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2018 CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING ON THE NATIONAL FORESTS IN UTAH

Salt Lake City, Utah, November 8, 2018 – Cutting a Christmas tree in a national forest is a family tradition for many residents of Utah. Weather conditions in the mountains are unpredictable, so always be prepared for winter weather. Stay on designated roads and trails. Be prepared for slick, snow-packed roads and have chains, a 4-wheel drive vehicle, or a snow machine available. Let someone know where you are planning to go and approximate time you will return. Carry a cell phone; bring additional warm clothing, and gloves, boots, and a container of hot liquid, water, and a lunch or snack. Carry a flashlight, chains, shovel, first-aid kit, matches, a hatchet, ax or handsaw, and rope to secure your tree.

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 is allowed 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 tree cutting maps.

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 789-1181 – <http://fs.usda.gov/ashley>

Holiday tree permits will go on sale November 15th at Forest Service offices and local vendors. Tree permits are \$15.00, limit one tree per household.

Flaming Gorge-Vernal Ranger District: (435) 784-3445 - Permits will go on sale, Thursday November 15th. Permits will be available at the Flaming Gorge Ranger District office, intersection of Highway 43 & 44, Manila, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits will also be available at Flaming Gorge Resort, Highway 191, Dutch John, Utah, Sunday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Permits will also be sold at Flaming Gorge Market at 75 East Highway 43 in Manila, Utah from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m. In Vernal permits may be purchased 7 days a week at Davis Jubilee Store, at the Customer Service Desk, 575 West Main, Vernal, (435) 789-2001, Monday through Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Liberty Corner in Lapoint will sell permits as well. The Supervisor's Office in Vernal at 355 North Vernal Avenue, (435) 789-1181 will sell permits during office hours Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District: (435) 738-2482 – Permits can be purchased at the Duchesne Ranger District office, 85 West Main, Duchesne, Utah, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits may also be purchased at the following locations: Eagles Nest at 472 West Main Street in Duchesne, Utah; Hanna Country Store, State Route 35, Hanna, Utah, (435) 848-5752; Stewart’s Market at the Customer Service Desk, 245 West Highway 40 in Roosevelt, Utah, Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., closed Sundays, (435) 722-5650. Davis Jubilee Food & Drug, at the Customer Service Desk, 750 East 2nd North, Roosevelt, Utah, Monday through Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (435) 722-2296. ***This year Every Kid in a Park is offering free holiday trees to all 4th grade students with a voucher or pass. Vouchers can be printed by visiting www.everykidinapark.gov and going to the “get your pass” section and completing the exercise located there. Bring your pass or voucher to one of our offices to receive your permit. Vendors will not issue permits for this program you must visit one of the Forest Service offices located near you.***

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 865-3700 – <http://fs.usda.gov/dixie>

Cedar City Ranger District: 435-865-3200 and 435-865-3700 - Permits will be available Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and can be purchased at the Cedar City Ranger District office, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits will also be available at Hurst Ace Hardware Store, 165 South Main, Cedar City, Utah (435) 865-9335. Permits are \$10.00 for a tree up to 10 feet and \$20.00 for a tree 11 feet to 20 feet, one permit per household, and two trees maximum. The only species of trees that can be cut are sub-alpine fir, white fir, pinyon pine and juniper. Please check with the Cedar City Ranger District office before traveling to obtain the most current road condition information.

Escalante Ranger District: (435) 826-5400 – Permits will be available November 13, 2018 and can be purchased at the Escalante Ranger District office, 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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.

Powell Ranger District: (435) 676-9300 - Permits are now available and can be purchased at the Powell Ranger District office, 225 East Center Street, Panguitch, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00 for a tree up to 10 feet and \$20.00 for a tree 11 feet to 20 feet. All species of trees can be cut, except bristlecone pine.

St. George Public Lands Information Center: (435) 688-3200 - Permits will be available Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and can be purchased at the Visitor Center, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00. Pinyon pine and juniper are the only species of trees that may be cut. This site cannot take credit/debit cards, can only purchase permits with cash or checks.

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 896-9233 – <http://fs.usda.gov/fishlake>

Christmas tree permits sell for \$10.00 each and they must be obtained in person. Mail orders and phone requests will not be accepted. The permits must be securely attached to the harvested tree and remain with that tree during transport. Most species of trees on the National Forest may be cut, except for ponderosa pine. Permits may be bought at any of the Fishlake National Forest offices.

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Again this year The Fishlake National Forest will issue a free Christmas tree permit for fourth graders with an Every Kid in a Park pass while supplies last. The Fishlake offers the free tree permit as part of the U.S. Forest Service’s Every Kid in a Park program. The program is part of an interagency call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth graders are eligible to receive a fourth grade Every Kid pass that allows free access to 2,000-plus federal land and water sites across the country for one full year. Instructions on how fourth graders can obtain an Every Kid pass or voucher is available at www.everykidinapark.gov.

Richfield Ranger District – 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah – Beginning Thursday November 1, permits may be purchased during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 435-896-9233.

Fremont River Ranger District - 138 South Main, Loa, Utah – Permits may be purchased during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Fish Lake Basin Recreation Area, including Johnson Valley, is closed to tree cutting from the forest boundary on the West to Zedds Meadow on the East. Cutting Ponderosa pine is prohibited except on the Boulder Mountain of the Fremont River Ranger District. For more information, call 435-836-2811.

Fillmore Ranger District – 390 South Main, Fillmore, Utah - Permits will be sold November 1 through December 21 at the office in Fillmore, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Fillmore office will be open four Saturdays: November 17, November 24, December 1, and December 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Purchase limit is one permit per household (additional tags may be purchased for neighbors, family members, etc.). Suggested cutting areas are as follows: Whiskey Creek, John Williams Canyon, Chalk Creek, Meadow Canyon, Cove Fort, Willow Creek, and Wild Goose Canyon. Oak Creek Canyon is closed to live tree cutting. For more information, call 435-743-5721.

Beaver Ranger District – 575 South Main, Beaver, Utah - Permits may be purchased during regular office hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Blue Spruce trees may not be cut. Tree cutting is not allowed in the Merchant Valley Summer Home area or along the visible edge of SR-153. For more information, call 435-438-2436.

As a convenience to the public, permits will be available again this year at:

- Beaver Sports and Pawn, 91 North Main, Beaver, Utah, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fishlake Lumber 1627 N Hwy 357, Beaver, Utah, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Piute County Sheriff Office, 550 N. Main, Junction, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Don’s Sinclair, 215 W Main, Salina, Monday-Saturday
- Larsen’s Ace hardware, 1155 S US Hwy 118, Richfield, Monday-Saturday
- Jorgensen’s, 980 S Cove View Road, Richfield, Monday-Saturday

UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FORESTS: (801) 999-2103

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Evanston/Mt. View Ranger Districts: (307) 789-3194 and (307) 782-6555 – Permits for the Evanston area will be available starting Friday, November 16, 2018. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household. Permits can be purchased at the Evanston Ranger District office, 1565 Highway 150, Suite A, Evanston, Wyoming, Monday – Friday, 800 a.m. to 430 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at the Bear River Lodge, located 30 miles south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Highway (435) 642-6289 or at the Last Chance Sinclair fuel station located at 49 Aspen Grove Drive E., in Evanston, WY (307) 789-6872. Please call the vendor for their operating

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hours. Permits allow up to a 20 foot tree, 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 4WD, snowmobiles, x-country skis, or snowshoes to access the cutting area. The gates on the Mirror Lake Highway and the North Slope road are typically closed during the first week of December, limiting access for people without a snow machine. Christmas tree cutting is not allowed in the Lily Lake Cross Country Ski area.

Permits may be purchased starting Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Mountain View Ranger District Office (307) 782-6555, located at 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 Benedict Thriftway Store, 950 North, Highway 414, Mountain View, Wyoming starting Monday, November 16, 2018. Benedicts is open 7 days a week, Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm, (307) 782-3581. They will close at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day. Permits are \$10.00 per tree, one permit per household. A permit allows up to a 20 foot tree to be cut. Any species may be cut but lodgepole pine is the main species available. Access to the Mountain View Ranger District may require 4-Wheel drive or the use of snow machines, skis or snowshoes during this time of year. Please follow the district travel plan when cutting a Christmas tree.

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