

**DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS**

WHEREAS, RSA 227-K empowers the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands to take measures to monitor the status of changes in the health of New Hampshire's forest, and reduce the incidence and severity of forest insect and disease infestations; and

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years many exotic invasive forest pests have gained entry into North American forests through the human-induced movement of goods and other plant material such as firewood for camping, landscape trees, and solid wood packing material; and

WHEREAS, 75% of the known infestations of emerald ash borer have been attributed to camp firewood and emerald ash borer has killed an estimated 25 million ash trees; and

WHEREAS, asian longhorned beetle has no known natural control and has spread to four northern states from human activities; and

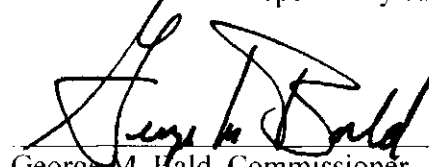
WHEREAS, The contribution of forest-based manufacturing and forest-related tourism and recreation to the New Hampshire economy is more than \$2 billion annually, and provides more than 13,000 jobs, and more than half of all forests in New Hampshire are susceptible hosts for asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer; and

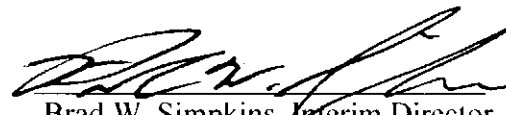
WHEREAS, eradication costs to the local, State, and Federal governments are extremely high.

Order 2009-01

Under authority of RSA 227-K:15 the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) hereby orders the following:

1. Prohibits the movement of firewood of all types and species into State-owned properties, under the administration of DRED, from sources outside New Hampshire. Firewood includes all wood, processed or unprocessed, coniferous or hardwood, meant for use as fuel in an open pit, grill, fireplace or stove. This prohibition does not apply to the transportation of sawlogs, pulpwood or wood chips to facilities for processing into lumber, paper or manufactured wood products.
2. Kiln-dried, packaged firewood clearly marked with the producer's name and address and labeled as "Kiln Dried" and/or USDA Certified are exempt from the provisions of this order.
3. Any person, or employee or agent of that person, who violates this order shall be guilty of a violation pursuant to RSA 227-K:17.
4. This order is effective as of this 29th day of May, 2009 and shall remain in effect until repealed by subsequent order.


George M. Bald, Commissioner
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