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Wild Mushroom Permits Available on the Klamath National Forest

(Yreka, CA) – Wild mushroom permits will be available at District Offices for the Klamath National Forest this spring. Your nearest District Office will have particular information about the permits they offer.

“Harvesting wild mushrooms is a popular outdoor activity that the entire family can enjoy”, says Dan Blessing, Natural Resources Officer for the Klamath National Forest. “Careful trip planning is important for everyone’s safety. Please consider weather and road conditions before heading out; always let someone know where you’re going and remember that cell phone coverage may be limited in many areas,” says Blessing.

There are two seasons each year when mushroom harvesting is permitted. The spring mushroom permits are generally offered from early April to late July, while the fall mushroom permits are generally offered from early October to mid-November. The timing and duration of the harvest season depends on weather conditions and the presence of resource impacts.

Incidental use, or mushroom harvesting by individuals, up to 1 gallon per day is allowed with a 5 gallon limit per year. A permit is not required for incidental use. Persons 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. Persons 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.

Fees for mushroom permits are included below. They include all species of mushrooms regardless of the season.

Number of Consecutive Days	Price	Maximum Gallons Harvested
4	\$20	8
30	\$50	20
Entire season (Spring or Fall)	\$100	40

Mushroom harvesters are encouraged to contact the closest District Office for current conditions and permit dates. The following Ranger District Offices will be selling mushroom permits; office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Permits issued by these District Offices are valid only for the Klamath National Forest. The permits are not valid on private lands or in other national forests.

Happy Camp and Oak Knoll Ranger District
(530) 493-2243
63822 Highway 96
Happy Camp, CA

Salmon and Scott River Ranger District
(530) 468-5351
11263 N. Highway 3
Fort Jones, CA

Goosenest Ranger District
(530) 398-4391
37805 Highway 97
Macdoel, CA

For more information contact Anne Mileck, Vegetation Program Manager for the Klamath National Forest, at (530) 841-4419 or amileck@fs.fed.us. Information about other types of forest product permits available from the Klamath National Forest website can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

(See photo below)



Black chanterelles (*Craterellus cornucopioides*).

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