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## Christmas Tree Permits to go on Sale November 19

Missoula, MT. – The Lolo National Forest will begin selling Christmas tree permits on the morning of Monday, November 19. Permits will be limited to three per family, cost \$5, and be available at all the forest's Ranger District offices.

The hunt for the perfect Christmas tree can be a fun, festive way to begin the holiday season. And following some simple advice can ensure it is a safe day out in the woods.

- Be aware of changing weather, and road and snow conditions. Good snow tires and a four-wheel drive vehicle are advised when traveling in winter conditions on Forest Service roads.
- Carry a map and be aware of your location.
- If you are on foot be aware of remaining daylight and time needed to return to your vehicle.
- Bring the right tools: a saw for cutting the tree and a shovel for removing snow from around the base of the tree.
- Advise family or friends of your destination and when you will return.

The Lolo National Forest does have some restrictions for tree cutting. Please cut trees that are:

- Please do not cut trees from plantations; areas along power line corridors and near roads are often good locations.
- Please do not leave any live branches on the stump and trim the stump to no more than five inches above the soil.
- Do not cut off the tops of trees.
- Do not cut trees within 150 feet of riparian areas (creeks and streams) or within Wilderness Areas.

Ranger District offices can offer advice on good locations to cut trees. Here are the District office contact numbers:

Missoula Ranger District: 329-3814

Ninemile Ranger District: 626-5201

Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District: 826-3821

Seeley Lake Ranger District: 677-2233

Superior Ranger District: 822-4233

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