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(Neb.)-Materials Now Available For Fencing Lost To Fires

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(Chadron)-Funding has recently become available and a limited amount of materials were purchased to re-build fences lost in the 2012 fires. According to Forest Service officials, materials are available for both interior fences owned by the Forest Service and privately-owned fences that are adjacent to Forest Service Lands.

For fences that are privately owned, but adjacent to Forest Service lands, requests for materials will be taken through Friday, October 18 at the Pine Ridge Ranger District, located 2 ½ miles south of Chadron. Willing, eligible landowners would sign a participatory agreement with the US Forest Service, and fence materials would be provided to the landowner at no cost to re-build their fences that are adjacent to Forest Service lands. Landowners are then responsible for installation of the fence according to Forest Service specifications. Work must be completed by a mutually agreed-upon deadline. Following a final satisfactory inspection, the landowner assumes ownership of the fences, including responsibility for on-going maintenance.

Fence material is also available to rebuild interior fences. Often these fences are required for management of permitted livestock. Permittees need to work with the Forest Service to build fences according to Forest Service specifications and to stay in compliance with their grazing permits.

There is a limited amount of fencing materials, so not all applicants may get approved. Forest Service officials will work with landowners and permittees to provide guidance for any necessary timber clearing.

Please visit the Pine Ridge Ranger District for more information or to apply. Interested persons may also call the office at [308-432-0300](tel:308-432-0300), or visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska.

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