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21200 Hwy. 12
Lolo, MT 59847

Local Vendors

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
2535 Riverside Drive
Clarkston, WA 99403

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
1339 Highway 95 S.
Riggins, ID 83549

Harpster Store
HC 66, Box 337
Kooskia, ID 83539

Tri-State Outfitters
1104 Pullman Road
Moscow, ID 83843

Rae Brothers Sporting Goods
247 E. Main Street
Grangeville, ID 83530
Tackett's Saw Service
Highway 13 E
Grangeville, ID 83530

Helmer Store & Cafe
5588 Highway 8
Helmer, ID 83823

Woodland Enterprises
310 North Main Street
Moscow, ID 83843

Tom Cat's Sporting Goods
618 Business 12 (Hwy. Bypass)
Kooskia, ID 83539

Cloningers Harvest Foods
508 3rd
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Lochsa Lodge
115 Powell Rd.
Lolo, MT 59847

Idaho Rigging
5537 Highway 95
Potlatch, ID 83855

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Forest Service

Cutting A Christmas Tree on Your...



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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Season's Greetings!

Since the early 1500s Christmas trees have been the center of holiday activities for many people. In this area, it is a popular tradition to begin the holiday season with an outing to cut the family Christmas tree. This brochure includes information which will help make your outing a success.

Buying A Permit

Permits must be purchased for each tree you are going to cut. There is a limit of three permits per family and they cost \$5 a piece.

The permits can be purchased from any Forest office or local vendor listed on the back of this brochure. They can also be obtained from Forest district offices if you wish. If you can't contact one of these offices or vendors, a permit can be mailed to you. Simply send in your request along with a check or money order for the appropriate amount. Checks should be made payable to the USDA Forest Service.

This year, the Forest Service is supporting the "Every Kid in a Park" White House Initiative by offering all 4th graders with a valid Every Kid pass a free Christmas tree permit with tag. More information on the Every Kid initiative and the free holiday tree program is available at www.everykidinapark.gov. The 4th Grade Passes are only available at Forest Service offices and fourth graders will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to get their free-use holiday tree tag.

Planning Your Outing

Permits are good on National Forest lands in northern Idaho and Montana and on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in northern Idaho and western Montana. If you aren't familiar with the Forests' boundaries, consider purchasing Nez Perce or Clearwater National Forest visitor maps.

It is also important that you ask questions. Forest employees can provide valuable information about road and trail access and conditions. They can suggest good cutting areas and provide weather forecasts. Take advantage of this service. Use this information to plan your travel route. Share the route with family or friends prior to your departure. Tell them when you plan to leave and when you plan to return. Agree what actions will be taken if you don't return according to plan.

To minimize the possibility of being stranded on back-country roads, be sure your vehicle is in top working order and that your tires have good tread. Prepare for mechanical emergencies by carrying the proper tools, including tire chains and a shovel.

Equip your vehicle with an emergency first aid kit, food and extra blankets or sleeping bags. A basic survival kit which includes matches and a candle is a must.

Finally, wear warm clothing and dress in layers so you can easily add or remove clothing for comfort.

Cutting Your Tree

As a general rule, no special areas are designated for Christmas tree cutting.

You are asked to observe the following rules when choosing and cutting your Christmas tree.

- ◆ Cut your tree at least 200 feet away from well-traveled roads, flowing water, campgrounds and recreation sites.
- ◆ It is permissible to cut trees from the cut banks and fill slopes of lesser-traveled roads.
- ◆ Select your trees from thickets or overstocked areas. Avoid removing trees from plantations or other areas where tree growth is sparse.
- ◆ Select a tree that is the right height for your needs. **Please don't cut a large tree just to take the top.**
- ◆ Pile all discarded branches away from roads, ditches and culverts.
- ◆ Cut your tree as close to the ground as possible. Stumps should be eight inches or less.
- ◆ Attach a permit to each cut tree prior to transporting it in your vehicle.

