

Cortes Forestry General Partnership

FIREWOOD FREE USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Community Forest License K4G Gorge Harbour Branch Road

This free use permit is intended for Cortes Island residents to access wood waste within the permitted area of the new Gorge Harbour branch logging road for domestic use firewood. All wood waste within the road right-of-way area is available for removal. This permit grants permission to collect domestic use firewood only. Removing specialty wood products other than cord wood is strictly prohibited by law. The sale of firewood obtained under this permit is strictly prohibited by law. Please be courteous to other firewood cutters and abide by the conditions listed below:

-Wear personal protective equipment, including chainsaw pants or chaps, ear protection, eye protection, sturdy boots and a hard hat. Please be conscious of your own safety and the safety of those around you. Be sure to secure your load before driving away, and drive slowly and cautiously with your headlights on while on bush roads.

-Do not block roadways. Park off to the side leaving a clear path for other vehicles. Do not leave debris on the road surfaces.

-During fire season aware of the risk of wildfire. Carry a shovel and/or pulaski and a reasonable volume of water. Chainsaws can cause fire due to friction or spark. Always allow chainsaws time to cool before refueling. It is recommended to cut firewood during the cooler morning hours to further mitigate fire risk. The FIRE DANGER CLASS is posted daily on the BC Wildfire Service website (see link below). Access to the area will be restricted during times of extreme fire risk. Use caution and common sense.

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/DgrCls/index.asp?Region=2>

-Do not fall and standing live or dead timber. Do not cut any windfall. Do not pull logs out from beyond the timber edge. Firewood cutting is restricted to wood waste within the cleared areas only. Please be aware of potential hazards, such as logs that may shift or roll.

-Do not block ditches or culverts with wood and debris.

-This permit is intended for domestic use only. It is against the law to sell any wood obtained from this area without prior consent from the CFGP.

-Please respect the neighbouring community and only operate within reasonable daylight hours.

-Persons engaged in firewood cutting in this designated area will assume all risk of loss, injury and liability, and save harmless to the Crown and the CFGP from all and any claims.

-Fill out and sign the permit application on the following page and carry the permit application with you when are entering the Gorge Harbour Branch Road, which is located across and down from the Main Road highways yard.

