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### Fall Mushroom Season for the Medicine Lake Highlands Will Open Soon

Macdoel, CA - The three National Forests that manage the public lands in the Medicine Lake Highlands will be selling mushroom permits to the public beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2004. The permits will be available at the Gooseneck Ranger Station on the Klamath National Forest, the Doublehead and Big Valley Ranger Stations on the Modoc National Forest, and the McCloud Ranger Station on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The last day for picking mushrooms for the fall season will be November 6, 2004. After that date, all permits will be expired.



Matsutake Mushrooms on the forest floor.

Types of permits available for purchase.

- Minimum five (5) day permit for each picker for \$50.00
- \$10.00 for each additional day added (example seven 7 day permit for \$70.00)
- Thirty (30) day permit for each picker for \$100.00
- Full seasonal permit for each picker for \$200.00



Matsutake  
Mushroom

This year there will be strict regulations on camping associated with mushroom picking and each permit contains conditions that are designed to insure for the sustainability of the Matsutake resource, and to protect other forest resources. It is the permit holder's responsibility to read and understand these conditions prior to picking. Forest Service law enforcement personnel will be patrolling the Highlands

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to enforce the conditions of the permits. Violators will be cited and may have to appear in federal magistrate court.

**Permits can be obtained at the following National Forest locations Monday through Friday:**

- Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath N.F., Macdoel Ca. from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 398-4391;
- Doublehead Ranger District, Modoc N.F., Tulelake Ca. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 667-2246;
- Big Valley Ranger District, Modoc N.F., Adin Ca. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 299-3215;
- McCloud Ranger Station, Shasta-Trinity N.F., McCloud Ca. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (530) 964-2184.

**Please Remember: FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT**

- No open fire campfires outside a designated recreation site. A list of designated sites is available at the locations listed above.
- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or at a designated site.
- No operation of internal combustion engines, except on a forest development road or forest developed trail.
- Portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted with a valid California Campfire Permit.

For more information on Fire Restrictions please contact one of the offices listed above.