

Woodcutting sites sought

The energy program of Washington County Community Action is looking for accessible woodcutting areas where low-income families can cut and gather wood for their own heating needs.

An appeal is being made to orchard owners and other people whose trees suffered damage from this winter's storms, asking them to donate woodcutting sites to the families.

Small, organized groups would like to be able to come and cut the wood for their personal use, and other volunteer groups have offered to cut and deliver wood to those physically unable to cut for themselves, spokesmen said.

This winter's severe cold has caused many families to deplete their wood supply sooner than usual. And because of other high energy costs, many low-income families are converting to wood heat. The demand has been tremendous for the use of easily accessible cutting areas, spokesmen said.

Low-income people who can cut their own wood and have tools, vehicles or skills to share are invited to join in the self-help wood project. Volunteers also are needed to cut for those who can't, and donations of woodcutting areas are most needed.

Anyone interested in participating in this project may call Judy Schilling, 640-8811.