



PUBLIC NOTICE

Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program
Department of Natural Resources
2021 Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest

As we continue to provide essential services for our Hopi Tribal members, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will continue the opportunities to access the Hart/Drye Ranch, to harvest dead and down, and dead standing wood to heat their homes, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hopi WEMP will implement the schedule below to allow our Hopi Tribal member's access to the Hart/Drye Ranch. Hopi Tribal members may make multiple trips during the four day event Hopi Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest. The schedule will remain in effect until all resources are harvested from the designated area or until the last scheduled date.

2021 Hart/Drye Wood Harvest Schedule:

Dates	Hours of Operation
March 26 th to 29 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 2 nd to April 5 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 9 th to April 12 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 16 th to April 19 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
April 23 rd to April 26 th	8 am to 5 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)

WEMP staff will be onsite to monitor and check-in vehicles and issue permits upon completion of wood harvest. WEMP staff will follow CDC guidelines and follow social distancing guidelines, and keep immediate interaction at a minimum. Please read the attached protocols to ensure we have safe compliance during the event.

The designated Hart Ranch Wood Harvest area will be a new location and is accessible from I-40. If you are coming from Flagstaff, Arizona Please exit I-40 at Exit #219 and make a left and go over the bridge and proceed to the roundabout and enter the green gate, a sign will indicate the entrance. If you are coming from Winslow, Arizona, please exit I-40 at Exit #219 and make a right and proceed to the roundabout and enter the green gate, a sign will indicate the entrance. Check-In with staff and proceed to designated harvest site location.

Any questions, please feel free to call WEMP staff at (928) 497-1014 or (928) 497-1012.

HART/DRYE RANCH WOOD HARVEST COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Although this is an outside activity, we want to ensure we provide a safe environment, and follow COVID-19 requirements and to reduce the spread of the virus. The Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) requests you adhere to the following guidelines to ensure we can continue this event;

- **If you are feeling sick or have a high or above normal temperature, please stay home**
- All Tribal Members who wish to participate in the Hart Ranch Wood Harvesting event must have received both COVID-19 Vaccination shots. We are operating on the “Honor Code” and not requiring proof. So please be **HONEST** and **RESPECT** the health and safety of Tribal employees and other Tribal members.
- Please remain in your vehicle. Each vehicle will check-in with WEMP staff, with minimal contact. Please have your Hopi Tribal Census Card or Census Number and Driver’s License ready to provide to the staff.
- We will require individuals to wear a double mask during the check-in and check-out process and require all individuals are from the same household and keep to their group while harvesting wood.
- Once checked-in, you will proceed to harvest your wood and upon completion of loading your wood, please check-out and you will be issued a Hopi Wood Hauling Permit. The permit will be your validation to haul the wood to your destination.
- All individuals will be required to wear a face mask, covering your nose and mouth when you are within 6 feet of other individuals. Although this is an outside activity, we require each individual to wear your masks, especially when you are near other individuals outside of your group.
- Please stay away from other groups and practice the 6 foot social distancing. We request you stay with your group to minimize contact with other groups.
- Please use hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap and water, if possible.
- WEMP Staff will be monitoring the areas to ensure we have compliance, please cooperate with staff and follow their requests.
- Please be sure to bring your chainsaws, fuel, extra chains/bars, chain sharpener, axes, wood maul/splitter, pry bar, sledgehammer, wedges and other wood harvesting tools, with plenty of water and snacks.
- **PLEASE PACK OUT YOUR TRASH.** We ask that you police up your area and take your trash.
- Upon leaving for home or your destination, **PLEASE** make sure to strap down or secure your load. We do not want you to cause any damage or cause an accident on the highways.
- We understand the need to stop for gas and other necessities, however we ask you minimize your time in local border towns, mask up and hand sanitize and/or wash your hands with soap and water and take other preventative safety measures.

We thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (928) 497-1010/1014/1011.