

2016 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT SALES

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Caribou-Targhee National Forest Christmas tree permit sales are again in full swing for the holiday season. Permits can be purchased at Forest Service offices and at many vendor locations, making permits available, on weekends and evening hours. Most Forest Service offices will be closed on federal holidays and weekends. We encourage people to use vendors.

Permits are limited to one per household and permit the harvest of one tree. Please note that permit prices and restrictions are different for trees cut on Bureau of Land Management lands. Locations to obtain Christmas tree permits can be found at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ctnf/permits/christmastreepermits>

The website also contains some safety tips before heading out to cut your tree and how to properly care for your tree and give it the best chance to last throughout the holiday season.

Permits for Christmas trees up to 20 feet tall cost \$15.00 and are available through our vendors and Ranger District Offices.

Households that purchase a Christmas tree permit are encouraged by the Forest Service to harvest their trees as soon as possible due to forecasted weather conditions. Mountain snowstorms and the subsequent road conditions can limit some access to cutting areas. The earlier folks can go out and cut their trees, the greater the chances of getting into areas beyond where previous year cuttings have limited the number and selection of trees.

A map and/or information sheet will be provided with each Christmas tree permit showing or describing where cutting is permitted. All motorized travel restrictions are still in effect and will be enforced. Please refer to Motorized Vehicle Use Maps and information given to you with the Christmas tree permit before you go out to cut your tree. All maps and additional information is available on our website.

The Forest Service (**not vendors**) will offer one free Christmas tree cutting permit to fourth graders who present a valid Every Kid in a Park pass. Offices that do not issue Christmas tree permits or who have already issued their allotted number of permits are exempt from this program. Check with your local [Forest Service Office](#).

The Every Kid in a Park initiative allows fourth graders to go to the [Every Kid in the Park](#) web site and obtain a pass for free entry for them and their families to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters for an entire year starting September 1, 2016.

Children can discover their public lands and all they offer. As living classrooms, these outdoor places and historic sites also provide hands-on, real-world opportunities to develop critical skills and learn more about the natural world.

