

News Release

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BLM begins Christmas tree-cutting permit sales

SALT LAKE CITY —The Bureau of Land Management will begin offering non-commercial tree permits to cut trees for the holidays, including pinyon pine, white fir and juniper trees in Utah this November.

Each year, thousands of people find their Christmas trees on public lands. The harvest of these resources not only provides memorable recreation opportunities but maintains the natural health of our forested lands.

Permits are required for cutting trees and carry a \$10 fee. We encourage the public to purchase permits online at the forest products permit website (https://forestproducts.blm.gov) beginning on the following dates:

- St. George Field Office—November 1
- Price Field Office—November 24
- All other Field Offices—November 9

In-person sales are available during regular business hours, excluding federal holidays. For more information, including rules on cuttings, visit www.blm.gov/utah/tree-permits. Find the appropriate field office using the BLM Utah's administrative boundary map: https://on.doi.gov/3TDzkVi.

Each district determines its own fee structure, number of permits, and species allowed for harvest:

Photos of winter recreation on public lands in Utah (including tree cutting) can be found on our Flickr: https://flic.kr/s/aHskKPbRuv.

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