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Matsutake Mushroom Harvesting Season to Open Sept. 6

Matsutake mushroom season will be starting soon across the three National Forests within the Medicine Lake Highlands region of northern California. The Klamath, Modoc and Shasta-Trinity National Forests will begin selling permits on Sept. 6. The last day for picking mushrooms will be Nov. 6 when the permits will expire.

Anyone intending to pick Matsutake mushrooms must first purchase a permit. Permits are issued to each picker. Pickers must possess a valid permit. Several different types of permits are available for purchase:

- Minimum 5 consecutive-day permit is \$35.00; and \$7.00 each additional day (for example a 7-day permit is \$49.00)
- A 30 consecutive-day permit is \$100.00
- Full season permit is \$200.00

In order to ensure the sustainability of the Matsutake mushroom harvest, each permit has additional conditions and restrictions which are intended to regulate the harvest. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to read and understand those conditions. Forest Service law enforcement officers will be patrolling the harvest areas to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the permits.

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

- Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath NF. Macdoel, CA Sept. 7- 9: 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. Sept. 10- November 7, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (530) 398-4391.
- Doublehead Ranger District, Modoc NF. Tulalake, CA 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 667- 2246.
- Big Valley Ranger District, Modoc NF. Adin, CA 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 299-3215.
- McCloud Ranger Station, Shasta-Trinity NF. McCloud, CA. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Through the month of September the McCloud Office will be open 6 days a week (Monday through Saturday), starting in the month of October the Office will be operating a normal business week (Monday-Friday). (530) 964-2184.

Please take note that there are special camping regulations in effect associated with the mushroom harvest season. Commercial transport through, or harvesting mushrooms in Lava Beds National Monument is prohibited. There may also be additional fire restrictions in effect. More information can be found regarding camping and fire restrictions by calling the Ranger Districts listed or visiting the web at: www.fs.usda.gov/stnf (Shasta Trinity NF), www.fs.usda.gov/klamath (Klamath NF), www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc (Modoc NF).

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