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Kaibab National Forest to offer Christmas tree permits starting Nov. 16; fourth graders eligible for free permit with Every Kid in a Park pass

Williams, Ariz., Oct. 18, 2016—For Immediate Release. The Kaibab National Forest will sell over-the-counter and through-the-mail Christmas tree tags on a first-come, first-served basis for each of its three ranger districts beginning Nov. 16 and continuing until they are sold out.

The \$15 permit will allow the holder to cut a tree of a particular species that is not more than 10 feet in height within a designated area on the Kaibab National Forest from Nov. 16 through Dec. 24. The tag is only good for a tree on the ranger district from which it was purchased and can't be used to cut a tree on a different district unless specifically noted. No refunds will be made, even if weather conditions prevent access to cutting areas.

Individuals who purchase tags will be provided with a map showing their designated cutting area along with additional tree cutting instructions. The number of available tags and tree species, locations and hours for purchasing the permits, and contact information for each ranger district are as follows:

| # of Permits Available and Tree Species | Location of Designated Cutting Area | Contact Information | Open Days and Hours |
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| 800 Any Species | North Kaibab Ranger District <i>Note: The Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 11 for tag sales. The visitor center is located at the intersection of highways 89 and 67 in Jacob Lake and can be reached at (928) 643-7298.</i> | Physical address: 430 S. Main St., Fredonia, AZ 86022 Mailing address: P.O. Box 248, Fredonia, AZ 86022 (928) 643-7395 | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on two Saturdays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, for tag sales. |

| # of Permits Available and Tree Species | Location of Designated Cutting Area | Contact Information | Open Days and Hours |
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| 500 Pinon or Juniper | Tusayan Ranger District | Physical address: 176 Lincoln Log Loop, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 Mailing address: P.O. Box 3088, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 (928) 638-2443 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. |
| 500 Pinon or Juniper | Williams Ranger District <i>Note: The Williams Ranger District office will also have 100 tags available for the Tusayan Ranger District.</i> | Physical and mailing address: 742 S. Clover Rd., Williams, AZ 86046 (928) 635-5600 | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. |

Individuals can also purchase a Christmas tree tag through the mail by sending information to the mailing address of the ranger district they plan to visit. It is strongly advised to call the desired ranger district office in advance to ensure tags are still available and check on estimated postage or other requirements. Individuals desiring to purchase a Christmas tree tag through the mail should provide ample time for it to arrive. Expect a turnaround time of about 10 business days. Please include the following with any request for a Christmas tree tag through the mail:

- A self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to cover tag, map and cutting instructions; it is strongly advised to call the desired ranger district in advance for estimated postage or other requirements.
- A contact phone number
- A check payable to USDA Forest Service

The Kaibab National Forest is also pleased to announce that all fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit, while supplies last, through the Every Kid in a Park initiative. Every Kid in a Park is a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth graders are eligible to receive a fourth grade pass that allows free access to federal lands and waters across the country for a full year. In support of this initiative, the Forest Service is making available a free Christmas tree permit to every interested fourth grader with a fourth grade pass or paper voucher. For additional information about the initiative and how to obtain a pass, visit www.everykidinapark.gov. To be eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from the Kaibab National Forest, all fourth graders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present their fourth grade pass or paper voucher.

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