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BLM Truffle Harvest Permits Available to Hunters with Truffle Dogs

Salem, Ore—The Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, is offering permits to harvest truffles on designated BLM lands in Northwest Oregon. Only trained truffle dog-assisted harvesting is allowed.

Truffle harvest permits are priced at \$40 per pound, plus a 10% road maintenance fee, for a total of \$44 per pound. The price is based on the current market value for dog-harvested truffles. Payment is made for the anticipated harvest, in advance. There are no refunds. The permit is valid for a time period negotiated at the time of purchase. Harvesters may be required to demonstrate the ability of their dog(s) to locate ripe truffles. Permits will be valid for a specific area. A map showing the designated harvest area will be included with the permit. Harvesters are encouraged to locate potential harvest areas, prior to scheduling an appointment for a permit.

A permit is required to harvest truffles from all public lands (state and federal). Currently, truffle harvesting is prohibited on most public lands. State law requires truffle harvesters (harvesting on land they do not own) to have a written permit to harvest truffles. The permit should include: The names of the authorized harvesters, the dates the permit is valid, the amount of truffles to be harvested, the location of the harvest area, and the signature of the permit issuer. Written documentation is required to transport truffles (or any forest product). The documentation should include: the name of the transporter, date of transport, where the truffles came from, destination of the truffles, and the amount being transported. Federal law requires the same documentation to harvest and transport truffles from federal land.

Salem BLM truffle harvest permits are issued by appointment. The contact is: Jim LeComte, Special Forest Products Coordinator, (503) 315-5916 jlecomte@blm.gov.

For more information about the BLM Salem District:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>

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