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BLM Christmas Tree Permit Sales Begin November 22

Klamath Falls, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area will sell personal-use Christmas tree permits November 22 through December 23.

Permits are \$5 per tree and may be purchased at 2795 Anderson Ave., Building 25, in Klamath Falls. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Maps identifying tree-cutting areas will be provided at the time of purchase. Every household is eligible to buy a maximum of two permits, each good for the harvest of one tree. Permits are non-refundable, authorized for use only on BLM-managed lands and may not be transferred to another party. Each permit must be validated prior to transporting a freshly cut tree and securely attached to the tree trunk in a visible location.

The BLM makes the following safety recommendations to Christmas tree cutters:

- Check local weather conditions before leaving home and delay your trip if a winter storm is imminent.
- Notify friends or relatives of where you are going and when you expect to return, as cell phone coverage is unreliable in the mountains.
- Set out early in the day to allow for adequate time to locate a tree.
- Recognize the limits of your vehicle when accessing cutting areas.
- Carry proper traction devices for your vehicle and use them when appropriate.
- Have a full tank of gas in your vehicle.
- Take needed equipment (saw, shovel, tarp, etc.).
- Bring sufficient clothing to be able to adjust to unpredictable weather conditions.
- Carry emergency food and water.
- Make sure your cut tree is well watered throughout the holiday season.

For more information about BLM Christmas tree permits, please call (541) 883-6916.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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