

APPENDIX 4 WOOD GATHERING POLICY

Background: At the 2001 Annual Meeting the membership discussed the need to protect trees on the common ground from the threat of fire, and harvesting wood was deemed one effective way to reduce fire danger. The Board oversaw some activities designed to use volunteer labor to cut dead and down wood and remove slash from under trees. The following points summarize the principles agreed upon for the removal of dead wood from the Common Area:

As a common resource, wood should be taken in an equitable manner. It would not be appropriate for one resident to appropriate a disproportionate share of Casas dead wood.

Anyone wishing to take wood should first seek approval from the Board, indicating the location and amount of wood to be harvested.

Refuse created in the cutting of dead wood must be removed by the resident taking the wood.

Wildlife habitat and other ecological concerns must be considered in removing dead wood. "Landmark" standing dead trees are not to be cut.

Wood cutters from outside Casas Arroyo are not permitted to harvest Casas wood, unless 1) permission is granted by the Board for an outside cutter to assist a resident in gathering an approved amount of dead wood, or (2) a resident hires an outside cutter to gather dead and down wood from his/her own Lot.

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