

Firewood

Fort McCoy sells firewood permits with the revenue gained deposited into the Department of Defense Forestry Account. Firewood permits are sold on a daily or monthly basis, and collection is done in authorized areas to remove dead trees. A daily permit is \$10 and a calendar month permit is \$50. The firewood permit holder is allowed one vehicle with or without a trailer and helpers to cut, split, and/or load the firewood while in the presence of the permit holder.

Permits must be purchased by the permit holder (or spouse) and are available at the Permit Sales Office located at 2168 South 8th Avenue, Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Permit sales are cash only (no checks or credit cards). All cutters/collectors are expected to call the GAME LINE at (866)2-77-1592 or the www.mccoy.isportsman.net website to check if the cutting/collecting area is closed to public use because of training activities.



Regeneration

Fort McCoy places an emphasis on natural reforestation by using timber sales to create proper seedbed and light conditions for the targeted tree species. Northern red oak and jack pine seedlings are shade intolerant and are typically regenerated using seed tree, shelterwood, or clear cuts. Vegetation controls may be needed before or soon after the timber sale to remove competing plants.

Artificial regeneration may be accomplished by hand planting or machine planting, depending on the size of the area, advance regeneration present, and access restrictions. Large areas of red pine have been planted in the past but are seldom planted at this time; open areas are more valuable as grassland or barrens habitat than pine plantations. Hand planting is often accomplished by school groups or Boy Scout organizations as part of classroom learning or to complete community service requirements.



Permit Sale Office
(608)388-3337

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Forestry Program



More than 40,000 (66 percent) of Fort McCoy's 60,000 acres are forestlands. All forest acreage is tracked using a Geographic Information System (GIS) forest inventory layer to enhance multiple-use, sustained-yield forest management





Commercial Forestry Program Mission

The major objectives of Fort McCoy's Commercial Forestry Program are:

- a. To support Fort McCoy's training and mobilization requirements.
- b. To manage the forest resources according to ecosystem management principles while providing a sustained yield of forest products.
- c. To manage for forest health against pests.
- d. To provide for other multiple uses of the forest resources like outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, soil erosion protection, watershed protection, clean air, and noise abatement.
- e. The program focuses on producing and identifying saleable wood products on forest areas that can be managed for profitable growth of saw timber and pulp wood on a sustained-yield basis, as well as performing cultural treatments to improve timber quantity and quality.

Timber Harvests

Timber harvests are completed for a variety of reasons but are usually in one of four categories.

1. Training improvement harvests reduce tree density or create openings to benefit military training.
2. Intermediate harvests remove some trees to give the remaining trees more growing space.
3. Salvage harvests remove dead and dying trees or removes trees for land use change.
4. Regeneration harvests remove trees in order to regenerate the forest.

Timber harvests may occur in any forested area of the installation except where not allowed, such as: the North Impact Area, riparian areas, and cultural resource sites eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Sites.



Forest Health

Ecosystem management recognizes that endemic levels of insects and disease play a vital role in maintaining a healthy forest. Epidemic outbreaks of pests are prevented through the use of silvicultural practices and monitoring. Specific pests that are monitored or actively managed against include: jack pine budworm, oak wilt, annosum root rot, gypsy moth, white pine tip weevil, emerald ash borer, and pine bark beetle.

Timber from Fort McCoy lands has been sold since the 1950's. The post's forest inventory currently consists of approximately 12,000 acres of conifers (jack, red, and white pine and tamarack), 22,000 acres of scrub oak, 3,600 acres of quality red oak, and 2,400 acres of mixed hardwoods, which include soft maple, aspen, basswood, white birch, and elm.



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