



Woodland Resources

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service provide woodland products within Bears Ears National Monument to meet the needs of local communities for heating homes and for other limited purposes, such as for ceremonial uses by Native Americans. This is an important resource for local tribes and for many nearby residents who heat their homes exclusively with wood. Use of woodland products must also be managed on a sustainable basis to ensure continued ecological diversity and stability.

On land managed by the BLM,

- most of the woodcutting permits for pinyon and juniper trees are issued for fuelwood; however, some permits are issued for fence posts, line posts, and corner posts;
- cottonwood and willow harvesting is allowed for Native American ceremonial uses only by permit; and
- the demand for woodcutting and cottonwood and willow harvesting permits fluctuates annually with the changing needs of the local communities of southeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado.

Indian Creek Unit

Woodcutting permits for private use are issued by the BLM Monticello Field Office for areas within the Indian Creek Unit of Bears Ears National Monument. The following woodcutting areas are available within the Indian Creek Unit:

- 17,596 acres of the Harts Draw Wood Harvest Zone
- 5,256 acres of the Salt Creek Mesa Wood Harvest Zone

Shash Jáa Unit

Woodcutting permits for private use are issued by the BLM Monticello Field Office on lands managed by the BLM, and by the Monticello Ranger District Office for lands managed by the USFS. The following woodcutting areas are available within the Shash Jáa Unit:

- 18,244 acres of the South Cottonwood Wood Harvest Unit (BLM)
- 5,503 acres of the North Comb Ridge Wood Harvest Unit (BLM)
- 4,625 acres of the White Canyon Wood Harvest Zone (BLM)
- 12,062 acres of the Cedar Mesa Wood Harvest Zone (BLM)
- 32,587 acres of the Manti-La Sal National Forest (USFS)