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## **Holiday Trees Available from U.S. Forest Service and BLM**

**CANON CITY, Colo., November 17, 2008**...Holiday tree permits are again available from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Royal Gorge Field Office and U.S. Forest Service (USFS), San Carlos Ranger District beginning Monday, November 24 through December 23. Permits are \$10 per tree with a limit of two per household and must be purchased before cutting.

The permit allows cutting of Holiday Trees across all public lands managed by the USFS-San Carlos Ranger District and the BLM. Cutting is not allowed within Wilderness areas, Wilderness Study Areas, and/or administrative sites, such as campgrounds. The use of chainsaws will be allowed on BLM lands but not on U.S. Forest Service lands. Maps of suggested cutting areas are available with the permit

Permits may be purchased by cash, check or credit card during weekdays at the BLM and U.S. Forest Service office in Canon City between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. BLM permits will also be available at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Visitor Center in Salida (719) 539-7289 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. U.S. Forest Service tree permits will be sold in Westcliffe, La Veta, and Pueblo during normal business hours, cash or check only.

The types of trees vary with location and include: Douglas-Fir, ponderosa Pine, pinyon pine, white fir, subalpine fir, and Rocky Mountain juniper. .

Additional information regarding Holiday trees sales is available on the web at:  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/sanc/holidaytree.shtml>

The BLM and USFS want you to have a fun adventure and follow these simple safety tips to prepare for winter conditions. There will likely be more snow in the high country than in town. Plan to walk through snow to get your tree and make sure everyone has warm clothes and boots. Pack emergency supplies, carry the appropriate map and leave word with friends or relatives of your planned destination. Take a vehicle equipped for winter conditions with 4-wheel drive, snow tires or chains and start early, since winter days are shorter.

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