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Christmas tree cutting permits on sale starting early-mid November at participating Big Five Sporting Goods stores

Springerville, AZ; October 22, 2013—Thousands of people every year cut their Christmas tree from the national forests. This year, Christmas tree cutting permits will be available for five of the six national forests in Arizona: Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott, and Tonto.

We are anticipating that permits will be available for purchase at participating Big Five Sporting Goods Stores by early-mid November. In addition, permits will also be available for purchase at several Forest Service offices. For information on which offices are offering over-the-counter Christmas tree permits, when they will be sold, and when cutting will begin please contact the respective national forest:

- Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests 928-333-4301
- Coconino National Forest 928-527-3600
- Kaibab National Forest 928-635-8200
- Prescott National Forest 928-443-8000

Each Christmas tree permit is for a specified cutting area and costs \$15. The cutting season will end Christmas Eve (December 24) at midnight. This year, there are 10,650 Christmas tree permits available in all; however, some cutting areas offer a very limited number of permits and may sell out quickly. Permits for each national forest will be available as follows:

Participating National Forest	Permits Available at Big Five Stores	Permits Available at Forest Service Offices
Apache-Sitgreaves	3,700 permits - any tree species	3,000 permits - any tree species
Coconino	250 permits - fir only	350 permits – fir only
Kaibab	900 permits - piñon and juniper	1,100 permits- species vary by district
Prescott	225 permits - any tree species	225 permits - any tree species
Tonto	900 permits - any tree species primarily piñon and juniper are available	0

General information about the Christmas tree cutting program will also available on the Christmas tree permit hotline (928) 333-6267 and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Web site under “Passes and Permits”:
www.fs.usda.gov/asnf.

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General Rules for Christmas Tree Permits

- Each Christmas tree permit is \$15 for a tree up to 10 feet tall.
- One Christmas tree permit allowed per household—for personal use only.
- Trees must be cut within designated cutting areas.
- Trees may be cut until December 24.
- 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
- **Payson:** 220 East Highway 260, 928-474-2092
- **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