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## Medicine Lake Highlands—Fall Mushroom Season

**ALTURAS, CA** – Matsutake mushroom season will begin next week within the Medicine Lake Highlands region of northern California. The Modoc National Forest will begin selling permits on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015. The last day for picking mushrooms will be Monday, November 30, 2015 when all the permits will expire.

Anyone intending to pick Matsutake mushrooms for financial gain must first purchase a commercial permit (\$2.50 / gallon). Permits are issued separately for each national forest and to each individual picker. Several different types of permits are available for purchase:

- Minimum four consecutive day permit for \$20.00 and \$5.00 for each additional day (for example a six-day permit is \$30.00)
- A 30 consecutive day permit is \$50.00
- Full season permits are \$100.00

To ensure the sustainability of the Matsutake mushroom harvest, each permit has additional conditions and restrictions intended to regulate harvest. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to read and understand those conditions. Harvest areas are patrolled to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of permits.

Permits can be obtained for the Modoc National Forest from the following locations Monday through Friday. Additional information can be obtained by contacting these offices.

- Doublehead Ranger District, Modoc NF. Tulelake, CA 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (530) 667- 2246
- Big Valley Ranger District, Modoc NF. Adin, CA 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (530) 299-3215
- Supervisor's Office, Modoc NF. Alturas, CA 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (530) 233-5811

Please note, special camping regulations are in effect associated with the mushroom harvest season. Commercial transport through, or harvesting mushrooms in, Lava Beds National Monument is prohibited. Fire restrictions are currently in effect. More information can be found regarding camping and fire restrictions by calling the offices listed above or visiting the Modoc National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc) .

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