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FSH 2409.18 – TIMBER SALE PREPARATION HANDBOOK

CHAPTER 80 – USES OF TIMBER OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL TIMBER SALES

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Digest:

87.51b – Changes the period of time Ginseng permits will be issued from September 1 to December 1 to September 1 to September 30. Add a limit of three (3) pounds per person. Remove permit limit of 30 days.

87.51b - Exhibit 01 – Changes the price for Ginseng from \$30 per dry pound to \$40 per dry pound and limits the collection to three (3) pounds per person.

87.51b - Exhibit 01 – Remove requirement for permit for personal use Ramps.

87.51b - Exhibit 01 – Increase the permit price on Galax to \$0.45 per pound

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87 – SALES OF SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

87.5 – Control of Harvesting Activities

87.51b – Charge Permits or Sale of Products

List of saleable Special Forest Products:

1. Medicinal Plants and Roots.

a. Ginseng

(1) Permit the collection of ginseng in cooperation with the North Carolina management program and regulations of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) Office of Management Authority.

(2) The ginseng management policy on the National Forests in North Carolina will be reflective of Forest Plan objectives.

(3) Use Forest Products Sale Contract (FS-2400-4) for the collection of ginseng. Use of other permit forms is subject to approval by the Regional Forester.

(4) Permits will be issued only for the period September 1 through September 30.

(5) The purchaser will be required to plant mature seeds collected from plants near the site of removal.

(6) The purchaser is only permitted to dig three-prong or larger plants.

(7) Collection will not be permitted in Wilderness, Natural areas or within identified protection zones. The protection zones will provide a buffer to non-collection areas and will use well established boundaries, such as rivers and roads.

(8) Limits the collection to three (3) pounds per person.

b. Medicinal Herbs

See Exhibit 02 for a list of medicinal herbs allowable for harvest.

2. Fraser Fir Cones.

a. Individual permit sales will be handled on a first come, first served basis, with permits being sold during the last two weeks of August. Available volume will be divided by anticipated permit sales to determine the maximum volume per permit.

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Half the permits will be sold during the next to last week of August, and half sold the last week of August.

b. Seed cone harvest will be determined by the administering unit, based on cone maturity.

c. Sale price for individual permits will be determined annually by the District Ranger.

3. Pine Straw.

a. On an annual basis, the Croatan Ranger District will determine areas on the District where pine straw may be collected.

b. Based on the above and current demand, pine straw will be sold on a per acre basis by competitive bidding.

c. The price for individual sales will be determined annually by the District Ranger.

4. Log Moss.

The sale of Log Moss was discontinued effective January 1, 2006.

5. Galax.

Every year there will be a seasonal restriction on the harvest of Galax from April 15 to June 15. Permits for less than 200 pounds will be issued for 15 days. Permits for over 200 pounds will be issued for 30 days.

6. Flame Azaleas.

The sale of Flame Azaleas was discontinued effective June 1, 2005.

7. Miscellaneous Plants and Roots.

Special conditions

Permits for the sale of Laurel and Maple Sticks, and Rhododendron and Laurel plants may be sold to one individual (referred to as the permit holder) who may have several workers digging or collecting under their permit. The permit holder must be on site and be able to produce the permit during the collection of any permitted product. Reducing the density of plants from any one area by more than 50% from pre-harvest levels should be avoided. Districts shall monitor designated harvest areas annually and adjust areas permitted for harvest to avoid over harvesting.

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The use of Free Use Permits (FS-2400-8) by non-profit organizations collecting Ramps has been discontinued effective January 1, 2006. Commercial ramp harvesting requires a Forest Product Removal Permit (FS-2400-1), and is limited to a maximum of 500 pounds per permit. Districts will manage permits for large quantities of ramps by rotating harvest areas and only allowing 50% of the bulbs within any one square foot area to be harvested at any one time. Free Use Permits (FS-2400-8) shall be required for personal use, up to five pounds per household per year.

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87.51b - Exhibit 01

Saleable Special Forest Products

Product	Unit of Measure	Price per unit of measure	Minimum Permit	Remarks
Ginseng	Pounds (wet)	\$40.00/lb	1 lb	Collected only during 9/1 - 9/30. Each collector must be permitted. Limit of 3 pounds per person.
Log Moss	N/A	N/A	N/A	No longer approved for permit sale.
Firewood	CCF	\$5.00/ccf	4 ccf	8 ccf max./yr/person.
Rhodo/Laurel Rootstock	Each	\$0.25 ea	100	Digging is prohibited on road banks.
Trees (all species)	Each	\$2.00 ea	10 trees	2' - 6' maximum size
Locust Post	Each	\$0.40 ea	50	Non-commercial only
Cones (Pine)	Bushel	\$5.00/bu	4 bu	Seed collection.
Cones (Dry)	Bushel	\$5.00/bu	4 bu	Decorative/craft.
Cones (F.Fir)	Bushel	\$15.00/bu	2 bu	Appalachian RD only
Galax	Pounds	\$0.45/lbs	100 lbs (15 days) 200 lbs (30 days)	Seasonal Restriction from April 15 to June 15
Flame Azalea	N/A	N/A	N/A	No longer approved for permit sale.
Ramps (Commercial)	Pounds	\$0.50/lb	40 lbs	Max. 500 pounds per permit. District to rotate harvest. No more than 50% of bulbs in 1' x 1' area. Effective 1/1/ 2006.

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Saleable Special Forest Products

Product	Unit of Measure	Price per unit of measure	Minimum Permit	Remarks
Ramps (Free Use)	N/A	Free	N/A	No permit required up to 5 lbs accumulated harvest
Seedlings	Each	\$0.10 ea	200 seedlings	Less than 24"
Rhodo/Laurel Plants Annuals/Perennials, Misc. Plants (dug plants)	Each	\$5.00 ea	4 plants	Plants up to 6 feet tall. Cannot remove more than 50% of existing plant density. Permittee must smooth dug hole. Restricted harvest areas by district. Permit holder must be on site.
Florist Products	Pounds	\$0.10/lb	200 lbs	For comm. resale; includes Laurel leaves, Lycopodium, Leucothoe
Medicinal Herbs (other than Ginseng, Black Cohosh & Bloodroot)	Pounds	\$0.20/lb	100 lbs	See Exhibit 02 for complete listing of harvestable herbs.
Black Cohosh	Pounds	\$0.20/lb	100 lbs	
Bloodroot	Pounds	\$0.20/lb	100 lbs	
Laurel, Maple sticks	Each	\$0.15 ea	200 sticks	Up to 6 feet in length Permits for 200 sticks 15 days. 30 days for 500 sticks. Permittee must be on site. District restricts areas
Vines	Pounds	\$0.05/lb	500 lbs	

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Medicinal Herbs List

Medicinal Name	Part Used	Botanical Name
Agrimony	Whole Herb	Agrimonia sp.
Bergamot	Leaves, Herb	Monarda fistulosa
Bethroot	Root	Trillium erectum
Blue Cohosh	Root	Caulophyllum thalictroides
Black Raspberry	Leaves	Rubus allegheniensis
Butterfly weed	Root	Asclepias tuberosa
Boneset	Whole Herb	Eupatorium perfoliatum
Filmy Angelica	Root	Angelica triquinata
Colic Root (Star Grass)	Root	Aletris farinosa
Elderberry	Inner Bark, Flower	Sambucus canadensis
Devil's Bit	Root	Chamelirium luteum
Hydrangea	Root	Hydrangea arborescens
Hawthorne	Berries	Crategus sp.
Joe-pye-weed (Gravel Root)	Whole Herb	Eupatorium fistulosum, purpureum
Indian tobacco	Whole Herb	Lobelia inflata
Mayapple	Root	Podophyllum peltatum
Maypop (Passion Flower)	Herb	Passiflora incarnata
Mullein	Leaves, Flower	Verbascum thapsus
New Jersey Tea	Root	Ceanothus americanus
Plantain	Root	Plantago sp.
Red Clover	Flower	Trifolium pratense
St. Johnswort	Leaves, Flower	Hypericum perforatum
Sassafras	Leaves	Sassafras albidium
Spikenard	Root	Aralia nudicaulis
Squaw Vine (Partridgeberry)	Leaves	Mitchella repens
Solomon's Seal	Root	Polygonatum biflorum
Stone Root	Root	Collinsonia tuberosa
Wild Sarsaparilla	Root	Aralia racemosa
Wild Ginger	Root	Asarum canadense
Wild Indigo	Root	Baptisia tinctoria
Wild Yam	Root	Dioscorea quaternata
Wild Geranium	Root	Geranium maculatum
Witch-hazel	Inner Stem Bark	Hamamelis virginiana
Yellow Dock	Root	Rumex acetosella