

Six Rivers Christmas tree permit available online only

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To cut down a Christmas tree in the Six Rivers National Forest this year, permits will only be available for purchase online from [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) this holiday season.

Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor Ted McArthur said the online option replaces in-person transactions at offices that remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Online sale of Six Rivers' Christmas tree permits begins on Nov. 1.

"We jumped at the opportunity to have our Christmas tree permit sales online this year, especially with our offices still closed," McArthur said. "Families will still be able to get a permit and venture out to the Six Rivers to cut their own Christmas tree for the holidays. While this might be a family tradition passed down for generations for some, it could be the start of a fun, new tradition for others."

Prior to purchasing a Christmas Tree permit for the Six Rivers National Forest at www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/srnf, carefully review the Need-to-Know and Planning Your Trip information provided on that page.

Visitors to the Recreation.gov site will need to create a new account — or log in to an existing account — to complete their transaction. Permits are \$10 plus a \$2.50 service fee. All sales are final with no refunds.

This year, fourth-grade students are eligible for a Christmas tree permit for \$2.50 under the Every Kid Outdoors program. Every Kid Outdoors introduces fourth graders to the public lands in their own backyards and beyond. For more information about Every Kid Outdoors, visit <https://everykidoutdoors.gov>.

There are some places on the Six Rivers National Forest that are closed to Christmas tree cutting, including administrative sites, wilderness areas, research natural areas, or botanical/geologic/cultural areas, active timber sales, within 200 feet of any building, campground, state highway, river, stream, pond, lake, or other water body. In addition, three areas have been closed due to public safety concerns over the Slater, Red Salmon Complex, and August Complex fires that burned on the forest this year. Maps of areas closed to tree cutting and the fire closure areas may be found at www.fs.usda.gov/main/srnf/passes-permits/forestproducts, under the heading Christmas Trees – 2020.

To ensure your visit to the forest is an enjoyable and safe experience, please follow these important tips:

- Let someone know where you're going and your estimated return time.
- Bring cold weather clothing, even if the day is nice when you start out.
- Bring emergency food and water, first-aid kit, tire chains, and shovel.
- Have a full tank of gas in your vehicle and don't forget to bring a map.