

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: 14-072 SUBJECT: Emergency Rule to Ban the
DATE PASSED: September 18, 2014 Importation of Firewood on
Commission-owned WMAs.
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed that danger to the forestlands on state-owned WMAs by exotic insects and diseases exists through the movement of firewood to these agency properties; **and**

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and the Regulations Committee, the Commission has determined that the proposed action promotes sound wildlife conservation and management and is consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution and that a rule implementing such action should now be approved for application statewide; **and**

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that conditions of the importation of exotic insects and diseases are such that imminent peril to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the wildlife resources of the State and compliance with federal laws or regulations requires that the rule become effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED this 18th day of September 2014, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby declares that an emergency exists and, effectively immediately, prohibits the importation of firewood into Commission-owned Wildlife Management Areas.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with legally certifying and filing this emergency rule with the Secretary of State, State Library, and Bureau of Legislative Research and taking appropriate measures to make this emergency rule known to the persons whom it may affect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this emergency rule shall remain in effect for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days and, unless extended by further action of the Commission, then shall terminate.

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