



Pacific Northwest Region
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
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News Release

Personal Use Christmas Tree Permits Available on Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Vancouver, WA – Christmas tree cutting permits will be available to purchase at Gifford Pinchot National Forest offices and many local vendors beginning Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Forest Service personal use permits will sell for \$5.00 each (cash, check or credit card) and there is a limit of five permits per household. Permits are valid for one-time use only. When purchasing permits, you will receive a map of cutting areas and an information sheet with special instructions for cutting Christmas trees on the national forest.

Winter weather in the forest can change rapidly. Most forest roads are not maintained for winter driving. Traction devices and a shovel are recommended, as is extra food, drinking water, winter clothing, blankets, a flashlight, and first aid kit. Remember to bring a tool to cut your tree and rope or cord to secure it to your vehicle. Tree cutting and travel may take longer than anticipated, so let a friend or family member know where you're going, get an early start, and leave the woods well before dark.

For more information on current road status and closures please visit our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recremain/giffordpinchot/recreation#cond>

For additional information on successful tree harvesting please visit our website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/giffordpinchot/passes-permits/?cid=fsbdev3_005072

Visitors can purchase Christmas tree permits at the following Gifford Pinchot National Forest offices and vendor locations near you.

- Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters
10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682



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Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m. daily) (360) 891-5001

- Mt. Adams Ranger District
2455 Highway 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650
Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m. daily) (509) 395-3400
- Cowlitz Valley Ranger District
10024 US Hwy 12 – PO Box 670, Randle, WA 98377
Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon until 1 p.m. daily) (360) 497-1100
- Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument
42218 NE Yale Bridge Rd., Amboy, WA 98607
Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (360) 449-7800

All Forest Service offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Vendor Locations (Call for hours of operation and information):

- Trout Lake, WA – Little Mountain (True Value) Hardware (509) 395-2773
- Carson, WA – Wind River Market (509) 427-5565
- Home Valley, WA – Home Valley Store (509) 427-4015
- Stevenson, WA – Main St. Convenience Store (open 24 hours) (509) 427-5653
- Randle, WA – Fischer's Market (360) 497-5355
- Packwood, WA - Blanton's Market (360) 494-6101
- Ashford, WA - Ashford General Store (360) 569-2377
- Elbe, WA - Elbe Grocery (360) 569-2766
- Amboy, WA - Amboy Market (360) 247-5421
- Amboy, WA - Chelatchie Prairie General Store (360) 247-5529
- Cougar, WA - Lakeside Country Store (360) 238-5202
- Cougar, WA – Cougar Store (360) 238-5228
- Kalama, WA - Kalama Spirits and Tobacco (360) 673-4991

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