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## Christmas tree permits available for purchase beginning November 9 at participating Big 5 Sporting Goods Stores throughout Arizona

**Springerville, AZ; October 31, 2013** – Keep your family tradition alive this year by cutting your Christmas tree on a national forest. On your adventure enjoy some cool mountain air while spending quality time with your family.

There will be 5,975 Christmas tree permits available for purchase at participating Big 5 Sporting Goods Stores starting November 9. The permits are divided between 19 stores throughout Arizona.

### Participating Big 5 Sporting Goods 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 Highway260, 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



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Permits may sell out quickly. There will be an additional 4,675 permits available at participating Forest Service Offices. Christmas tree cutting will be allowed on five of the six national forests in Arizona.

<b>Participating National Forest</b>	<b>Permits Available at Big 5 Sporting Goods Stores</b>	<b>Permits Available at Forest Service Offices</b>
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

### **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.
- No refunds on Christmas tree permits.

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: [www.fs.usda.gov/asnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf).