

# Secure winter fuelwood now

**HARRISBURG** — The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources' Bureau of Forestry is advising people to secure their fuelwood from the state forests during the summer months rather than late fall or early winter.

This advisory, not a hard and fast rule in Pennsylvania's 20 forest districts, will help eliminate being stranded on snow or ice-covered roads miles away from inhabited areas during the middle of winter and also will help insure having a supply of firewood on hand when the first frost arrives.

State forest roads are not maintained during the winter months and occasionally people out after fuelwood have found themselves stranded on snow or

ice-covered roads miles away from nowhere.

Many people wait until the first frost, then decide to stock up on fuelwood. This results in an avalanche of requests for permits.

It is possible to purchase a permit for more than one standard rough cord of wood, at \$4 per cord, and to cut it well in advance of cold weather at a leisurely pace.

Because of local circumstances, not all forest districts have established times for cutting. One district, the Bald Eagle Forest District 7, Mifflinburg, has scheduled May 15 through November 15 as the cutting season.

This same district also has set five cords as the minimum amount for a permit. If a person plans to cut more than five cords for next

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winter, he should specify the amount when applying for the permit. This will reduce the number of trips to the district forester's office or the forest foreman's headquarters for permits.

Bald Eagle Forest District also has instituted a policy concerning the rights of owners of land adjoining state forests. Complaints

had been received from private landowners on the issuing of permits for areas where the state does not own the access rights. To

alleviate this problem, permits will not be issued for such areas unless an individual can furnish written proof of access to the area.

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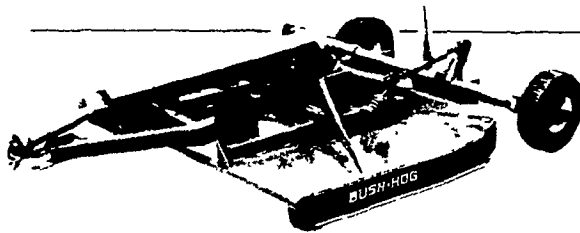


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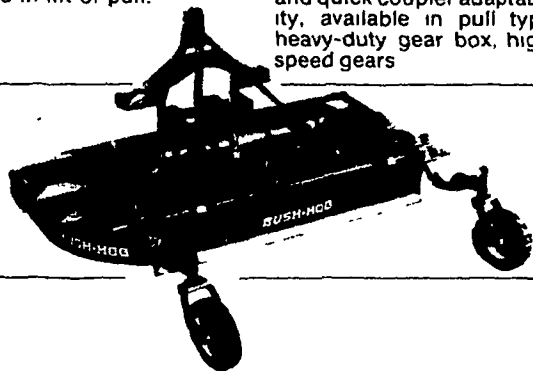
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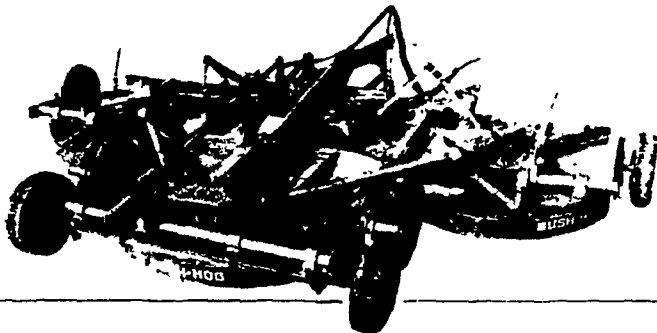
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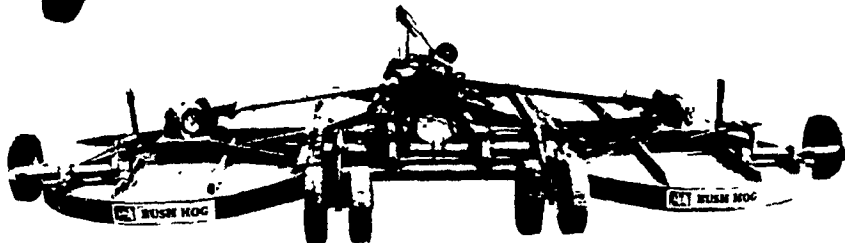
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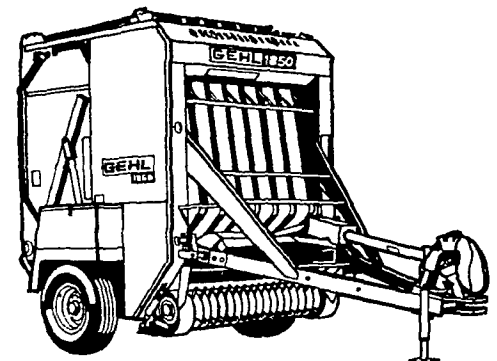
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