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Christmas Tree Permits Available at Forest Service and BLM **District Offices**

Eugene, Ore. – Christmas tree permits will be available at all Willamette National Forest Ranger District offices, the Bureau of Land Management Springfield Interagency office and the Cottage Grove Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest from November 21 through December 23, 2011. Holiday enthusiasts looking for the perfect tree will also be able to purchase permits from local vendors.

Forest Service personal use permits are \$5.00 each. They allow the holders to cut one tree; each household can purchase a maximum of five permits. BLM permits are \$5.50 each; each household can purchase up to three of these permits.

Visitors can purchase permits and receive maps of cutting areas at Ranger District offices on weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Several offices will also be open on weekends with special appearances by Smokey Bear at designated times. At the Springfield Interagency office, BLM permits will be sold weekdays only from 8:00am to 4:30pm until Dec. 23.

For more information please contact the closest Ranger District office or call the Willamette National Forest Service and BLM Eugene District Interagency office located in Springfield at (541)225-6300. You can also visit us online at:

http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/index.php http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/news-events/?cid=STELPRDB5339517 http://www.youtube.com/blmoregon#p/u/47/zIcSuTf-7Es

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