

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS TO GO ON SALE FOR THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST**

**Vernal, Utah, (November 7, 2005)** - Christmas tree permits go on sale for the Ashley National Forest starting November 18, 2005. Permits can be purchased at the Flaming Gorge, Vernal, Roosevelt, and Duchesne Ranger District offices. The cost of the permit is \$10.00 and is non-refundable. Permits can be used for trees up to 15-feet tall. The trees are for personal use only and may not be resold or exchanged. Trees can be taken on the Ashley National Forest only and not on State, private, BLM, or other public lands.

Maps are available along with the permit, which describe the areas where trees can be cut and species that can be taken. Also, included is information regarding the regulations and conditions for retrieving trees such as: No topping of trees, as it is illegal and unsightly; Leave only a six inch stump above the ground surface (not snow surface); No cutting within 200 feet of riparian areas (streams, lakes, and wet meadows), roads, campgrounds, administrative sites, and summer home areas or within designated closed areas on the map. Travel maps are also available at the District Offices for additional travel opportunity information.

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The permits are also available at the following area vendors:

- Flaming Gorge Ranger District offices - (Manila and Green River), Flaming Gorge Market and Mercantile – (Manila), Flaming Gorge Lodge – (Greendale), Trout Creek Flies in Dutch John, and Rock Springs, Wyoming Chamber of Commerce.
- Vernal Ranger District office, Davis Jubilee, and Lapoint Country Store.
- Roosevelt Ranger District office and Stewart's Thriftway.
- Duchesne Ranger District office and Hanna Country Store.

The Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts will have limited tree permits available. The Ashley National Forest allows tree cutting until December 25, 2005.

Please recycle your tree after the holidays by taking it to the parking lot at 100 North 100 West (behind Old Towne Printing in Vernal), during the first two weeks in January 2006. The recycled trees will be chipped and used for landscaping mulch and wildlife habitat improvements.

The Ashley National Forest wishes all a safe and happy holiday season. Practice safety precautions while recreating on the Forest, and be aware that the weather can change rapidly this time of the year. Dress appropriately for the weather and make sure someone knows the location you are going. Please be aware of logging truck traffic and park far enough off the road to not block thru traffic. Routes that allow motorized and/or street legal vehicles also allow travel up to 300 feet off that route. This use is allowed only if resource damage does not result because of it.

If you have any questions please stop by the Ashley National Forest Supervisors office at 355 North Vernal Avenue, or call (435) 789-1181.

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