

Time to find the right Christmas tree

Permit tags now available for \$5 from BLM and USFS for personal use

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service in Southwest Oregon are selling personal-use Christmas tree permits through their combined program of serving local communities.

The permit tags are \$5 each and can be purchased from the Medford and Coos Bay BLM offices, and the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests offices.

Trees can only be harvested on BLM or Forest Service lands covered under the permit. Harvest is not allowed in wilderness areas, campgrounds, tree plantations, within 200 feet of state highways and other prohibited areas. The tags must be attached to the trees during transport. Permits or trees cannot be resold.

Cut only trees that are less than 12-feet tall. The tree should be cut as close to the ground as possible, and not more than 12 inches above the ground. Cut a tree only if there is another tree within 12 feet of it.

After harvesting a tree,



validate the permit by cutting out the year and date, and attaching it to the tree.

Agency officials remind the public to take precautions when planning to harvest their trees, in-

cluding checking weather and road conditions, carrying equipment like saw, gloves, warm clothing and tire chains, and notifying others of their planned trip into the forest.

GPDPs will undergo on-site evaluation

Public Safety Director Ron Schwartz announced that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive on Dec. 6, to examine all aspects of the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (GPDPs) Communications Center's policy and procedures management operations and com-

munications services.

Verification by the team that the GPDPs meets the commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation -- a highly prized recognition of emergency telecommunications profession excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of

the community can provide comments regarding the Communications Division to the assessment team by telephone. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's Communications Division's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. The public may phone (541) 660-6376 on Dec. 8, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Nanotechnology likely bridge to Oregon future

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) has won Senate approval of the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act, legislation he wrote to fund and coordinate accelerated nanotechnology research in the United States over the next four years.

Oregon is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the nanotechnology revolution and the expected \$1 trillion industry this legislation seeks to support. Nanotechnology employs science on the atomic and molecular scales and is expected to yield rapid advances in numerous areas including health care, manufacturing and agriculture. The legislation must now be passed

by the House; President Bush has indicated that he will sign the legislation.

"Nanotechnology is a job-creating engine and I want Oregon at the forefront of this new and exciting field," said Wyden.

Oregon businesses such as Hewlett Packard and Intel are already involved in microtechnology, a precursor to nanotechnology research. FEI Corp. currently produces the tools necessary to examine submicron structures.

The University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Portland State University are also engaged in a strong inter-university research partnership that can capitalize

on breakthrough nanotechnologies.

Nanotechnology products are already on the mass market, most notably in the form of stain-resistant clothing.

However, experts estimate that non-particles and nanodevices will eventually have great impact on more serious levels, such as the treatment of disease, the improvement and strengthening of traditional materials such as steel, and the creation of smaller, faster electronic devices.

The Wyden legislation creates a National Nanotechnology Research Program to support long-term nanoscale research and development.

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New year brings more mandatory rules for boaters

Year two of Mandatory Boater Education is nearly here. Beginning in 2004, powerboat operators 40 and younger will be required to carry a boater education card when operating boats greater than 10 horse power.

Boaters have several options to qualify for their card, but are encouraged to take a classroom course, according to the Oregon State Marine Board.

Other options include the challenge exam for experienced boaters, available at local Marine Patrol offices, or one of the approved Internet courses. Prices for all options range from free to \$40 or more.

Compliance the first year exceeded 90 percent with 18,000 cards issued to boaters under 30. So far, 10,000 cards have been issued to boaters age 31-40.


The fine for not carrying a card, along with other law enforcement fines, was increased by the 2003 State Legislature from \$75 to \$94.

Dome School Winter Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 6
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
and Sunday, Dec. 7
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Volunteer for Citizen Corps

Make your community safer, stronger and a better place to live!

What is "Citizen Corps?"

The Citizen Corps is comprised of residents and businesses who have agreed to play an active role in improving the safety of our community. The Corps volunteers ensure our community is prepared for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds.

Major disasters can overload state and local resources. During the first critical 12 to 72 hours of an event Citizen Corps is extremely valuable. They are well-trained, readily available volunteers who will be able to provide knowledgeable help before and after the arrival of outside help.

Where Can I Volunteer?

- **Neighborhood Watch Program:**
An expanded program incorporates terrorism prevention & education in an existing crime prevention mission.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):**
Certified training program gives individuals emergency preparedness and basic response techniques, enabling them to provide critical support to first-responders during emergencies.
- **Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS):**
Supports administrative and non-intervention policing activities for law enforcement.

- **Medical Reserve Corps:**
Currently practicing and retired medical professionals aide the emergency medical response community during large scale emergencies. Volunteers can also support non-emergency public health needs throughout the year.
- **Volunteers in Fire Service (VIFS):**
Support fire services throughout the county.

Take an active role in crime prevention, risk reduction and emergency preparedness!

Yes, I'm interested in learning more about the Citizen Corps Council!

Name: _____ Business Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ apt. no. _____ city _____ zip code _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Program(s) I am interested in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers in Fire Service (VIFS)
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Reserve Corps	

New classes will begin in Jan.

Please mail to: Illinois Valley Emergency Services • P.O. Box 1396, Cave Junction, OR 97532 or call 592-3480.