

To: Concessions Specialists

CC: Regional Chiefs

From: WASO Commercial Services - Contract Management

Subject: 3 Things you need to know about Firewood Sales

To prevent the spread of invasive species in firewood, the National Park Service Natural Resources Division has developed updated guidance titled **Reducing Ecological Risks Associated with Pests in Firewood**. Key management issues contained in this guidance applicable to NPS Commercial Services are provided below.

REQUIRED:

To prevent the spread of invasive pests, park concessioners must purchase and sell only locally grown and harvested firewood in accordance with state quarantines. To find more information on state firewood policies and local quarantines, visit your state's Department of Natural Resources (NDR) web pages or visit this website for state by state information: <http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/the-problem/state-state-information/index.html>.

The term "local firewood" often means purchasing firewood from within no greater than 50 miles from the source, even if it is still within the state. "Local mileage" depends upon your specific state regulations.

If local firewood is not available, concessioners must purchase and sell certified firewood. Certified firewood must have a USDA issued certificate indicating it is pest-free available upon request.

RECOMMENDED:

Concession contract operating plans should specify how firewood is bundled. Vendors are strongly encouraged to use string/binder twine to bundle firewood which can be safely burned in the fire; not purchase firewood wrapped in clear plastic wrap which does not burn.

The full Natural Resource Report, **Reducing Ecological Risks Associated with Pests in Firewood** (NPS/NRSS/BRMD/NRR - 2012/493), is available from the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) website <http://www1.nrintra.nps.gov/brmd/ipm/> and the Natural Resource Publications Management website (<http://www.nature.nps.gov/publications/nrpm/>). The report summarizes the current policies, regulations and recommendations available to park managers in addressing ecological risks associated with firewood. It also provides examples of successful management efforts and references for technical assistance.

For further information on these requirements please contact Kat Berry, WASO Commercial Services at 202.513.7153 or Carol DiSalvo, NPS Integrated Pest Management Coordinator at 202.513.7183.

Please distribute this memo to all parks with concession operations.