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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Christmas Tree Tags on Sale**

**Medford, OR** – Enjoy the great outdoors while keeping an Oregon tradition alive. Starting November 24, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service in southwest Oregon will begin selling personal-use Christmas tree permits through their combined program of serving local communities.

The permit tags are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Medford or Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management office or any Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forest office.

Trees can only be harvested on BLM or Forest Service lands covered under the permit. Harvest is not allowed in wilderness areas, campgrounds, tree plantations, within 200 feet of state highways, and other prohibited areas. The tags must be attached to trees during transport.

For more information about the permits or office business hours, the public should contact their local BLM or Forest Service office.

Agency officials remind the public to take appropriate precautions when planning to harvest their trees, including checking weather and road conditions, carrying equipment like saw, gloves, warm clothing, and tire chains, and notifying others of their planned trip into the forest.

**###END###**

Attachment: Christmas tree permit condition handout



*Personal-Use  
Christmas Tree Harvesting  
On Your Public Lands*

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The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service invite you to enjoy the great outdoors while harvesting your holiday tree from southwest Oregon public lands.

Through a partnership among the Medford and the Coos Bay Districts of the Bureau of Land Management, and the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests, you can purchase a personal-use Christmas tree permit from any of these agencies and harvest your tree from federal lands under this program that are open to Christmas tree harvesting.

For more information about this joint BLM and Forest Service Christmas tree permit program, please contact one of our participating offices:

Medford District, BLM (541) 618-2200

Illinois Valley Ranger District (541) 592-4000

Coos Bay District, BLM (541) 756-0100

Illinois Valley Visitor Center (541) 592-4076

Rogue River/Siskiyou NF (541) 858-2200

Chetco Ranger District (541) 469-2196

Applegate Ranger District (541) 899-3800

Gold Beach Ranger District (541) 247-3600

Ashland Ranger District (541) 552-2900

Powers Ranger District (541) 439-6200

Butte Falls Ranger District (541) 865-2700

Prospect Ranger District (541) 560-3400

Galice Ranger District (541) 471-6500



*Happy Holidays!*

## *Christmas Tree Permit Conditions*

Medford District, Bureau of Land Management  
Coos Bay District, Bureau of Land Management  
Rogue River & Siskiyou National Forests

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A permit is required for the harvest of each individual tree.



Trees can only be harvested on public lands where allowed by this permit.



***DO NOT*** harvest trees in wilderness areas, campgrounds, developed areas, fenced or posted tree plantations, within 200 feet of state highways, or on private property.



Permits or trees cannot be resold.



Cut only trees that are less than 12 feet tall. The tree should be cut as close to the ground as possible, and not more than 12 inches above the ground. Cut your tree only if there is another tree within 12 feet of it.



After harvesting your tree, validate the permit by cutting out the year and date, and attaching the permit to your tree before transporting it.



Respect all road and area closures.

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### *Safety Tips*

- ✓ Check weather and road conditions before leaving home. Be prepared for unexpected changes!
- ✓ Carry appropriate items, including saw, shovel, gloves, boots, flashlight, first-aid kit, warm clothing, and rope for securing your tree.
- ✓ Some public roads are not maintained in the winter, so carry tire chains.
- ✓ Always let someone know where you plan to harvest your tree and when you expect to return.

*Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!*