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It's the most wonderful time of the year to visit the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and find the perfect Christmas tree for your home!

Individual Christmas tree permits are \$5 each and are available at the Sisters Ranger District Office and a number of Central Oregon retailers. The Sisters Ranger District Office at Pine Street and Highway 20 will be open on Saturday, December 10, for special hours running 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow purchase of permits.

For the second year in a row, Smokey Bear and Santa Claus are teaming up to bring some special holiday cheer to fourth-graders across the country!

As part of the national Every Kid in a Park initiative, the U.S. Forest Service is excited to announce that all fourth-graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from their local National Forest. In order for students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website.

Step 1: Visit www.everykidinapark.gov and follow instructions to obtain the paper voucher.
Step 2: Print out the paper voucher.

Step 3: Bring the paper voucher to a National Forest office to claim the free permit.

Additional information and a list of retailers can be found online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/deschutes/home.

Weather conditions at higher elevations can be dramatically different from local conditions, and the public should be prepared for cold and unpredictable weather. Additionally, most forest roads are not maintained for winter driving, so snow patches or debris may be encountered.

Bring a handsaw or axe as well as winter clothing and safety equipment. Tire chains and a shovel are recommended, as is extra food, drinking-water, blankets, a flashlight, first-aid kit and survival gear. Tree-cutting and travel can take longer than anticipated, and individuals are encouraged to notify a friend or family member of the anticipated destination and to leave the woods well before dark.

To keep a tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard, leave it outside until you're ready to move it indoors. Cut the trunk at an angle before placing it in the stand, and remember to refill the stand's reservoir daily.

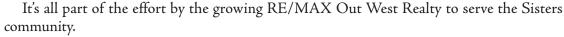
## REMAX Out West Realty

The brokers at RE/MAX Out West Realty are giving back to the Sisters community this holiday season through support of the mentorship program Circle of Friends.

"It fills such a great need in our community," says Principal Broker Leslie Jacob-Beard.

The office will redeem Ray's Food Place gift certificates for groceries that will be distributed through Circle of Friends. There's a giving box at the front desk at RE/MAX Out West Realty at 625

N. Arrowleaf Trail (next to Ray's) where you can drop off the gift certificates.



All the donations will help families with children in the Sisters community, families that are served by the Circle of Friends program, which pairs youth with mentors who spend time with the children as they navigate their way through life.

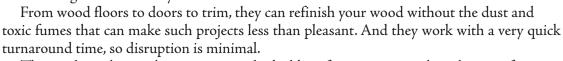
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## Nance Revolutionary Wood Renewal

If you've walked across a lustrous wood floor or admired a set of fine-looking cabinets in Sisters, chances are you're already familiar with the work of NHance Revolutionary Wood Renewal.

They've done a LOT of work doing two or three jobs a day here in Sisters over the past 14 years, and word-of-

mouth has given them many a satisfied local client.



Their polyurethane cabinet treatment looks like a fantastic paint job — but it is far more durable.

So if you are planning to restore and renew for 2017, go with NHance and get the job done with a minimum of impact and a result that you will love.