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1,400 Christmas tree permits still available from Big Five Sporting Goods stores

Springerville, AZ; November 15, 2012 — Christmas tree permits are still available for people who want to cut their own tree from a national forest in Arizona. The cost for a permit is \$15, and they are available at Big Five Sporting Goods stores across the State as well as from some Forest Service offices. There are approximately 1,400 permits still available at Big Five locations, and more than 3,700 permits have been sold since October 27, 2012.

Several permits for these cutting areas remain available from various Big Five Sporting Goods stores:

- Area 1 - Black Mesa
- Area 2 - Lakeside
- Area 3 – Kaibab
- Area 6 – Springerville/Alpine
- Clifton District

Each permit is for a specified cutting area on a national forest, and some cutting areas offer a very limited number of permits and have sold out already. Permits are sold out at all Big Five locations for Area 5 – Payson. Other cutting areas have few remaining permits and may be sold out in the next few days. Check with your local Big Five store for the current availability of permits (see below for a list of participating stores).

In addition to Big Five, some Forest Service offices are selling Christmas tree permits over-the-counter. Contact the respective national forest for information on which offices are offering over-the-counter Christmas tree permits and the remaining availability of permits.

- Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (928) 333-4301
- Coconino National Forest (928) 477-2255
- Kaibab National Forest (928) 635-8200
- Prescott National Forest (928) 443-8000
- Tonto National Forest (928) 474-7900

As a reminder, those planning on purchasing a permit from a Forest Service office can only do so in-person during business hours. Additionally, those intending to purchase a permit at a Forest Service office during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday should contact that office to find out the dates and times when they will be open.

General information about the Christmas tree cutting program is also available through the Christmas tree hotline (928) 333-6267 and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Web site under “Passes and Permits” and then “Forest Products Permits”: www.fs.usda.gov/asnf. Maps of the individual cutting areas are posted on the Web site.

General Rules for Christmas tree permits:

- Each Christmas tree permit is \$15.
- One Christmas tree permit allowed per household — for individual use only.
- Trees must be cut in designated cutting-areas.
- Trees may be cut between November 17 and December 24 (midnight).
- There are no refunds on Christmas tree permits.

Participating Big Five Stores

- **Avondale/Goodyear:** 1623 North Dysart Road, 623-535-0384
- **Bullhead City:** 1835 Hwy 95, 928-763-0608
- **Chandler:** 2050 North Arizona Avenue, 480-821-9226
- **Flagstaff:** 2775 Woodlands Village Boulevard, 928-214-0590
- **Glendale:** 5490 West Bell Road, 602-548-5794
- **Kingman:** 3320 North Stockton Hill Road, 928-692-4944
- **Mesa:** 2930 North Power Road, 480-854-1889
- **Mesa/Gilbert:** 1244 South Gilbert Road, 480-507-0137
- **Paradise Valley:** 4623 East Cactus Road, 602-953-0305
- **Phoenix/Bell Rd:** 1919 West Bell Road, 602-863-1309
- **Phoenix/East:** 3560 East Thomas Road, 602-955-9601
- **Phoenix/West:** 7710 West Thomas Road, 623-848-4800
- **Prescott Valley:** 6106 Highway 69, 928-759-0013
- **Show Low:** 4441 South White Mountain, 928-537-5551
- **Scottsdale:** 3330 Hayden Road, 480-941-4387
- **Thatcher:** 2281 West U.S. Highway 70 Suite C, 928-428-8760
- **Tucson:** 5695 East Speedway Boulevard, 520-296-3326
- **Yuma:** 505 Catalina Drive, 928-726-2884