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Christmas Tree Permits on Sale November 1

Christmas tree cutting permits (personal use) will go on sale for the Plumas National Forest beginning November 1. With a \$10 permit, Christmas trees may be cut from November 1 until December 24, 2006. A map of the tree cutting areas and regulations are included with the permit. Tree cutters are asked to take extra care to cut in the areas noted and to remember to attach the permit to their tree before leaving the cutting area, to avoid penalties. Public land around Oroville on the Feather River Ranger District is also open for cutting.

To mail for a permit, please include a self-addressed, stamped (83 cents) business-sized envelope to: Plumas National Forest, Christmas Tree Permit, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971. Make checks or money orders (no cash) payable to: USDA Forest Service. Those who are at least 18 years old may purchase a permit; they are non-refundable and no more than two permits will be mailed to one address or household. Mail requests must be received by December 1. Mail requests received after December 1 will be returned as the Forest Service will not guarantee that permits will reach their destination prior to December 24. Permits may also be purchased directly from local Forest Service offices or participating community businesses. New this year, permits are available at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Quincy. Public land around Oroville on the Feather River Ranger District is also open for cutting.

Because of the unpredictable weather conditions in the mountains, plan to cut a tree as soon as possible, dress appropriately in warm clothing, and be prepared for possible ice and snow on the roads (carry tire chains). For recorded information about permits, call (530) 836-7117 in Blairsden, or (530) 283-7869 in Quincy. Visit the Plumas National Forest website for news release information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/news/>.

You may want to add a day and make a family outing to the Plumas National Forest even more memorable by including some local community holiday traditions such as a ride on the Santa Train or participating in a tree lighting ceremony complete with food, song, and merriment. For information about lodging, dining, and holiday events in areas near the forest, please call the Williams House Museum/Portola Visitor Center (530)

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832-0671 in Portola; Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce (530) 836-6811, in Blairsden; the Quincy Chamber of Commerce (530) 283-0188 or the Plumas County Visitor Bureau (530) 283-6345, both in Quincy; the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce (530) 284-6633 in Greenville; and the Oroville Chamber of Commerce (530) 538-2542 in Oroville.

NATIONAL FOREST OFFICES SELLING CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

Reminder, all offices are closed on weekends, Veteran's Day observance, November 10 and Thanksgiving Day, November 23:

Quincy: Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, three miles north of Quincy, (530) 283-0555, (8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Supervisor's Office (**new location**), 159 Lawrence St., (530) 283-2050, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Blairsden: Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, 1/4 mile west of Blairsden on the south side of Highway 70, (530) 836-2575 (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Greenville: Information & Work Center, 128 Hot Springs Road, (530) 284-7126, (8 am-12 noon & 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Oroville: Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Ave., (530) 534-6500, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

Sierraville: Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District, 317 S. Lincoln (Hwy 89), (530) 994-3401, (8 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

COMMUNITY BUSINESSES SELLING CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

Portola-Blairsden-Cromberg Area:

Hallelujah Junction General Store - Hallelujah Jct. (530) 993-0110

Williams House Museum - Portola (530) 832-0671

River Pines Resort - Graeagle (530) 836-2552

Happy Hunting Ground - Graeagle (530) 836-1171

Eastern Plumas Co. Chamber of Commerce - Blairsden (530) 836-6811

Sierraville Service – Sierraville (530) 994-3387

Sierraville Superstop – Sierraville (530) 994-3820

Quincy-Meadow Valley Area:

Plumas County Visitors Center - Quincy (530) 283-6345

Fuelstar Chevron - Quincy (530) 283-3999

76 Unocal - Quincy (530) 283-2636

Fuelstar/Beacon - Quincy (530) 283-1175

Sav-Mor - Quincy (530) 283-2370

One Stop - Quincy (530) 283-9203

Greenville-Crescent Mills-Taylorville Area:

Evergreen Market – (530) 284-7313

Clipper Mills Area:

Clipper Mills General Store/Clipper Trader – Clipper Mills (530) 675-2409

Brownsville Area:

Ray's Hardware – Brownsville (530) 675-2383

Oroville Area:

Wagon Wheel Market – Oroville (530) 589-1824

La Porte Area:

La Porte General Store – La Porte (530) 675-2711

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Key points:

- 1) **Christmas tree cutting permits on sale November 1, 2006.**
- 2) **Mail requests must be received by December 1, 2006.**
- 3) **New office location added: Supervisor's Office, 159 Lawrence St., Quincy.**
- 4) **For recorded information, call (530) 836-7117 or (530) 283-7869.**