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CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE

Christmas decorations are appearing in stores prompting some families to plan a Christmas tree cutting trip to the forest to locate that "perfect" tree to help celebrate the holiday season. So, officials of the Lewis and Clark National Forest are reminding folks that personal use Christmas tree permits are required before cutting a tree from National Forest System lands.

Permits cost \$5 for one tree (limit - three trees per family) and may be purchased at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 1101 15th Street North, Great Falls, during regular business hours. Permits also are available at Forest Service offices in Augusta, Choteau, Neihart, White Sulphur Springs, Stanford and Harlowton. Trees obtained with this permit are for PERSONAL USE and may not be re-sold.

For the weekend tree-cutter, Christmas tree permits may be purchased at Scheels Sports in Great Falls, Meagher County Sheriff's Department in White Sulphur Springs, Son of Man Project in Neihart, Wheatland County Sheriff's Department in Harlowton, Allen's Manix Store in Augusta, Rex's Food Farm in Choteau and By-Way Service in Stanford.

On the tree-cutting expedition, drivers should be prepared for wintry weather and possible adverse road conditions. Also, Forest maps showing road and area restrictions will help tree-cutters avoid closed roads. For more information, call Lewis and Clark National Forest staff, (406) 791-7700.

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