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Fall Mushroom Season Open

Matsutake mushroom season has started across two National Forests within the Medicine Lake Highlands region of Northern California. The Klamath and Modoc National Forests began selling permits on September 17th, 2012. The last day for picking mushrooms is based on local conditions and may vary from District to District.

Anyone intending to commercially pick mushrooms from national forest lands must first purchase a permit. Permits are issued to each individual picker.

The fees for the mushroom permits are as follows:

(all mushroom species, any season)

# of consecutive days	Price	Maximum Gallons Harvested
4	\$20	8
30	\$50	20
Entire season (Spring <u>or</u> Fall)	\$100	40

“Incidental Use” or personal mushroom harvesting is allowed without a permit for up to 1 gallon/day with a 5 gallon/year limit per person. Individuals 18 years old or older picking mushrooms beyond the incidental use limits are required to have a permit to harvest mushrooms

on a national forest. Those younger than 18 years old may harvest mushrooms under the supervision of someone 18 years old or older that has a valid mushroom harvesting permit.

Permits are not valid on private lands or other National Forests. Permits issued and purchased from the Klamath NF offices are valid only for the Klamath NF.

In order to ensure the sustainability of mushroom harvesting, each permit may have additional conditions and restrictions. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to read and understand those conditions.

Permits can be obtained from the following locations Monday through Friday. Mushroom pickers are encouraged to contact a District Office for additional information.

- Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, Happy Camp, CA 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (530) 493-2243
- Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, Fort Jones, CA 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (530) 468-5351
- Gooseneck Ranger District, Macdoel, CA 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (530) 398-4391
- Doublehead Ranger District, Modoc NF. Tulelake, CA 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (530) 667-2246.
- Big Valley Ranger District, Modoc NF. Adin, CA 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (530) 299-3215.

Careful trip planning is important to have a safe and productive day. Fire restrictions are in effect on both the Klamath and Modoc National Forests. More information can be found fire restrictions by calling the Ranger Districts listed or visiting the web at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath (Klamath NF), www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc (Modoc NF). Please consider weather and road conditions when planning your route. Always let someone know where you are expecting to travel and remember there are areas that do not have cell phone coverage.

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