MINISTRY OF FORESTS FREE USE PERMITS FOR FIREWOOD(2006) Valid within Kootenay Lake Forest District Timber Supply Area

Available for PERSONAL USE ONLY from Vacant Crown Land.

of (Home address):

This is your Free Use Permit which allows you to cut dead and down wood for firewood (maximum 5 cords) in the Kootenay Lake Forest District. Pursuant to Section 94(5) of the Forest Act, firewood covered under this free use permit is exempt from the scaling requirement. This permit is subject to the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) and the accompanying regulations. The permittee must carry the permit at all times, while cutting or transporting firewood, and must produce the permit at the request of a Forest Officer/Official, Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer.

I,_____

FULL NAME OF PERMITTEE

HEREBY apply for a Free Use Permit to cut firewood for personal use and not for sale. I hereby agree to the following:

- Cutting and removing only dead timber, standing and down or deciduous trees.. Trees with broken tops (or freshly blowndown trees) are not to be cut <u>if they have green needles</u>. (No cutting of birch is allowed on the Kokanee Creek area)
- 2. WILDLIFE PROTECTION: Care is taken not to remove any trees showing obvious signs of wildlife use (i.e., cavities, nests, foraging marks).
- 3. Cutting of green trees and removal of decked logs is against the FRPA and is subject to administrative penalties and criminal charges.
- 4. Stumps will not be higher than thirty (30) centimetres (1 foot) from the ground. No tree shall be left leaning, hanging or in any other condition that jeopardizes the safety of other forest users.
- 5. The maximum length of firewood pieces shall not exceed 1.2m (approx. 4 ft.).
- 6. All branches shall be lopped from the trees felled, and the branches shall be scattered. The debris must be cleared from roads, roadside ditches and streams for a minimum distance of 5 meters.
- 7. It will be the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure they are cutting on vacant crown land.
- 8. The Permittee assumes the responsibility for any damage, injury, claim, or expense that the Crown faces as a result, directly or indirectly, of the activities carried out in conjunction with this Permit.
- 9. This Permit is subject to the FRPA, and the FOREST ACT.
- 10. Firewood gathering is prohibited within active logging areas, research trial areas, recreation areas and campsites.
- 11. The Permittee shall not use machinery propelled or operated otherwise than by muscular power in carrying out firewood cutting operations under this permit. Power saws may be used for falling and bucking. (Must have at least one shovel and one fire exinguisher present at all times when operating a powersaw.)
- 12. Timber may not be cut within 50 meters of a fish bearing stream.
- 13. This pemit must be carried at all times while cutting or transporting firewood. This permit is non-trasferable.

This permit is not valid until it is signed by the Applicant and is valid until December 31, 2006.

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE

Rob McRory, Tenures Officer, Kootenay Lake Forest District.

While firewood cutting is authorized on all vacant crownland (aside for the above mentioned restrictions) within the Kootenay Lake Timber Supply Area we do offer some suggested firewood areas:

Nelson Area:

1. Redfish Forest Service Road

Travel highway 3A to the Balfour/Harrop Firehall. Turn off left off highway onto Beggs Road. Follow this road and it will lead you directly to the Redfish Forest Service Road.

2. Kokanee Creek Forest Service Road

Travel highway 3A to Kokanee Creek Forest Service Road (also the entrace to travel up to Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park) **No firewood cutting is permitted within the first 2km as this area is within the Provicial Park**. Firewood cutting is permitted from 2km on until you once again enter the park (no firewood cutting is permitted in the Provincial Park). Please report any cutting you notice within the provincial park to 354-6333

3. Smallwood Creek Forest Service Road

Travel highway 3A towards Castlegar. Just past the bluffs turn right onto Beasley Road. Proceed to the first intersection and then turn right again onto Queen Victoria Road. Travel up Queen Victoria Road until you reach the Smallwood Forest Service Road. No firewood cutting is permitted within the Woodlot Licence that is located in this area.

4. Giveout Creek Forest Serice Road

Travel highway 6 towards Salmo. Just before Cottonwood Lake turn right.

5. Rover Creek Forest Service Road

Turn right off highway 3A at old Tagum highway, then right onto Bedford Road, then right again onto Blewett Road. Follow Blewett road past 49 Creek until you reach Rover Creek Forest Service Road.

East Shore Area:

Powder Creek Forest Sevice Road Travel north of Riondel. Be aware of private land as there is lots of it in this area. **Gray Creek Forest Serice Road**