sell the product through a sealed bid process to the highest bidder.

b. The sealed bid process will be as follows:

(1) An invitation for bid will be mailed electronically to all forest product harvesters who have purchased a permit in the past 24 months.

(2) The invitation will provide details for prospective bidders such as an estimate of quantity, location, time periods for removal and other site specific details. All sales will allow harvesters 30 days to view the products available and submit a sealed bid.

(3) The winning bidder will pay by check or money order (made out to US Treasury), sign a Timber Harvest contract, and provide a list of all vehicles, equipment, and personnel that will be utilized prior to removal of products.

c. Any equipment used will be in accordance with Paragraph 6(h).

d. Check-in/check-out procedures and a hold harmless agreement will be included in the Timber Harvest/Log Pile contract.

e. Wearing personal protective equipment in paragraph 7(f) is required.

### **9. Standing Firewood Lots**

a. Occasionally standing firewood lots will become available for harvest. The purchase of lots will follow the same sealed bid process outlined in paragraph 8(b).

b. The trees available for harvest in these lots will be marked with blue paint. Only trees marked with blue paint may be harvested.

c. Any trees not marked with blue paint considered merchantable that are cut, injured through carelessness or killed by fires as a result of the harvester or his designates, will reimburse the Forest Management Program at the rate of \$29.00 per square inch of basal area at the stump.

d. Proof of NYS minimum required liability insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death, \$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident.) is required to be filed with the Forest Management Office prior to commencing harvesting activities removal.

e. Any equipment used will be in accordance with Paragraph 6(h).

f. Check-in/check-out procedures and a hold harmless agreement will be included in the Timber Harvest/Standing Firewood Lot contract.

g. Wearing personal protective equipment in paragraph 7(f) is required

h. The person engaging in tree felling and chainsaw use within the standing firewood lot must demonstrate to Forest Management staff that they understand the basics of directional tree felling techniques and safe chainsaw operation. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure they have the knowledge and ability to safely fell and process trees within the standing firewood lot. Forest Management staff have the right to cancel any standing firewood lot contract if they feel that the purchaser is creating a dangerous and potentially life threatening situation through improper felling techniques, unsafe chainsaw operation, or lack of use of personal protective equipment. Purchaser will be given one warning about unsafe operations and the opportunity to correct said unsafe actions before Forest Management staff have the right to cancellation (without refund) of the contract.

### **10. Penalties**

a. Immediate suspension: Any person cited with a violation of any provision of the Environmental Conservation Laws of the State of New York, applicable Federal Laws, Army and Fort Drum Regulations, by New York State Conservation Officers, Federal Game Wardens or Military Police shall immediately surrender his/her permit to the citing official and be barred from obtaining future permits.



**APPENDIX A**

**FD FORM 420-6A  
Equipment Information Form**

Forest Products Harvesting Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Equipment (i.e. ATV, tractor, bobcat, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Make                      Model                      Year

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Vehicle Size \_\_\_\_\_  
(small, medium, large)

Mode of transport to site (i.e. back of truck, trailer by size and or type, etc.)

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Proof of NYS Registration (applies to any vehicle required to be registered in NYS).  
Proof of NYS minimum required insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death,  
\$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident  
**Please provide copy of current registration and insurance.**

\*Harvester must call the Forest Management Program (315-772-3170) each day to sign in equipment. If no one is available you must leave a message containing your name, Forest Products Harvesting Permit number, and what equipment you will be using.

\*\*Harvester must still follow sign-in/sign-out procedures through iSportsman.

\*\*\*Equipment must be removed offsite at the end of each day. No equipment shall be left overnight.

## **APPENDIX B REFERENCES**

**RELATED PUBLICATIONS.** A related publication is an additional source of information. Users of this regulation do not have to read related publications to understand the contents of this regulation.

**Fort Drum Regulation 420-3**

Hunting, Fishing, & Other Outdoor Recreation

**10 USC 2665**

Sale of certain interest in land: logs.

**Army Regulatory Guidance: Reimbursable Agricultural/Grazing and Forestry Programs (17 August 1999).**

**16 USC, Section 470ee**

Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

**50 CFR, Part 17**

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants

**16 USC, Section 670 et. seq. PL 86-797**

Sikes Act

**Army Regulation 385-10**

The Army Safety Program

**Fort Drum Pamphlet 600-5**

Basic Standards

**New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law**

# APPENDIX C

## Off-Limits Areas to Forest Product Harvesting

