

TREE HUNT: Be alert to winter conditions in the woods

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is no more than 12 feet tall. Trees taller than 12 feet require a special permit. The tree to be cut must also be within 15 feet of another tree; so, if the tree is standing alone in an open space, find another tree.

Complete copies of Christmas tree-hunting guidelines and regulations can be obtained wherever tree permits are sold. Forest Service personnel will also provide guidance on areas where cutting is permitted and where to find particular tree species. The Sisters Ranger District office is located at the corner of Highway 20 and North Pine Street, on the west side of town. For further information call 541-549-7700.

In addition to the Forest Service office, tree permits are also available at Lutton's Ace Hardware, Bi-Mart, Sisters Mainline (Chevron) Station, Sisters Rental, and the Camp Sherman Store.

Once again this year, the Forest Service's program of free trees for fourth-graders is back. To claim a free Christmas tree permit for a fourth-grader, log on to www.everykidinapark.gov and take the pass to a Forest Service office.

Finally, as Ranger Reid suggests, be sure that your Christmas tree hunt is a safe one and be properly equipped. Bring a hand saw



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Tree hunting is a family tradition in Sisters.

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, so notify friends or family of your destination and return time. Be sure to leave the woods well before dark.

Also, keep in mind that children have a tendency to wander off, so keep a close eye on children while in the woods. If you travel any significant distance from your vehicle, you should be prepared for outdoor winter travel; and remember that winter weather conditions can change rapidly.

Chops Bistro

Chops Bistro has been a local favorite for the last two years.

They're known for fireside dining in the dining room and providing live entertainment on the weekends in their comfortable lounge. They hit all the right notes with local Tony Lompa starting the weekend on Friday at 6 p.m. and Bill Keale finishing out on Sundays. Saturdays are shared by various artists.

The lounge has become quite the cozy spot to be. Chops provides a great atmosphere, wonderful food and a welcoming staff. The wine list is top-notch and owner, Tracy Syanovitz, has several special wine dinners being offered this winter. Next month will be their first, offered with the focus on sparkling and champagne.

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