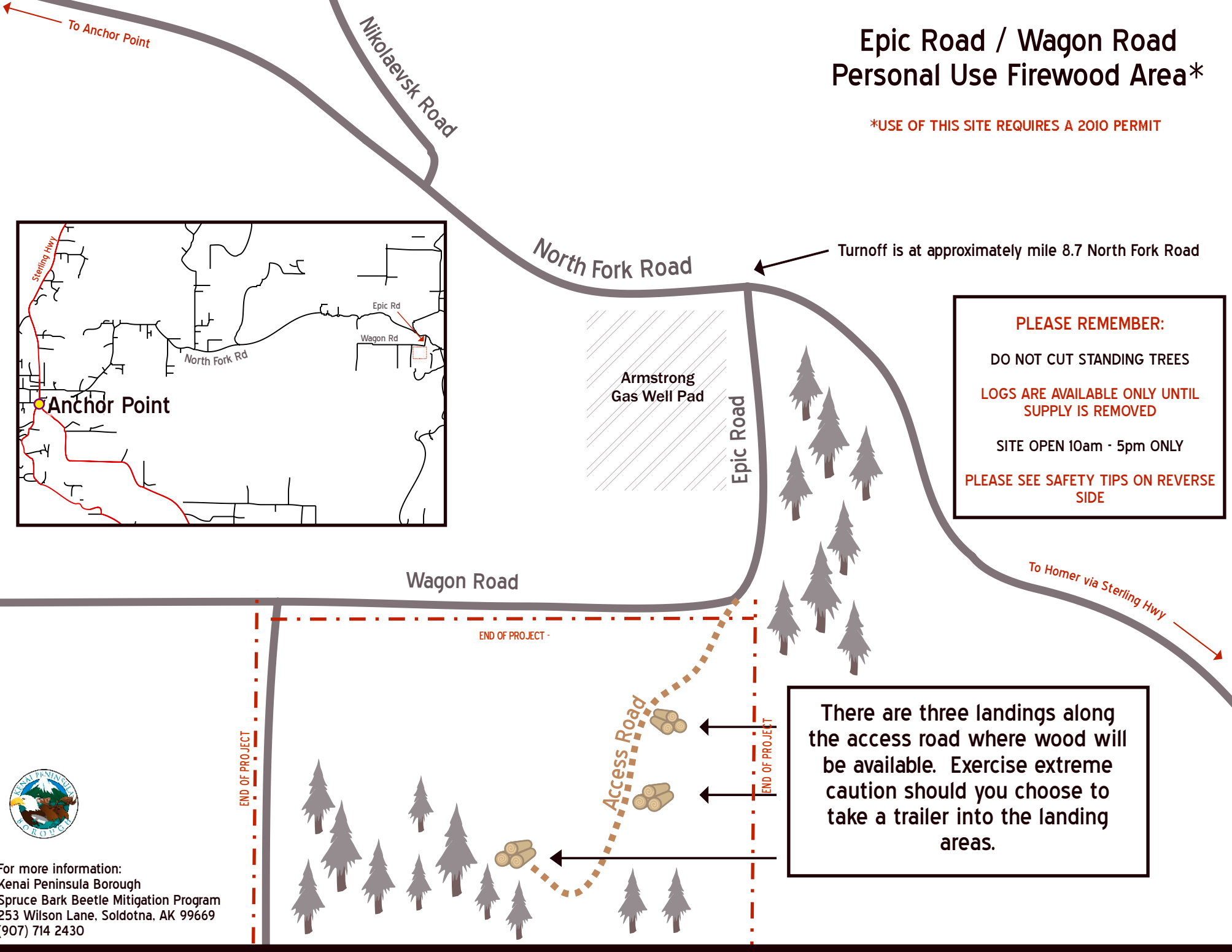


# Epic Road / Wagon Road Personal Use Firewood Area\*

\*USE OF THIS SITE REQUIRES A 2010 PERMIT



Turnoff is at approximately mile 8.7 North Fork Road

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
DO NOT CUT STANDING TREES  
LOGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL  
SUPPLY IS REMOVED  
SITE OPEN 10am - 5pm ONLY  
PLEASE SEE SAFETY TIPS ON REVERSE  
SIDE

There are three landings along  
the access road where wood will  
be available. Exercise extreme  
caution should you choose to  
take a trailer into the landing  
areas.



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## CHAIN SAW SAFETY:

In inexperienced hands, a large gas-driven chain saw is possibly one of the most dangerous tools. Records prove that all manner of horrific accidents are possible--they can and do happen to anyone. Even experienced lumberjacks (loggers) have fallen victim to the ripping teeth of a chain saw. So.... here are a few rules designed to keep you out of trouble and injury/accident-free with your chain saw:

### Before you start:

1. Read the owner's manual before you start and don't work alone....you might need help.
2. Ensure that small children and animals are kept well away from the work area.
3. You should wear thin, tight clothing so it cannot be caught in the chain. Long hair should be tied back.
4. Steel-toed-capped boots are essential, as are well-fitted gloves.
5. If you use a chain saw often, consider getting limb and torso guards--some are designed to "burst" on impact, fouling the blade and stopping it.
6. Both you and your assistant should have impact-resistant safety goggles and hearing protection.
7. Debris can be thrown a considerable distance. Your assistant should be close enough to assist but not to get in the way. Try to keep him or her behind the saw--where you are.
8. Under no circumstances consider using a chain saw if you are tired, drunk, impaired by medication or ill.
9. Sharp chain is safer to work with than dull. It is a good practice to look for proper chain tension and to make sure the teeth are adequately sharp. Do not attempt to clean or adjust the blade while engine is operating (including idling).
10. If the weather is windy or wet....forget it. It'll wait until another day.

### Fuel Safety:

1. Before refilling the tank, allow the engine to cool down. It could very easily be hot enough to ignite any fuel spilled on it.
2. Open the cap slowly to release any pressure.
3. A funnel should help you avoid spilling fuel. But, no matter what you use, **don't smoke**.
4. After refilling, make sure the cap is tight....vibration could loosen the fit while working and fuel could be spilled without you noticing. Sparks may come out of the exhaust and ignite the fuel.
5. Store spare fuel well away from the work area.

### While cutting:

1. Use the part of the blade nearer the engine, to give you more control. Working close to the tip is tiring, and you are risking kickback. Using the tip of the saw is frequently found to be a cause factor in chain saw accidents. When using the tip it is impossible to safely control the blade, which could jump away from the wood violently. The chain may even break and fly off.
2. When the engine is running, the blade should not run at idling speed. If it does--STOP; consult the owner's manual or take it in for repair.
3. Check the chain brake. Apply it and open the throttle. The chain should not move.
4. The saw should do the work. Don't force it. If you have to use excessive pressure, the blade may be blunt. STOP and sharpen the blade.
5. The chain should not be loose.
6. Beware of nails and never cut into the ground.
7. Kick back is a killer – operator should always keep close control of saw while cutting with arms flexed. It is a good practice to cut limb and log material with the ½ of saw bar closest to engine. Arms should never be fully extended and operator should not "reach" while cutting.
8. A safe work area includes moving brush and limb debris to avoid tripping while concentration is on chain saw cutting action.

When using a chain saw expect the unexpected. Don't take chances and you'll be more likely to avoid a chain-saw massacre.

While walking into and out of the woods, stay alert for bears, make noise so they will know you are there. Usually, bears will stay away from you and you will avoid confrontation simply by making them aware of your presence. If confronted, back away slowly and leave the area as soon as possible.