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Christmas Tree Permits on Sale November 1

Christmas tree cutting permits (personal use) will go on sale for the Plumas National Forest beginning November 1. With a \$10 permit, Christmas trees may be cut from November 1 until December 24, 2008. A map of the tree cutting areas and regulations are included with the permit. Tree cutters are asked to take extra care to cut in the areas noted and to remember to attach the permit to their tree before leaving the cutting area, to avoid penalties.

Mail-in requests may be submitted prior to November 1, but must be received by December 1. To mail for a permit, please include a self-addressed, stamped (**\$1.00**) business-sized envelope to: Plumas National Forest, Christmas Tree Permit, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971. Make checks or money orders (no cash) payable to: USDA Forest Service. Those who are at least 18 years old may purchase a permit; they are non-refundable and no more than two permits will be mailed to one address or household. Mail requests received after December 1 will be returned as the Forest Service will not guarantee that permits will reach their destination prior to December 24. Permits may also be purchased directly from local Forest Service offices (Monday-Friday; 8:00 am-4:30 pm) or participating community businesses.

Weather conditions in the mountains are unpredictable, so plan to cut a tree as soon as possible, dress appropriately in warm clothing and be prepared for possible ice and snow on the roads (carry tire chains). For recorded information about permits, call (530) 836-7117 in Blairsden, (530) 283-7869 in Quincy, or (530) 532-7402 in Oroville. Persons with auditory disabilities may utilize a computer-assisted relay system (800) 877-8339, for assistance in contacting a Forest Service office. Visit the Plumas National Forest website for news release information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/news/>.

You may want to add a day and make a family outing to the Plumas National Forest even more memorable by including some local community holiday traditions such as a ride on the Santa Train or participating in a tree lighting ceremony complete with food, song, and merriment.

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For information about lodging, dining, and holiday events in areas near the forest, please call the Williams House Museum/Portola Visitor Center (530) 832-0671 in Portola; Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce (530) 836-6811, in Blairsden; the Quincy Chamber of Commerce (530) 283-0188 or the Plumas County Visitor Bureau (530) 283-6345, both in Quincy; the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce (530) 284-6633 in Greenville; and the Oroville Chamber of Commerce (530) 538-2542 in Oroville.

NATIONAL FOREST OFFICES SELLING CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

Reminder, all offices are closed on weekends, Veteran's Day observance, November 11 and Thanksgiving Day, November 27:

Quincy: Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, three miles north of Quincy, (530) 283-0555, (8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday); Supervisor's Office, 159 Lawrence St., (530) 283-2050, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Blairsden: Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, 1/4 mile west of Blairsden on the south side of Highway 70, (530) 836-2575 (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Greenville: Information & Work Center, 128 Hot Springs Road, (530) 284-7126, (8 am-12 noon & 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday/closed Wednesdays).

Oroville: Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Ave., (530) 534-6500, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Challenge: Challenge VIS, 18050 Mulock Road, (530) 675-1146 (9 am-3:30 pm, Friday and Saturday).

Sierraville: Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District, 317 S. Lincoln (Hwy 89), (530) 994-3401, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

COMMUNITY BUSINESSES SELLING CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

Doyle Area:

Doyle Payless – Doyle (530) 827-2880

Hallelujah Junction General Store - Hallelujah Jct. (530) 993-0110

Blairsden/Graeagle Area:

Eastern Plumas Co. Chamber of Commerce - Blairsden (530) 836-6811

Graeagle Outpost – Graeagle (530) 836-2414

Happy Hunting Ground - Graeagle (530) 836-1171

Mountain Hardware & Sports – Blairsden (530) 836-2589

River Pines Resort - Graeagle (530) 836-2552

Portola Area:

Williams House Museum - Portola (530) 832-0671

Sierraville Area:

Sierraville Superstop – Sierraville (530) 994-3820

Quincy Area:

Blue Sky Chevron - Quincy (530) 283-3999

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Fuel Star One - Quincy (530) 283-1175
One Stop - Quincy (530) 283-9203
Plumas County Visitor Center - Quincy (530) 283-6345
Fuel Star 76 - Quincy (530) 283-2636
Sav-Mor - Quincy (530) 283-2370

Greenville Area:

Evergreen Market – (530) 284-7313

Clipper Mills Area:

Clipper Mills General Store/Clipper Trader – Clipper Mills (530) 675-2409

Brownsville Area:

Ray's Hardware – Brownsville (530) 675-2383

Oroville Area:

Wagon Wheel Market – Oroville (530) 589-1824

La Porte Area:

La Porte General Store – La Porte (530) 675-2711

Berry Creek Area:

Sugar Pine Saloon – Berry Creek (530) 589-4231

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Key points:

- 1) **Christmas tree cutting permits on sale November 1, 2008.**
- 2) **Mail requests must be received by December 1, 2008.**
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