

MTC Fort Pickett - Blackstone, Virginia

2022-2023 Firewood Regulation FP 200-11

Summary: MTC Fort Pickett implements a firewood program in order to allow public collection of dead and downed wood products for personal firewood use, provide a service to the installation through the reduction of timber debris and storm damage, and generate revenue for an available forest product. This regulation outlines the policies, procedures, roles and requirements of the MTC Fort Pickett firewood program.

Installation Permits and Fees:

This activity is in accordance with AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement and is consistent with the Fort Pickett Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP).

MTC Fort Pickett will collect a fee for sale of forest products consistent with procedures outlined in AR 200-1.

Prescribing Directive: AR 405-90 and AR 420-74

Authority: Title 10, USC 3012

Purpose: To obtain information from individuals who desire to purchase firewood permits and to allow the holder of the firewood permit to remove firewood from the installation.

Routine Uses: Staff must maintain a record of firewood permits issued to individuals and to verify the name of the permit holder against the name on the permit for security purposes.

Disclosure and Effect: Voluntary. If the information is not furnished in its' entirety, the permit will not be issued.

Applicability: This publication applies to all individuals participating in firewood collection within the boundaries of MTC Fort Pickett.

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1. Purpose

This regulation outlines the policies, procedures, roles and requirements of the MTC Fort Pickett firewood permit holders for program implementation.

2. iSportsman

Anyone participating in the firewood program must have an iSportsman account. Permits will be issued and tracked through the installation iSportsman system. You can register by visiting our site: <https://ftpickett.isportsman.net> Emergency contact information is a requirement and must be current. User information can be updated under the permit holder's user profile.

3. Permits/Cost

There are 2 types of permits that can be obtained:

- **Firewood Permit:**

Cost of the firewood permit is \$20 for the fiscal year Oct 1 to Sept 30. Fee will not be prorated based on date permit is acquired. Payment is accepted online by debit or credit card at the time of sale. Permit covers the listed individual and use of (1) truck/trailer combination. A copy of permit must be with the individual while on the installation.

- **Accompanying Firewood Permit:**

No cost, this is **not** an actual collection permit. This permit allows you access to the installation as a firewood participant; however, you must be accompanying a firewood permit holder while on MTC Fort Pickett. A copy of permit must be with the individual.

4. Check In/Out Process

- All permit holders will check-in/check-out by training area through the iSportsman system either online or by phone prior to entering and after departing the installation. All permit holders are required to update their location if any change in location while removing firewood. <https://ftpickett.isportsman.net> / (1-866-471-0225)
- Accompanying firewood permit holders **must** be checked in as a participant by the firewood permit holder at the time of check in, however checkout must be completed separately.

5. Failure to Check-Out

- Failure to checkout of area will result in an administrative hold being placed on the iSportsman account.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to notify the Forestry Office to remove the hold.

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6. Vehicles

- Firewood Permit covers the listed individual and use of (1) truck/trailer combination. Vehicle license information is a requirement and must be current.
- **If participants are driving separately using a second truck for the collection of firewood, an additional permit must be purchased by the participant.**
- Vehicle pass must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle at all times.

7. Areas/Maps

Wood will be cut only in authorized area, see map for off limits areas, this includes Impact Areas. Maps can be printed via the iSportsman system under the map tab/link or picked up at the Forestry Office building 321.

8. General Requirements:

- a. Wood must be dead and down. No standing dead or live trees may be cut for firewood, or other purposes.
- b. No equipment; to include, but not be limited to dozers, tractors, skidders, front end loaders, four wheelers; will be allowed on the installation for the purpose of assisting in firewood collection or removal.
- c. All equipment and labor will be supplied by the buyer. The permit holder and all participants are responsible for complying with equipment manufacturer's recommendations concerning safety equipment and safety procedures.
- d. Removal of firewood is authorized from sunrise to sunset.
- e. Trash and refuse will not be deposited on the installation.
- f. Please be aware the commander and the installation staff are committed to the safety and security of our troops, they are our first priority. Please be respectful of others as you visit MTC Fort Pickett we are a multi-use training center.
- g. The U.S. Government and State of Virginia are not authorized or responsible to provide any vehicle assistance.
- h. The U.S. Government and State of Virginia are not responsible for any damage or injury to persons or property incurred as a result of this sale and removal of firewood from MTC Fort Pickett.
- i. Individuals not following the above requirements will have license revoked and will not receive additional firewood permits; and may be prosecuted for trespassing and/or larceny.

9. Safety:

It is recommended for safety that firewood permit holders not cut alone and carry a cell phone while on MTC Fort Pickett.

10. Hold Harmless Statement:

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF VIRGINIA FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY TO PROPERTY OR PERSONS WHICH IS INCURRED IN THE USE OF THIS PERMIT TO CUT AND/OR REMOVE FIREWOOD FROM MTC FORT PICKETT.