

# HOW TO JOIN WOOD FOR LIFE



## WHAT IS IT?

The Wood for Life (WFL) partnership began developing in 2020 in response to both the increased need for firewood at the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation after a reduction of coal availability and the need to scale up restoration projects on national forests. The partnership works towards three main goals: (1) providing resources and a sustainable source of firewood to local tribes through restoration efforts; (2) reducing forest-wide fuels; and (3) fostering and strengthening partner relationships.

## HOW TO GET FIREWOOD

- Make contact and/or join the monthly WFL meeting
- The Forest Service or NFF will announce when wood is available from the project sites
  - This wood will either be made available for pickup at the sites or will be able to be delivered to a hub location
  - The wood may come in varying sizes (from logs to firewood ready)
  - The Forest Service and NFF will attempt to best match their project to your communities' needs and capacity
- Wood may also be delivered to homes and hub locations by partner organizations like Red Feather, Ancestral Lands, Koho4Hopi, Chizh for Cheii, and Pikunivi Wood Haulers
- Communities with the capacity may be able to enter into agreements with the Forest Service to further facilitate removal of wood from the forest and delivery to homes (refer to "entering into agreements")

## TRADITIONAL AND CEREMONIAL WOOD

Direct any requests for traditional and ceremonial wood needs to [Anna Masayesva](#) or [Noni Lyndon](#) listed in the contacts below. This includes post and pole, firewood, and mulch.

## MONTHLY MEETING

Join us via Teams the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm Arizona time. Current wood availability is discussed first.

[Reach out to any of the contacts below for the Teams link](#)

## BURNING SAFELY

Find more information on safe wood burning and cleaning practices here.

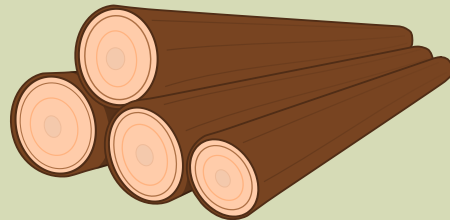
<https://www.redfeather.org/heating--cooling-edu.html>

## GRANT FUNDS

- **The Alliance for Green Heat** wood bank grants range from \$1,000 - \$15,000 depending on needs and capacity
- Eligible expenses include chain saws, splitters, building materials for sheds, protective gear, etc.
- First aid kits, moisture meters, and sufficient safety equipment are required on site; these items must be added to the budget if they are not already owned
- No single item can cost more than \$5,000 and can only cover materials, not labor

<https://tinyurl.com/agreenheat>

For other funding options contact Maddie Smith at the NFF



## ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS

Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, 638 Contracts are an option for Tribal governments and Tribally recognized entities to enter into agreements with the Forest Service. The agreement proposals must be drafted and submitted by the Tribal entity to the Forest Service. These agreements would allow Tribal entities to carry out long-term projects on federal land, receive funds for wood processing equipment, hire personnel to assist with wood processing and distribution, and a variety of other firewood related projects. For more information on how to do this, contact Jon Martin, listed in the contacts below.

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## WHO CAN I CONTACT?

### About getting wood:

#### Forest Service Northern Arizona

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#### National Forest Foundation (NFF)

**Maddie Smith:** Wood For Life Coordinator  
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## WFL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTACT

### Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps

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<https://www.nationalforests.org/get-involved/wood-for-life/northern-arizona-wood-for-life-partnership>