

Holiday tree cutting permits available next week

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will be offering permits for the public to select and cut holiday trees in the Tahoe basin beginning Nov. 22.

Permits cost \$10 each (cash or check only, no credit cards) with a limit of two permits per family, valid for cutting on or before Dec. 25. Permit holders may choose from varieties of pine, fir or cedar, in designated cutting areas, and must abide by specific permit conditions for proper and responsible collection.

Permit sales will be available at two locations:

* On the South Shore, permits will be sold at the LTBMU Forest Supervisor's Office located at 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe. This office is open Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm and Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 during the same hours.

* On the North Shore, permits will be sold at the North Shore Forest Service Office located at 855 Alder Ave., Incline Village. This office is open Thursday through Saturday from 8am-4:30pm.

Both offices will be closed Thanksgiving. The last day to purchase a permit is Dec. 23.