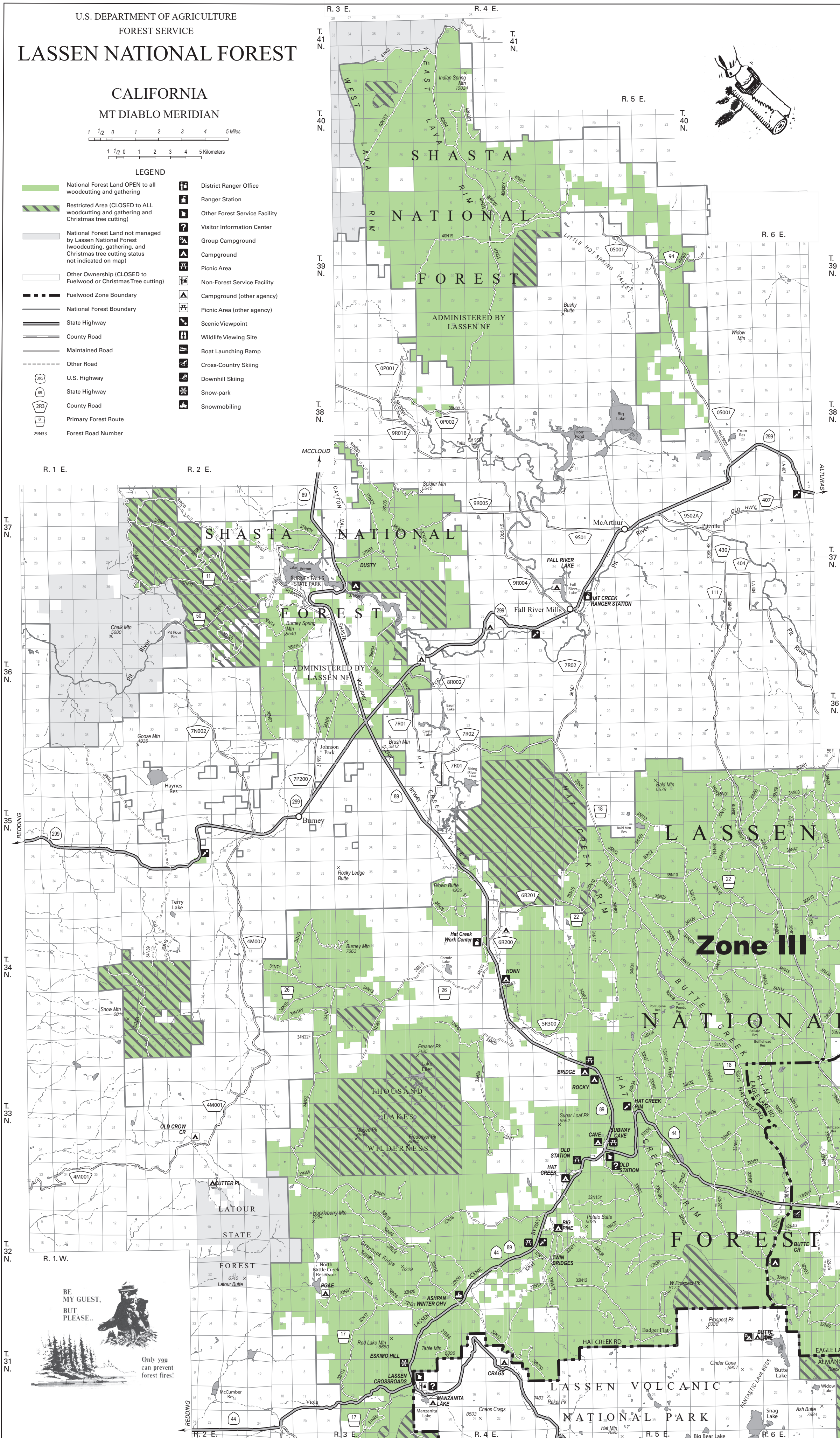
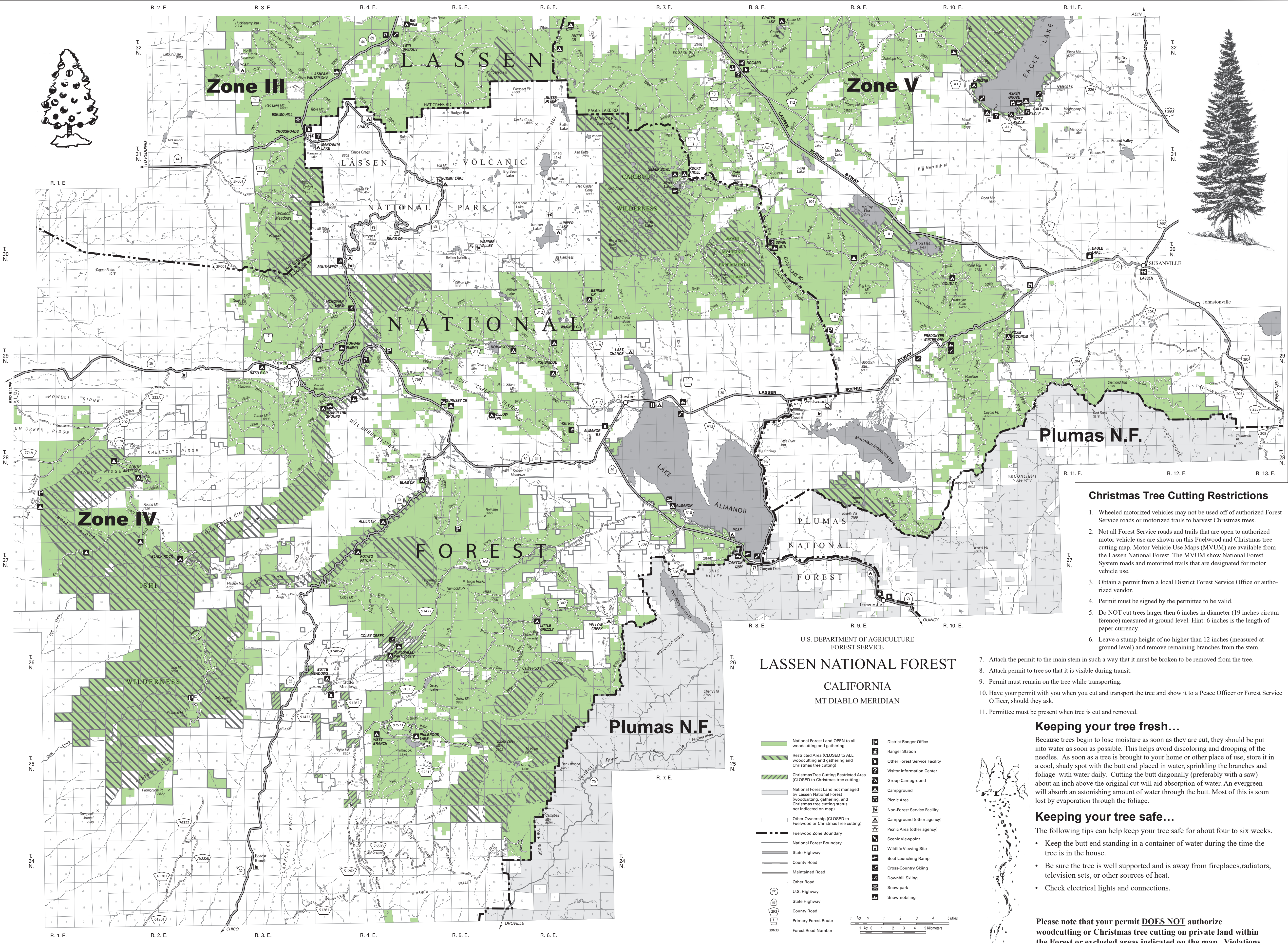






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### Christmas Tree Cutting Restrictions

1. Wheeled motorized vehicles may not be used off of authorized Forest Service roads or motorized trails to harvest Christmas trees.
2. Not all Forest Service roads and trails that are open to authorized motor vehicle use are shown on this Fuelwood and Christmas tree cutting map. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are available from the Lassen National Forest. The MVUM show National Forest System roads and motorized trails that are designated for motor vehicle use.
3. Obtain a permit from a local District Forest Service Office or authorized vendor.
4. Permit must be signed by the permittee to be valid.
5. Do NOT cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter (19 inches circumference) measured at ground level. Hint: 6 inches is the length of paper currency.
6. Leave a stump height of no higher than 12 inches (measured at ground level) and remove remaining branches from the stem.
7. Attach the permit to the main stem in such a way that it must be broken to be removed from the tree.
8. Attach permit to tree so that it is visible during transit.
9. Permit must remain on the tree while transporting.
10. Have your permit with you when you cut and transport the tree and show it to a Peace Officer or Forest Service Officer, should they ask.
11. Permittee must be present when tree is cut and removed.

### Keeping your tree fresh...

Because trees begin to lose moisture as soon as they are cut, they should be put into water as soon as possible. This helps avoid discoloring and drooping of the needles. As soon as a tree is brought to your home or other place of use, store it in a cool, shady spot with the butt end placed in water, sprinkling the branches and foliage with water daily. Cutting the butt diagonally (preferably with a saw) about an inch above the original cut will aid absorption of water. An evergreen will absorb an astonishing amount of water through the butt. Most of this is soon lost by evaporation through the foliage.

### Keeping your tree safe...

The following tips can help keep your tree safe for about four to six weeks.

- Keep the butt end standing in a container of water during the time the tree is in the house.
- Be sure the tree is well supported and is away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, or other sources of heat.
- Check electrical lights and connections.

Please note that your permit **DOES NOT** authorize woodcutting or Christmas tree cutting on private land within the Forest or excluded areas indicated on the map. Violations of the terms of the permit may result in a citation.

