



**Public Works/Environmental Division
Forest Management Program
4896 Nininger St
Fort Drum, New York 13602-5097**

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Fort Drum Forest Management Office would like to announce the availability of our 2021 Log Length Firewood Piles.

Log Length Firewood Piles:

This year there are 6 log length firewood piles available for purchase. Cord volume varies between piles. We encourage you to make your own estimates of cord volume. To access the training areas for pile viewing you will need a valid Fort Drum Recreation Pass. For details on obtaining a recreation pass visit www.fortdrum.isportsman.net. If you already have a recreation permit, follow the standard check-in/check-out procedures. The piles are located across from the Gasoline Alley Gate, in TA 4A (see attached map). If TA 4A is not open for recreation, please contact our office and we will escort you to view the piles.

The piles will be sold through a sealed bid process and may be viewed through Thursday, 13 May 2021. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with your name, address, phone number, and "Firewood Pile Bid 2021" clearly written on it. You may only submit one bid per person. Bids must be submitted to the Fort Drum Forest Management Office by (1430) on Thursday, 13 May 2021 (building T-4848). If you do not have the required identification to gain access through the gates, you may contact the Forest Management Office to arrange turn in of your sealed bid. If you mail your bid (please use address at the top of this letter) it must be received by 13 May 2021. Late bids due to delays in mail delivery will not be accepted. Sealed bids will be opened on Thursday, 13 May 2021 at 1500. The highest bidder will get first choice of a pile, second highest will get second choice, and so on. If one of the top six bidders declines purchasing a pile, we will continue down the list of bidders, in order, until all piles are sold. The minimum bid that will be accepted is \$75.00. Successful bidders must pay by credit card through the pay.gov website within 5 business days of being notified of a winning bid. You will be provided with the website link and directions on how to pay (this is a new process for us). Please be prepared to give us your pile choice upon notification of a winning bid (Piles are numbered 1-6, numbers are painted on the ends of some of the logs in each pile). Firewood piles must be completely removed by 30 September 2021. Once a pile is purchased there will be **no refunds**.

It is required that anyone operating a chainsaw must wear appropriate personal protective equipment. This equipment includes a hard hat, eye protection, chainsaw safety chaps or pants, and safety toe boots. You will be asked to leave the site if proper safety equipment is not being worn. For a copy of rules and regulations related to firewood harvesting, please visit <https://fortdrum.isportsman.net/firewood2.aspx>.

In the spirit of conserving paper and reducing costs, we will no longer be sending these letters through the mail. If you know anyone that does not have computer access that may be interested, please pass this information along. There will be copies of this announcement available in the Forestry Office.

Thank you from the Fort Drum Forest Management Team. As always you can contact us with questions or concerns at 772-3170 or 774-2746.

