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2008 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

SALT LAKE CITY, November 3, 2008 - It is that time again as Christmas is just around the corner. Families can have a unique recreational outing by cutting their own Christmas trees on Utah National Forests.

The tree cutting program is carefully managed and permit holders must adhere to the following guidelines. Trees must always be cut close to the ground leaving the stump no higher than 6 inches. A shovel will come in handy to dig through the snow to reach the base of the tree. Make sure your permit is attached to the tree before leaving the cutting area. **TREE TOPPING IS NOT ALLOWED.** No cutting within 200 feet of riparian areas (lakes and streams) roads, campgrounds, picnic areas, administrative sites, summer home areas, or within designated closed areas shown on the tree cutting area maps.

Remember to always be prepared for winter weather. Be prepared for slick, snow packed roads and have chains, a 4-wheel drive vehicle or a snow machine available. Always let someone know where you are planning to go and approximate time you will return. Carry a cell phone; bring additional warm clothing, good warm gloves, boots, and a container of hot liquid, water, lunch or snack as it may take longer than expected. Carry a flashlight, chains, shovel, first aid kit, matches, a hatchet, ax or handsaw, and rope to secure your tree.

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 789-1181 - www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley

Flaming Gorge Ranger District: (435) 784-3445 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008. Permits will be available at the Flaming Gorge Ranger District Office, intersection Highway 43 & 44, Manila, Utah and the Green River Office, 1450 Uinta Drive, Green River, Wyoming from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, permits will be available at Flaming Gorge Resort. Cost of the nonrefundable permit is \$10.00 and there is a limit of one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine.

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Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts: (435) 738-2482 or (435) 722-5018

Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008 - Permits may be purchased at the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main, Duchesne, Utah, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or the Roosevelt Ranger District Office, 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Permits may also be purchased at the Hanna Country Store, 40298 West State Route 35, Hanna, Utah (435) 848-5752 and at Steward's Market, 245 West Highway 40 in Roosevelt, (435) 722-5650. Permits are \$10.00 each, one permit per household, one tree only. The Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts receive 200 permits each for Christmas trees with additional permits for the Vernal Ranger District available at each office. Active logging is taking place along the first three and a half miles of Reservation Ridge Road, Forest Service Road 147. There will be logging trucks and heavy equipment alongside and on the road in this area which may delay access for short periods of time.

Vernal Ranger District: (435) 789-1181 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008. Permits may be purchased at the Vernal Office, located at 355 North Vernal Avenue in Vernal, Utah Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at the following businesses 7 days a week; Davis Jubilee Store, 575 West Main, in Vernal, (435) 789-2001 and LaPoint Country Store, Highway 12 in LaPoint, Utah, (435) 247-2365. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree can be cut except Ponderosa Pine. Individuals may purchase up to two additional permits on the Flaming Gorge and Vernal Ranger Districts and permits must be issued in the names and addresses of the person for whom the permits are purchased.

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 865-3700 – www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie

Cedar City Ranger District: (435) 865-3700 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Cedar City Ranger District, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be purchased at Hurst Ace Hardware and Sports Center, 165 South Main Street, Cedar City, Utah (435) 865-9335 Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. The only species of trees that can be cut are Sub-Alpine Fir, White Fir and Pinyon Pine. Please check with the Cedar City Ranger District office before traveling the Cedar Breaks Road to obtain the most current road condition information.

Escalante Ranger District: (435) 826-5400 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Escalante Ranger District, 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be bought at these local vendors: Antimony Merc, Antimony,

Utah (435) 624-3253, 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact the Escalante Ranger District for a list of other vendors. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. All species of tree may be cut except Bristlecone Pine.

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Powell Ranger District: (435) 676-9300 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Powell Ranger District, 225 East Center Street, Panguitch, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. All species of trees can be cut except Bristlecone Pine.

St. George Interagency Visitor Center: (435) 688-3246 or (435) 652-3100 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Visitor Center, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Permits may also be purchased at Spanish Tail Supply Company, 21 South Main, Veyo, Utah (435) 574-0808 seven days a week. Permits are \$10.00; Pinyon Pine and Juniper are the only species of trees that may be cut. One person can purchase up to 5 tags.

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 896-9233 – www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake

Beaver Ranger District: (435) 438-2436 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits may be purchased at the Beaver Ranger District, 575 South Main, Beaver, Utah Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, November 29 and December 6, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at Beaver Sport and Pond, 85 North Main, Beaver, Utah (435) 438-2100, seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00 each, two permits per household, 2 trees only. All species of trees may be cut except Ponderosa Pine and Blue Spruce.

Fillmore Ranger District: (435) 743-5721 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Fillmore Ranger District, 390 South Main, Fillmore, Utah Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, Delta Sports Center located in Delta, Utah Monday through Saturday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine.

Loa Ranger District: (435) 836-2811 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 3, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Freemont River Ranger District Office, 138 South Main, Loa, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine.

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Richfield Ranger District: (435) 896-9233 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Richfield Ranger District Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine, Engleman and Blue Spruce. Permits may also be purchased at: Albertson's in 360 South Main, Richfield, Lin's Market, 670 North Main Street in Richfield, Utah Saturday and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to midnight; Don's Sinclair, 215 West Main in Salina, Utah Monday-Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Flying U Country Store, 45 South State Street in Joseph, Utah Monday-Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Grass Valley Mercantile in Koosharem, Utah Monday-Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tast Travel Plaza, 675 East Highway 24, Torrey, Utah, Monday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 637-2817 - www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal

Ferron/Price Ranger Districts: (435) 384-2372/ (435) 637-2817 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$5.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Permits can be purchased at the Price Ranger District Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah and the Ferron Ranger District Office, 115 West Canyon Road, Ferron, Utah. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any species of tree may be cut, except Ponderosa Pine.

Moab/Monticello Ranger Districts: (435) 259-7155 or (435) 587-2041 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$5.00; four permits may be purchased per person. Permits can only be purchased at the Moab Ranger District Office, 62 East 200 North, Moab, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm and the Monticello Ranger District Office, 496 East Central, Monticello, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sub-Alpine Fir, White Fir, Pinyon Pine, Douglas fir and Juniper are the only species of tree that permit holders are allowed to cut.

UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST: (801) 236-3400 AND (801) 342-5100

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Heber-Kamas Ranger District: (801) 654-0470 and (435) 783-4338 - 1,000 permits will be available on Friday, November 7, 2008 and 1,000 permits will be available on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Soldier Hollow Lodge, 2002 Soldier Hollow Drive, Midway, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per adult, (16 years or older). Sub-Alpine Fir is the only species of tree that may be cut.

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Evanston/Mt. View Ranger Districts: (307) 789-3194 and (307) 782-6555 - Permits for the Evanston area go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Permits can be purchased at the Evanston Ranger District Office, 1565 South Highway 150, Suite A, Evanston, Wyoming from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be purchased at the Bear River Lodge located 30 miles south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Highway 150, (435) 642-6289. Any species of tree may be cut, but Lodgepole Pine is the main species in the area. Snow conditions may require permit holders to use snowmobiles, cross-country skies or snowshoes to access the cutting area. **The gates on the Mirror Lake Highway and on the North Slope Road are typically closed during the first week of December, limiting access for people without a snow machine. Cutting is not allowed in the Lily Lake Cross Country Ski Area.**

Permits for the Mt. View area go on sale, Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Permits can be purchased at the Mountain View Ranger District, 321 Highway 414, Mountain View, Wyoming, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday only. Permits may also be purchased at the Maverick Store (307) 782-6693 located at 655 N. Highway 414 in Mountain View, Wyoming, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Any species of tree may be cut, but Lodgepole Pine is the main species in the area.

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