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Come Create Ornaments for National Capital Christmas Trees

Bozeman, MT... Bring your family and come help create Christmas ornaments for the Montana Christmas Tree that will stand as the holiday centerpiece on the Capitol Lawn in Washington D.C. The Forest Service together with the Bozeman City Recreation Department and the Belgrade High School National Honor Society will be providing materials and assistance for anyone wanting to make ornaments. Booths will be set up at the Bogart Farmers Market and the Belgrade Fall Festival.

- September 9, 2008—Bogart Farmers Market 5 PM—7PM
- September 20, 2008---Belgrade Fall Festival 10AM—4PM

This year, Montana will provide the 60 foot tall holiday Christmas tree for the Capital Lawn and over 70 accompanying trees for various congressional offices and agency headquarters in Washington D.C. The Bitterroot National Forest will provide the Capital Tree and other areas around the state will provide accompanying trees. In addition to the trees, Montanan's across the state are asked to create over 5,000 handmade ornaments that will adorn the trees. "We have the opportunity to showcase all that is special about this amazing state and the talents and generosity of Montanans," said Marna Daley, Gallatin National Forest Public Affairs Officer. "Join us for this unique opportunity and long standing national tradition by creating ornaments at one of these local sites for this special Montana project".

For more information concerning these two Gallatin Valley ornament making opportunities contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520. For more information about the "Sharing Montana's Treasures Capital Christmas Tree Project" go to the website at www.capitalchristmastree2008.com.

