



# Malheur National Forest

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## **CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS NOW AVAILABLE**

John Day, OR – Pack your picnic basket, dress warm, and spend a winter day in your National Forest. While you're there, you can bring home an old fashioned Christmas tree. Christmas tree tags will go on sale beginning November 17 through December 24, 2008 at all offices of the Malheur National Forest and at A Parts Store in Burns. One Christmas tree tag is required for each tree cut. Tags can be purchased for \$5.00 each. There is a limit of one tree per household, although you can purchase tags for your friends, relatives, and neighbors.

Douglas fir and Engelmann spruce are the most popular trees, though Ponderosa pine and lodge pole pine make unique and fragrant alternatives. Tags are valid on Federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, State or other federally managed lands.

Winter weather in the forest can change rapidly. Be advised of winter road conditions and prepare for rain, snow and icy conditions. Bring extra food and clothing. We recommend you start early in the day and be out of the forest before dark. Carry a tool to cut your tree, a shovel and tire chains. Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you plan to return.

Tags and Forest maps can be purchased during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, at the Supervisor's Office in John Day, and at the district offices in Prairie City and Hines, Oregon.

For additional information call the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's office at 541-575-3000, Prairie City Ranger District at 541-820-3800 and Emigrant Creek Ranger District at 541-573-4300.

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