

# NEWS



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## **LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS SALES BEGIN**

SUSANVILLE, CA... Christmas Tree Permits will once again be available starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be sold through December 11th. Each permit allows the harvesting of one Christmas tree from Lassen National Forest lands. Permits will sell for \$10.00 each, and the maximum allowed per household is two permits. Along with the Christmas Tree Permit tag, purchasers are provided a *Christmas Tree Cutting Guide* containing a map of cutting areas, restrictions, and helpful tips.

Tree cutters are reminded to “Be Prepared” for sudden weather changes and colder conditions when in higher elevations. A fun family outing can become miserable and even dangerous with a quick change of weather for the unprepared. The permits expire on December 25th however forest officials recommend cutting your tree early in the season before the higher elevations are snow bound. Trees can stay fresh for quite some time if cared for correctly.

To help keep your tree nice and fresh cut two inches from the bottom of your tree when you get home and place it in water. Keep your tree watered and in a shady spot until you are ready for it in the house. Another helpful hint bring an old tarp to wrap your tree in. Then when you drag your tree out of the forest, the tarp protects the tree and helps you avoid breaking branches. The tarp can also help avoid wind damage on the way home.

When driving home, make sure the tree permit tag is visible. The permit also needs to be attached to the tree and sealed so that the permit must be cut or the seal broken to be removed. If you plan to transport more than five trees in the same vehicle, a transportation permit is required from the Sheriff's office.

Permits will be available from the Forest Service at the following locations and times:  
Normal business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

- **Almanor Ranger District, 900 East Hwy 36, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020, (530) 258-2141**
- **Eagle Lake Ranger District, 477-050 Eagle Lake Road, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-4188**
- **Hat Creek Ranger District, 43225 East Highway 299, P.O. Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA, 96028, (530) 336-5521**
- **Lassen Forest Supervisors Office, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-2151**
- **Old Station Visitors Center, Junction of Highway 89 and 44 in Old Station, (530) 335-7517**

OFFICE	DAY & HOURS	EXTENDED DAYS AND HOURS
Almanor Ranger Station	M-F 8:00-4:30	Saturdays, November 27 December 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00
Hat Creek Ranger Station	M-F 8:00-4:30	
Old Station Information Center	Fri-Sun 9:30-4:00 Until Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Eagle Lake Ranger Station	M-F 8:00-4:30	Saturdays, November 27 <sup>th</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:00-12:00
Forest Headquarters	M-F 8:00-4:30	

When purchasing in person, exact change is appreciated. Permits may also be purchased through the mail. Mailed requests for permits must be postmarked no later than December 11<sup>th</sup> and should be directed to the nearest District Ranger's Office.

When purchasing by mail, please include the following: printed name and address to which the permit(s) are to be mailed; your daytime telephone number; and a check or money order for \$10.00 per tree, made out to: "**USDA, Forest Service**". Also, please provide the name of the person who will be signing the permit and cutting the tree.

Be sure your driver's license number is on the check. Please allow at least one week for processing of your request. Checks with incorrect amounts will be returned to the sender.

Christmas Tree permits are also available from private vendors on a cash only basis. The participating vendors have volunteered to sell Christmas tree permits as a public service and cannot accept checks or credit cards for Christmas tree permits.

The following businesses are Lassen National Forest Christmas tree permit vendors for 2004:

- **Bambi Inn**, 7436 Humboldt Rd, Butte Meadows, CA 95942, (530) 873-4125
- **The Outpost**, Butte Meadows, CA 95942, (530) 873-3050
- **Lassen Mineral Lodge**, Highway 36 E, Mineral, CA 96063, (530) 595-4422
- **Mineral Gas Mart & Deli**, 38361 Hwy 36E, Mineral, CA 96063 (530) 595-3222
- **Mill Creek Lodge**, Mill Creek, CA 96061, (530) 595-4449

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