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### Christmas tree permits available for the White River National Forest

**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. – Nov. 1, 2016** - Christmas tree permits are now available for purchase at White River National Forest office locations. **The cost per permit is \$10.00 and may be purchased with cash, check or credit card at office locations. There is a maximum of five tree permits per person.** Permits will be sold starting Nov. 1, 2016 through Dec. 23, 2016 at the Forest Service office locations listed at the end of this press release.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Eagle, Holy Cross, and Aspen Ranger Stations. Please see below for a list of locations and hours. All Forest Service offices will be closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. **Mail-order permits will be available again this year by check or money order. Individuals can download and print an online form, fill out the form and mail it with payment to the Supervisor's Office in Glenwood Springs (please find address below).** Christmas tree permits will be mailed within 2 -3 business days. The mail-order Christmas tree permit form is located here:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver> under the link "Passes and Permits."

Christmas tree cutting is allowed in most areas on the White River National Forest with the following exceptions: Wilderness areas, Scenic Byways, Glenwood Canyon, the Maroon Bells Scenic Area, commercial timber sales areas, recreation and ski areas, campgrounds, trailheads, developed sites and administrative areas. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of any road or trail. Maps showing where Christmas tree cutting is allowed are available at all offices where permits are sold, and will be provided with permits along with a regulations list.

Trees must be less than 15 feet tall from the stump, may not be greater than 6 inches in diameter at the base of the tree and the stump height should be no greater than 6 inches high. Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold. The tags must be attached to the tree at the cutting location and must be left on the tree until it arrives at its final destination.

The Forest Travel Management Plan closes many forest roads prior to or on Nov. 23. As a reminder, summer and winter Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) have been produced for the entire Forest and show forest roads, trails and areas that have been designated for closures and over-snow motor vehicle use. Motorized users are responsible for obtaining an MVUM to determine where one can drive, ride and recreate. These maps are free and are available at Ranger Stations or on the Forest website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/whiteriver/recreation>. Snow and winter conditions will dictate road access for Christmas tree harvesting. Conditions associated with winter travel on forest roads may include, but are not limited to, heavy snow, ice, soft shoulders and constantly changing road conditions. The White River National Forest does not recommend travel on roads that have not been recently plowed.

#### **Permit Sale Locations:**

- **Aspen-Sopris Ranger District:**

**Aspen Ranger Station**

**Address:** 806 West Hallam Street Aspen, CO 81611

**Phone:** 970-925-3445

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

**\*Permits will only be sold on Fridays via cash or check from Nov. 4 – Dec. 23**

**Sopris Ranger Station**

**Address:** 620 Main Street Carbondale, CO 81623

**Phone:** 970-963-2266

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

**\*Permits will be sold beginning Nov. 7**

- **Blanco Ranger Station**

**Address:** 220 East Market Street Meeker, CO 81641

**Phone:** 970-878-4039

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

- **Dillon Ranger Station**

**Address:** 680 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne, CO 80498

**Phone:** 970-468-5400

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 – 4p.m., Monday – Friday

- **Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District**

**Holy Cross Ranger Station**

**Address:** 24747 US Highway 24 Minturn, CO 81645

**Phone:** 970-827-5715

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**\*Holy Cross Ranger Station will also be open Saturday Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Eagle Ranger Station**

**Address:** 125 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street Eagle, CO 81631

**Phone:** 970-328-6388

**\*The Eagle Ranger Station has been closed to the public, but will reopen to sell Christmas tree permits (via cash or check only) on the following days: Open the following Fridays: Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open the following Saturdays: Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

- **Rifle Ranger Station**

**Address:** 0094 County Road 244 Rifle, CO 81650

**Phone:** 970-625-2371

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

- **Supervisor's Office, Glenwood Springs (Mail-in Location, Walk - in Location)**

**Address:** 900 Grand Ave. Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

**Phone:** (970)-945-2521

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

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