

## SEASONS GREETINGS from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest

We hope the experience of cutting a Christmas Tree will provide a special memory for you and your family. We ask that you follow these guidelines:

1. A permit (tag) is required to cut Christmas Trees on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Tags can be purchased from any Ranger District office (except Westside Ranger District and local vendors.

2. Tag prices are as follows: \$5.00 for a tree up to 12 feet in height \$0.50 for each foot over 12 feet in height

3. Sale of tags will generally begin the day following Thanksgiving. Times and dates for the sale of tags varies by Ranger District.

4. Christmas Tree tags can be used on any Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest except the Westside Ranger District where no Christmas Tree cutting is permitted.

5. Each tree must be tagged at the time of cutting and before transporting.

6. Cut only one tree per family household. Remember, Christmas Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold.

7. Do not cut Christmas Trees in closed areas. Closed areas include: Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, Ski Areas, Research Natural Areas, campgrounds, administrative sites, private lands, State lands, BLM lands and in active timber sales. Please avoid riparian areas, which are sensitive and difficult to regenerate. Check your local Ranger District and Forest Travel Plan for open areas.

8. Cut your tree within 8 inches of the ground. All branches must be cut from the stump. **<u>DO NOT CUT</u>** off the top of a larger tree and take only the top.

9. Each Ranger District has unique tag terms and conditions. Consult the office of the District you wish to cut your Christmas Tree on for additional information.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## Helpful Holiday Safety Tips

Cutting your own Christmas Tree is a holiday tradition for many people. It can be a real family event. By following the safety tips below, you can make your tree cutting a wonderful adventure.

- Ensure that you, your family and your vehicle are properly equipped for winter travel before leaving.
- Do not park your vehicle where it will block traffic or otherwise cause a traffic hazard.
- Always let someone know where you plan to cut your tree and when you plan to return.
- Bring additional warm clothing, a container of hot liquid, water, a lunch or a few snacks your trip may take longer than expected. *Pack it in Pack it out.* Please keep your federal lands clean.
- Carry a flashlight; tire chains; first aid kit; hatchet, ax or hand saw; good warm gloves; warm boots' and a rope to tie your tree down.
- When you set up your tree at home, place it in a container with a mixture of one part sugar to sixteen parts water. Keeping the container filled will help prolong the freshness of your tree.
- Locate your tree away from heat sources where it will not block exists.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near any evergreen decorations.
- Use noncombustible or flame-retardant decorations, such as glass. Keep natural evergreens and polystyrene decorations away from candles, fireplaces, and other open flames.

Eastern Idaho Visitor Center	Supervisors Office	Ashton/Island Park Ranger
630 West Broadway	499 N. 2400 E.	District (Ashton Office)
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403	St. Anthony, ID 83445	46 Highway 20
(208) 523-3278	(208) 624-3151	Ashton, Idaho 83420
Supervisor: Larry Timchak	Supervisor: Larry Timchak	(208) 652-7442
		District Ranger: Adrienne Keller
Ashton/Island Park Ranger	<b>Dubois Ranger District</b>	Montpelier Ranger District
District (Island Park Office)	225 West Main	322 North 4th Street
3726 Highway 20	Dubois, Idaho 83423	Montpelier, Idaho 83254
Island Park, ID 83429	(208) 374-5422	(208) 847-0375
(208) 558-7301	District Ranger: Richard Newton	District Ranger: Dennis Duehren
District Ranger: Adrienne Keller		
Palisades Ranger District	Soda Springs Ranger District	Teton Basin Ranger District
3659 East Ririe Highway	410 E. Hooper Ave.	515 South Main
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401	Soda Springs, Idaho 83276	Driggs, Idaho 83422
(208) 523-1412	(208) 547-4356	(208) 354-2312
District Ranger: Ron Dickemore	Ranger: Jack Issacs	District Ranger: Jay Pence

## **Obtaining Tags at Caribou-Targhee National Forest Offices**

Local vendors may be available in your area. Consult your local Ranger District Office.

Enjoy Your National Forest and Have a Merry Christmas!