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'Tis the season for harvesting Christmas trees on public lands

(Fairbanks, AK) – Cutting an Alaska-grown Christmas tree is an annual tradition that many residents enjoy. It's free, it's fun and it's an excuse to tromp around in the woods enjoying the stark beauty of Alaska in winter.

Alaska residents may cut Christmas trees on state lands designated as open for cutting. No permit or fee is required. The maximum tree height is 15 feet and the limit is one tree per household. The Department of Natural Resources offers multi-agency maps and information for harvesting Christmas trees in Southcentral and Interior Alaska at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/christmastree.htm>.

Here are some guidelines for safe, legal cutting of Christmas trees on public lands:

- Properly identify land ownership where you intend to cut your tree. If you have any questions regarding land ownership, consult your Division of Forestry area office.
- Cut trees as low to the ground as possible.
- Cutting trees in all state parks and experimental forests is prohibited.
- The Division of Forestry does not maintain forest roads. Anyone traveling on forest roads should have appropriate gear and equipment in the event they get stuck. This includes tire chains, a shovel, tow strap and warm clothing.
- Christmas trees cut on state land are for personal use only and may not be sold.
- Do not litter and be courteous to other tree cutters and/or residents who live in the area.

Division of Forestry offices are located in Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Haines, Palmer, Soldotna and Tok. Go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov> for a directory of area forestry offices. Anyone with questions can also call the DNR Public Information Centers in Anchorage (907-269-8400) or Fairbanks (907-451-2705).

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