♪ HAPPY HOLIDAYS ♪

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APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTERS

INSTRUCTIONS: Christmas tree cutting is permitted on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, (BLM) Ely District Office, Caliente Field Office except in Wilderness Areas. One tree permit costs $4.00. An individual may purchase from one to five tree permits with cash, check, debit or credit card.

MAIL-IN APPLICATIONS will be accepted from October 1 through December 6, 2013, on a "first come, first serve" basis. Permit(s) will be sent to the person listed on the application. Please allow two weeks for processing. **An application improperly completed will be returned to you with your check or money order.** Please complete the application below the dotted line, detach, and mail it along with your check or money order to the address listed below. Please make out your check or money order to "USDI, Bureau of Land Management" for the exact amount of purchase. **All sales are final. Returned permits will not be refunded.** Sorry, we cannot reserve tree permits. Each permit (one for each tree) will cost $4.00 and the maximum purchase is five permits per application for $20.00. **The application is available online at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html.**

OVER THE COUNTER SALES will be accepted October 1 through December 24, 2013, or until the permits have been sold, whichever comes first. Only 5,000 tree permits will be sold. You are encouraged to apply early. The sale of tree cutting permits will be conducted at the BLM Caliente Field office in Caliente, Nevada. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Saturday sales will only be held at the BLM Caliente Office, in Caliente, Nevada, starting November 30, December 7, and December 14, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** For more information, please call the Caliente Field Office at (775) 726-8100.

(CUT ON DOTTED LINE)

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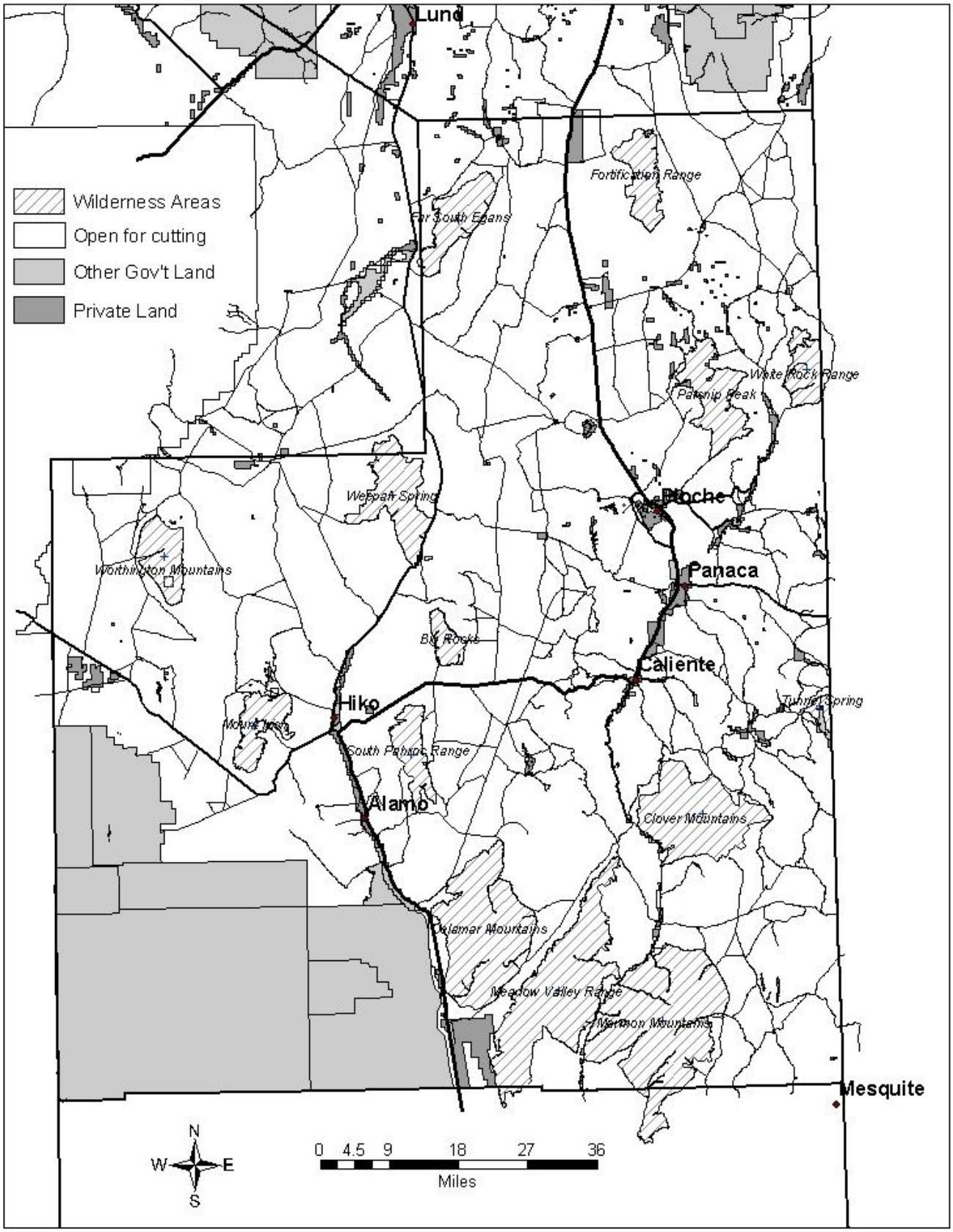
Ely District, Lincoln County Section



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Each year that "perfect" tree gets a little harder to find, but those willing to hike away from roads may have several trees from which to choose. No guarantee is made to the quality or quantity of available Christmas trees. The woodlands of this area are at elevations of 5000-7500 feet. Road conditions will vary depending upon the weather. Be prepared for rain, snow and muddy roads. Most of the Caliente Field Office area is accessible by truck or 4x4 vehicles; only paved roads are recommended for passenger cars. Some popular access areas are described below. (Please see map on page 4.)

CRESTLINE ROAD

Take Highway 319 east from Panaca for about nine miles turn right at the bottom of a small hill onto the Crestline road. This road extends across the railroad tracks to the Utah border.

BEAVER DAM STATE PARK ROAD

Take U.S. Highway 93 north about six miles from Caliente and turn right onto the Beaver Dam State Park road. The State Park is 28 miles from U.S.93. Cutting is not allowed in the park.

FIFE FLAT, BARNES CANYON, ELLY MOUNTAIN, EAST PASS

These areas can be reached by Barnes Canyon road or by the Elly Mountain road. Pick up the Barnes Canyon road at the Nevada Caliente Youth Center, turn and follow the dirt road to the cutting area. Pick up the Elly Mountain road on South Spring Street in downtown Caliente and follow the signs. Fife Flat and the area south of Barclay can be extremely muddy during rains.

HIGHLAND RANGE

Take Highway 320 to the Caselton area and turn west on any dirt road.

--- This range supports several tree species in addition to Juniper and Pinyon Pine ---

The HIGHER ELEVATIONS OF THE HIGHLAND RANGE ARE CLOSED TO TRY TO PREVENT INADVERTENT CUTTING OF TREES OTHER THAN PINYON OR JUNIPER.

HORSE THIEF CHAINING

From Pioche, go east on Highway 322 about 10 miles, turn north (left) and go about 4 miles to the area.

OTHER OLD CHAININGS

Several old chaining (removal of mature trees) are popular places to look for a tree. See the large map on page 4.

ATLANTA AREA

Take U.S. Highway 93 north from Pioche for 27 miles to Pony Springs. Turn east and go about 14-20 miles to a good area (not shown on map on page 4)

YOUR TREE AT HOME

1. For a fresher longer-lasting tree cut off the base of the tree before placing the tree in your holder.

2. Water may be placed in the base of the tree holder.

3. For safety, **do not place your tree near heating ducts or a heat source.**

TREES DO BURN

STIPULATIONS

By complying with the following stipulations, you will minimize the ecological impact of Christmas tree cutting on the environment. You will also help to assure a quality recreational experience for all Christmas tree cutters.

P L E A S E R E M E M B E R !

******* **CUT <u>JUNIPER</u> OR *<u>PINYON</u>* <u>PINE</u> TREES.**
Cutting Ponderosa Pine or Bristlecone species may result in a fine.

Pinyon Pine

Juniper

* **SIGN YOUR PERMITS <u>and</u> TAG YOUR TREE as soon as you cut it TO VALIDATE YOUR PERMIT.**

* **If you haul six (6) to twenty (20) cut and tagged trees on one vehicle for personal use, the State of Nevada requires that you obtain a shipping permit. These permits are free from the Nevada Division of Forestry, 4747 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada or from the BLM Caliente Field Office, Caliente, Nevada. You may not transport more than 20 trees on a single vehicle. More than 20 trees are considered to be commercial use.**

* ***Please be considerate of other public land users. Pack out your trash!***

* ***Drive only on established roads and trails.***

* **Cut your tree as close to the ground as possible (6 inches or less) to prevent injury to wildlife. You may "top" trees if they are less than 10 feet tall. After topping a tree, make a second cut and prune all the remaining branches as close to the ground as possible. Remove all live branches from stump.**

PLEASE PROTECT YOUR PUBLIC LANDS!