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Christmas tree permits available from the Colville National Forest

Colville, Wash., --The cool weather of November reminds us that Christmas is just around the corner. If you and your family enjoy traveling to the forest to look for and cut that special tree in its natural setting for your holiday festivities, you can get your permit now.

Christmas tree permits sell for \$5.00 each and can be obtained at any ranger district office, forest headquarters and the forest service office in Spokane, Washington. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Colville National Forest has a variety of species of trees available for insuring you get that perfect tree. Popular tree species include Douglas-fir, spruce, and alpine fir.

To make sure your trip to the forest is a happy experience, follow these simple safety guides:

- * Be prepared for cold and changing weather conditions. Carry tire chains, shovel, flashlights and blankets in your vehicle,
- * Arrive at your cutting site early in the day, avoid traveling after dark,
- * Wear proper winter clothing,
- * Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Please be aware that some areas on the National Forest may require a Sno-Park permit to access parking.

Please check with the following ranger districts for current permit and road information:

Three Rivers Ranger District, 255 W. 11th, Kettle Falls, WA 99141 (509) 738-7700
Newport Ranger District, 315 N. Warren, Newport, WA 99156 (509) 447-7300
Republic Ranger District, 180 N. Jefferson, Republic, WA 99166 (509) 775-7400
Sullivan Lake Ranger District, 12641 Sullivan Lake Road, Metaline Falls, WA 99153 (509) 446-7500
National Forest Information Center, 1113 N. Fancher Rd., Spokane, WA 99212 (509) 536-1251
Colville National Forest Headquarters, 765 S. Main, Colville, WA 99114 (509) 684-7000

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