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BLM Christmas Tree Permit Sales Begin November 24

Klamath Falls, OR – The Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will sell personal-use Christmas tree permits November 24 through December 24.

Permits are \$5 per tree and may be purchased at 2795 Anderson Ave., Building 25, in Klamath Falls. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Maps identifying BLM Christmas tree cutting areas will be provided at the time of purchase.

Every household is eligible to buy a maximum of two permits, each good for the harvest of one tree. Permits are non-refundable, authorized for use only on BLM-managed lands and may not be transferred to another party. Each permit must be validated prior to transporting a freshly cut tree by securely attaching it to the tree trunk in a visible location.

The BLM makes the following safety recommendations to Christmas tree cutters:

- If you cut a tree early to avoid the potential of snow limiting access, make sure your tree is well watered throughout the holiday season.
- Check local weather conditions before leaving home and delay your trip if a winter storm is imminent.
- Notify friends or relatives of where you are going and when you expect to return, as cell phone coverage is unreliable in the mountains.
- Set out early in the day to allow for adequate time to locate a tree.
- Recognize the limits of your vehicle when accessing cutting areas.
- Carry proper traction devices for your vehicle and use them when appropriate.
- Have a full tank of gas in your vehicle.
- Take needed equipment (saw, shovel, tarp, etc.).
- Bring sufficient clothing to be able to adjust to unpredictable weather conditions.
- Carry emergency food and water.

For more information about BLM Christmas tree permits, please call (541) 883-6916.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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