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Christmas Tree Permits Available Soon

Southwest OR—It's that time of year to start thinking of the annual family trip to the woods for a holiday tree.

Starting on Monday, November 19, tree permits will be available at Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Offices, as well as at numerous vendor locations in southwest Oregon. The permits allow for the cutting of personal-use trees for Christmas and other holiday events. A permit is required for the harvest of each individual tree. Please contact your local Forest Service or BLM office, as permits may be available sooner than the official start date indicated above.

The permits sell for \$ 5.00 per tree and are non-refundable. There is a limit of five tree permits per person. The permits cover a large area that includes the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and the Coos Bay and Medford Districts of the BLM, where lands are open to personal use tree harvesting. Maps with directions to cutting areas will be provided at time of purchase.

The Christmas tree permit tag is validated after harvesting your tree by cutting out the date, month and year on the tree tag and securely attaching it to the cut tree in a visible location before transporting it.

Important Note

Christmas tree harvest is not allowed in wilderness areas, campgrounds, developed recreation areas, National Monuments, Research Natural Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, or within fences or posted tree plantations, within 200 feet of state highways or on private lands. Christmas tree cutting is also not permitted within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, the Wild and Scenic Rogue River corridor and Recreation Areas. This stresses the importance of having your tree permit map with you, along with a local Forest or BLM map, and a good understanding of your location prior to cutting.

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Christmas Tree Tags Available Soon

Traveling safely on public lands is very important for you and your family's health and safety. Keep in mind that roads on public lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM are not plowed in the winter and can present some situations that quickly become dangerous if you are not properly prepared.

On any outing to the forest this time of year, be prepared for winter weather and check weather conditions prior to departure. It is strongly encouraged that you take a reliable map of the area (Forest Service or BLM map in addition to your tree permit map) with you and travel with a full tank of gas. Bring along adequate supplies such as warm clothing, blankets/sleeping bags, high energy food, water, warm beverages, first aid kit, flashlight, whistle, mirror, shovel and chains.

Always let someone know where you plan to harvest your tree and when you expect to return. Consider going out with a more experienced friend if you are new to this activity or unfamiliar with the area in which you will be travelling.

The Bear Camp Coastal route is open but not recommended for travel this time of year, as the route is not maintained for winter travel from November 5th through May 31st. Be safe, and happy holidays!

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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Locations that Christmas Tree Permits are Available

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Agency Offices & Vendor Locations (listed by cities)

ASHLAND	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District Ashland Ranger Station 645 Washington Street Ashland, Oregon, 97520-1402	Phone: Voice: (541) 552-2900 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Additional Hours: .
BROOKINGS	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Gold Beach Ranger District, Crissey Field Welcome Center 14433 Highway 101 S., Brookings, OR 97415	Phone: Voice: (541) 412-6000 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 pm. – 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
	Chetco Outdoor Store 16220 Hoffeldt Lane Brookings, OR	Phone: Voice: (541) 469-9151 Business Hours: Mon. – Sat. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sun. – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
BUTTE FALLS	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, High Cascades Ranger District Butte Falls Ranger Station 730 Laurel Street / P.O. Box 227 Butte Falls, Oregon, 97522-0227	Phone: Voice: (541) 865-2700 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday .
	Whistlestop Emporium 407 Broad Street Butte Falls, OR, 97522	Phone: Voice: (541) 865-7700 Business Hours: Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CAVE JUNCTION	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Wild Rivers Ranger District Illinois Valley Ranger Station 26568 Redwood Hwy Cave Junction, OR, 97523-9309	Phone: Voice: (541) 592-4000 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
	Ray’s Shop Smart Food Warehouse 205 Watkins Cave Junction, OR 97523	Phone: Voice: (541) 592-3333 Business Hours: Every Day - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

EAGLE POINT	Midway Country Store 5600 Butte Falls Highway Eagle Point, OR 97524	Phone: Voice: (541) 826-4893 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sun. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Eagle Point Hardware 10840 Hannon Road Eagle Point, OR 97524	Phone: Voice: (541) 830-4960 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat. – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
GOLD BEACH	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Gold Beach Ranger District, Gold Beach Ranger Station 29279 Ellensburg Avenue Gold Beach, OR, 97444-7719	Phone: Voice: (541) 247-3600 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
	Rogue Outdoor Store 29865 Ellensburg Ave. Gold Beach, OR 97444	Phone: Voice: (541) 247-7142 Business Hours: Mon. – Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sun. – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
GRANTS PASS	Grants Pass Interagency Office BLM – Grants Pass & Glendale Resource Areas FS – Wild Rivers Ranger District 2164 NE Spalding Avenue Grants Pass, OR, 97526-4811	Phone: Voice: (541) 471-6500 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. - 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Ol' Champion's Sports Outlet 401 SE 6 th Street Grants Pass, OR, 97526	Phone: Voice: (541) 479-6414 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sat. – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun. - Noon – 4:00 p.m.
	M Street Market & Deli 1024 Southeast M Street Grants Pass, OR 97526	Phone: Voice: (541) 474-5954 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sat. – 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sun. – 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

	The Market and Deli 1070 Rogue River Highway Grants Pass, OR 97526	Phone: Voice (541) 479-1282 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sat. – 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sun. – 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
	Crown Market 1644 SE N Street, Suite A Grants Pass, OR 97526	Phone: Voice: (541) 295-3060 Business Hours: Mon.-Fri. – 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Sat & Sun. – 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
JACKSONVILLE	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District Star Ranger Station 6941 Upper Applegate Road Jacksonville, Oregon, 97530- 8975	Phone: Voice: (541) 899-3800 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Mc Kee Bridge Restaurant 9045 Upper Applegate Rd Jacksonville, OR	Phone: Voice: (541) 899-1101 Business Hours: Mon. – Thurs., 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fri. – Sun.- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Outpost Farm and Garden 181 Upper Applegate Rd Jacksonville, OR	Phone: Voice: (541) 899-1113 Business Hours: Mon. – Sat., 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sun. - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
MEDFORD	Medford Interagency Office BLM - Medford District, (Ashland & Butte Falls Resource Areas) FS-Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, (Supervisor's Office) 3040 Biddle Road Medford, Oregon 97504	Phone: Voice: (541) 618-2200 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. - 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Blackbird Shopping Center 1810 West Main Street Medford, OR 97501	Phone: Voice: (541) 779-5431 Business Hours: Mon. – Wed. - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thurs. & Fri. - 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sat. – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sun. - 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

	Northwest Outdoor Store 980 Biddle Road Medford, OR 97504	Phone: Voice: (541) 245-4000 Business Hours: Mon. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sun. – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
NORRHT BEND	Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District Office 1300 Airport Lane North Bend, OR, 97459	Phone: Voice: (541) 756-0100 Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Powers Ranger District 42861 Highway 242 Powers, OR, 97466	Phone: Voice: (541) 439-6200 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
POWERS	Powers Market & Variety 490 Second Avenue Powers, OR 97466	Phone: Voice: (541) 439-2321 Business Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fri. & Sat. – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sun. - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, High Cascades Ranger District, Prospect Ranger Station 47201 Highway 62 Prospect, Oregon, 97536-9724	Phone: Voice: (541) 560-3400 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
PROSPECT	Cascade Gorge Store 2651 Mill Creek Drive Prospect, OR 97536	Phone: Voice: (541) 560-4144 Business Hours: Mon. – Thurs. - 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fri. – Sat. 7:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m. Sun. – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Prospect Store 500 Mill Creek Drive Prospect, OR 97536	Phone: Voice: (541) 560-3655 Business Hours: Every Day - 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SHADY COVE	Shady Cove Hardware 21103 Highway 62 Shady Cove, OR 97539	Phone: Voice: (541) 878-4960 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. - 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat.–7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun.–8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TRAIL	Sunset on the Rogue 26876 Highway 62 Trail, OR 97541	Phone: Voice: (541) 878-3330 Business Hours: Mon. – Sun. - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
UNION CREEK	Union Creek Resort 56484 Hwy 62 Union Creek, OR 97536	Phone: Voice: (541) 560-3565 Business Hours: Mon. – Sun. - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.