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Forest Service and BLM Offer Holiday Trees

The Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Salmon and Challis BLM Field Offices are offering tree tags for those who wish to cut their Christmas tree on the Forest or BLM Public Lands for the holiday season. The tags cost \$5 per tree and must be attached to the tree before it is removed from the cutting site. Each household may purchase two tree tags. The tags may be purchased at Forest Service and BLM offices in Challis, Salmon, Leadore, North Fork and Mackay.

Cutting Christmas trees can be fun. However, in order to ensure that the opportunity to cut trees continues on the Forest and Public Lands, tree cutters should follow these rules. Do not cut trees within 300 feet of campgrounds, streams, lakes, or ponds. Cut your tree at least 100 feet away from any main road, 200 feet from Highway 93 and ¼ mile from the roadside of the Salmon River Road. Tree cutting is also prohibited in specific areas and plantations on some of the Ranger Districts. Check with the frontliner at the desk when you buy your tag to find out where these closed areas are. Do not cut lone trees where there are no other trees nearby.

Cut the tree below the lowest limbs near ground level. Make sure you place your tag around the bole of the tree before moving it from the cutting site.

Be careful. Forest roads may be snow-covered and slick. Chains and four wheel drive vehicles are recommended in many places.