



Forest Service

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Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands
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News Release



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Christmas Tree Permits Available at South Park Ranger District

FAIRPLAY, Colo., Sept. 30, 2016 - The Pike National Forest – South Park Ranger District – will sell districtwide Christmas tree cutting permits in Fairplay and Lake George on several dates beginning Nov. 25 and continuing through Dec. 23. Permits can also be requested by mail to South Park Ranger District, Attn: Christmas Tree Permit, P O Box 219, Fairplay CO 80440.

Tree Cutting Details:

- **Fairplay** (320 U.S. Hwy 285)
Walk-in sales start Nov. 25 and continue through Dec. 23.
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17
Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.
The office is closed on Thanksgiving Day.
- **Lake George** (at the Lake George Fire Department, 8951 County Road 90)
Walk-in sales on five days, dates and hours shown below.
Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 25 and Dec. 2
Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 26 and Dec. 3
Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27
- Mail-in requests will be processed and mailed on Nov. 18.
- Cutting is district wide, refer to map handed out with permits for excluded areas.
 - Forest roads are not plowed. Four-wheel drive and chains may be needed in some areas.
- South Park Ranger District does not run out of permits. Once the permit is purchased, trees can be cut any day from Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Eve.

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District Ranger Josh Voorhis encourages tree cutting in the South Park Ranger District:

“It’s a relaxing family tradition for many who drive a little further to the South Park Ranger District to find the perfect Christmas tree. We’re away from the crowds, we offer a districtwide permit, and cutting is allowed Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve.”

Shop for gifts at the South Park Ranger District during the holiday sale (Nov. 25 – Dec. 10) for 15-percent off most items including local-interest books, stuffed toys, and apparel.

Visit the District's 2016 Christmas Tree Program page at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/psicc/sopk>

Or, call the office at 719-836-2031 for more information.

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