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### **Public Lands Center to Close Half Day December 24**

The Public Lands Center in Salmon will be closed the afternoon of December 24 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. The Public Lands Center houses the offices of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Salmon Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. The Ranger District Offices in Challis, Leadore, Mackay, North Fork and Salmon will also be closed the last four business hours on December 24 and all day December 25.

President Obama has issued an Executive Order to close Federal offices and excuse all Federal employees from duty for the last half of their scheduled workday on December 24, 2009, except those who, in the judgment of the head of the agency, cannot be excused for reasons of national security, defense, or other essential public business.