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2011 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS UPDATE

SALT LAKE CITY November 8, 2011 – **The Heber-Kamas Ranger District has sold out of Christmas Tree permits.** There are still plenty of tree permits available at other Forest Service locations. Please remember that 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, 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.

Tree permits are for personal use only and 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.

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

Flaming Gorge Ranger District: (435) 784-3445 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 18, 2011. 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 4:30 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.

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

Permits go on sale Friday, November 18, 2011. 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, State Route 35, Hanna, Utah (435) 848-5752 and at Stewart's Market, 245 West Highway 40 in Roosevelt, (435) 722-5650. Permits are \$10.00 each, one permit per household, one tree only.

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Vernal Ranger District: (435) 789-1181 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 25, 2011. 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 Shirley's Country Corner, 6982 North 9500 East, Highway 12 in LaPoint, (435) 247-2690. 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 – <http://fs.usda.gov/dixie>

Cedar City Ranger District: (435) 865-3700 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 7, 2011. 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 will also be available at Hurst Ace Hardware Store, 165 South Main, Cedar City, Utah (435) 865-9335. 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. Utah State Highway 14 (East of Cedar City) will be closed all winter due to a major landslide. Forest users may access the forest east of Cedar City through Parowan by using Utah State Highway 143.

Escalante Ranger District: (435) 826-5400 - Permits go on sale Thursday, November 3, 2011. Permits can be purchased 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 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.

Powell Ranger District: (435) 676-9300 - Permits are now available and can be purchased 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 for a tree up to 10 feet and \$20.00 for a tree 11 foot to 20 foot. All species of trees can be cut except Bristlecone Pine. To obtain a permit by mail, contact the Powell Ranger District.

St. George Interagency Visitor Center: (435) 688-3246 or (435) 652-3100 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 7, 2011. 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 Trail Supply Company, 21 South Main, Veyo, Utah (435) 574-0808 seven days a week and Veyo Mercantile, 13 North Main Street, Veyo, Utah (435) 574-2749, Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. Permits are \$10.00; Pinion 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 – <http://fs.usda.gov/fishlake>

Beaver Ranger District: (435) 438-2436 - Permits will be available Monday, November 14 and 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 19th, 26th and December 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at the Piute County Sheriff's Office, in Junction, Utah, (435) 577-2988, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Beaver Sport and Pawn, 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.

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Fillmore Ranger District: (435) 743-5721 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 21, 2011. 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. and on Saturday, November 26th and December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree maybe cut except Ponderosa Pine.

Fremont River Ranger District: (435) 836-2811 - Permits are now available and can be purchased at the Fremont 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 person, one tree only. On the Fishlake National Forest portion of the Fremont River Ranger District any species of tree may be cut, but Ponderosa Pine and Bristlecone Pine. On the Dixie National Forest portion of the Fremont River Ranger District any species of tree may be cut but Ponderosa Pine.

Richfield Ranger District: (435) 896-9233 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 18, 2011. 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: Larson Ace Hardware, 1155 South Highway 118, Richfield, Utah Monday and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 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.

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST: <http://fs.usda.gov/mantilasal>

Ferron/Price Ranger Districts: (435) 384-2372/ (435) 637-2817 and Moab/Monticello Ranger Districts: Christmas tree permits will be on sale at all offices of the Manti-La Sal National Forest beginning Nov. 21 for \$10 each. District offices (Ephraim, Ferron, Moab and Monticello) are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Supervisor's Office in Price is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sanpete District will not be selling tree permits at canyon sites on the district this year. The Monticello Office will not be selling permits Dec.22 and 23. There is a limit of three permits per person. Purchasers will need to provide a check or exact change. Forest Service Offices are not equipped to accept debit or credit cards or make change. There will be no refunds. To buy a permit for a tree over 8 feet in height, the purchaser must first obtain written authorization from the nearest District Office, and pay 50 cents per additional foot, payable when the permit is purchased.

The Forest will also be selling tree permits through the mail. Customers should send a request for the permit, provide their name, mailing address, phone number, and a check for \$10/per permit in an envelope marked "Attention: Christmas Tree Sales." Make checks payable to: USDA Forest Service. A permit will be sent by return mail. A purchaser may request authorization for trees taller than 8 feet (see above) as part of their order, and include the additional costs in their check payment. Orders should be sent to the district where the tree will be cut: Supervisor's Office/Price District, 599 W. Price River Drive, Price, UT 84501, phone, 435-637-2817; Ferron-Price District Office, P.O. Box 310, Ferron, UT 84523, phone, 435-384-2372; Moab District Office, P.O. Box 386, Moab, UT 84532, phone, 435-259-7155; Monticello District Office, P.O. Box 820, Monticello, UT 84535, phone, 435-587-2041; and the Sanpete District Office, 540 N. Main Street, Ephraim, UT 84627-1117, phone, 435-283-4151. In addition, the following private vendors will be selling permits: Choice Hardware & Home Center, 1005 N. Main, Nephi; Beck's Home Furnishings, 14 West Main, Mt. Pleasant; Rasmussen Ace Hardware, 435 South Main, Gunnison; The Edge of the Cedars State Park and Museum, 600 West 400 North, Blanding; The Main Street Market, 15 W. Main St., Ferron; Sutherland Lumber, 406 S Hwy 55, Price. The cost for permits is the same regardless of where they are purchased.

Customers traveling long distances for permits should call in advance to determine if permits are still available.

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UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FORESTS: (801) 236-3400 AND (801) 342-5100
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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 14, 2011. 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 skis or snowshoes to access the cutting area.

Permits for the Mt. View area go on sale, Monday, November 14, 2011. 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.

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.

For information pertaining to Christmas tree cutting on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) areas contact the BLM State Office at (801) 539-4001 or the BLM Salt Lake District (801) 977-4300.

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