

# NEWS RELEASE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION



## Colville National Forest

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### *Cut Your Own Christmas Tree!*

**Colville, WA...**Want to find your own Christmas tree? Save money, get outside and enjoy the crisp winter air! Five dollar Christmas tree permits are available at any Colville National Forest office.

For many homes, the holiday season would not be complete without a fresh-scented Christmas tree and the annual event of walking through the beautiful winter woods in search of the perfect specimen. Among the more popular trees are the true firs, pines, and Douglas-firs which have a more natural look than the commercially grown trees from tree farms.

Most of the Colville National Forest is open to Christmas tree cutting, but you must have a permit to do so. Since trees must be harvested well away from, flowing water, campgrounds and recreation sites a short hike is sometimes necessary for tree harvesters to find their perfect tree. Suggested items for a successful tree hunt include tree permit/s, layered clothing, warm gloves, a saw, snow boots, and a rope to tie the tree to your vehicle. A sled to haul your tree back to your vehicle is also a good idea.

Permits are good on the Colville National Forest and cutting is prohibited on privately owned and state lands within the National Forest boundary, in posted plantations, campgrounds, administrative sites, and other areas where posted.

It's always a good idea to get your permit early, as there is a two permit per-household limit and permits are non-refundable if you get snowed out of the cutting areas.

For more information please contact your local Colville National Forest Office.

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