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WOOD WARMS: DONATING FIREWOOD FROM STATE LANDS TIMBER HARVESTS

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WHAT IS WOOD WARMS



- Donations of firewood from timber harvests on State Parks and State Forests
- Distributed to wood banks for processing
- Wood banks distribute to Vermonters in need

WHAT ARE WOOD BANKS



- 35% of Vermont households use wood for heat, and 22% as their primary source
- When fuel runs low, people sometimes run out of other sources of support
- Wood banks stockpile wood and distribute when need arises



WHY DO WE HAVE WOOD WARMS?



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Image credit: firewoodresource.com, bestfire.com

- Some stands include a mix of low-grade forest products
- Average ~2800 cords sold per year
- When conditions are right, we can divert some of that to wood banks to help Vermonters in need



HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT WOOD WARMS?



- Every spring, try to identify 100 cords that can go to wood banks
- Include 'deductions' in contract for the donated wood, lowering the overall sale price
- Loggers deliver to wood banks



WHO HAS BENEFITED FROM WOOD WARMS?



Image credit: Wood4Good

- 232 cords delivered over the last 3 winters
- 11 upcoming harvests with a total estimated potential of 500 cords for donation
- Wood banks mobilized hundreds of volunteer hours
- Served Vermonters in need in Chittenden, Lamoille and Orleans County

A photograph of a forest with many tall, thin trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating bright spots and long shadows. The ground is covered in fallen leaves.

QUESTIONS?
