

MAKING POSTS AND PICKETS

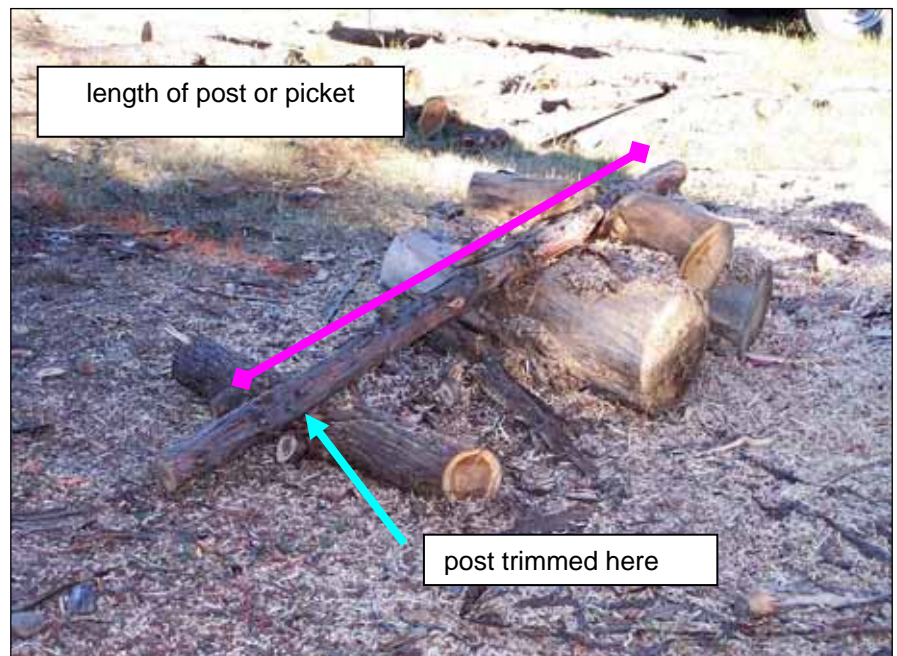
Posts for Vanes should be 6-8 inches in diameter and 6-8 feet long and made from hard woods such as “cedar”. Pickets used for making baffles and wicker weirs, should be approximately 40 inches in length and 2-3 inches in diameter and can be cut from trees like juniper, Russian olive, and even salt cedar.



Safety equipment should include gloves, hard-hat, ear-plugs, hard-toed shoes, and safety goggles. Operator of the chain saw must be fully trained in use and safety procedures.

Photo 1

Step 1: Design the staging area using logs. The post or picket should lie at about a 30 degree angle and the lower end log should be spaced at the final cut length of the post or picket (Photo 1).



Step 2: Trimming the Point. Using a chainsaw, make an angled cut on one side and then another cut on the opposite side (Photos 2-5).

Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Flip the post so that one of the cut flat sides is facing up and repeat the angled cuts on the remaining 2 sides (Photos 6-10).

Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10.
Final post/picket point.



Step 3: Trimming numbs. Using the chainsaw, trim off all protruding branch numbs (Photos 11-12).

Photo 10



Photo 11



Step 4: Trim Post or Picket to appropriate length. Using the chainsaw, trim off the end of the post (Photos 13-14).

Photo 13



Photo 14



Final Product

