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Having Visions of Sugarplum Fairies? Christmas Tree Tags Available For Sale Starting Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Medford/Coos Bay, OR–With the holiday season just around the corner, a great family activity to consider is taking a trip to the woods to cut your own holiday tree.

Christmas tree tags may be purchased by individuals and families to cut personal-use trees for Christmas and other holiday events. A permit is required for the harvest of each individual tree.

Christmas tree permits from the BLM Medford District, BLM Coos Bay District and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest will be officially available at all office and vendor locations starting on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, the day before the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

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, Area's of Critical Environmental Concern, 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 For Sale-Safety Precautions

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. You should 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 winter apparel, blankets/sleeping bags, food, water, warm beverages, first aid kit, flashlight, whistle, mirror and shovel in your vehicles while traveling in the forest. 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 not advisable for travel this time of year; the route is not maintained for winter travel from November 5th through May 31st. 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

November 2010 – Agency Offices & Vendor Locations (listed by cities)

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| 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: Sat. – Nov. 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sat. – Dec. 4 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sat. – Dec. 11 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 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 Additional Hours: Sat. & Sun. - Nov. 27 & 28 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| | Whistlestop Emporium 407 Broad Street Butte Falls, OR, 97522 | Phone: Voice: (541) 865-7700 Business Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 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. |

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| EAGLE POINT | Midway Country Store 5600 Butte Falls Highway Eagle Point, OR 97524 | Phone: Voice: (541) 826-4893 Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 5:00 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. |
| 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. |
| | Crissey Field Welcome Center 14433 Highway 101 South Brookings, OR 97415 | Phone: Voice: (541) 412-6000 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. - 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 – 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 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. |
| 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. |

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| | 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. |
| NORTH 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. |
| POWERS | 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 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. |
| PROSPE CT | 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. Additional Hours: Sat. & Sun. - Nov. 27 & 28 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |

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| | 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. |