

MATSUTAKE MUSHROOM PICKING PERMITS TO BE AVAILABLE AFTER LABOR DAY

ROSEBURG — Matsutake mushroom permits will be available on the Umpqua National Forest beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 4. The permits are also good for harvesting on the Fremont-Winema, Willamette and Deschutes National Forests, except in wilderness areas.

The 2018 matsutake mushroom season runs from Sept. 4 to Nov. 4.

To pick mushrooms on national forest system lands, a permit from the U.S. Forest Service is required. A commercial use permit for matsutake mushrooms is \$200 for the 62-day season, \$100 for a half-season (valid for 31 consecutive days)

or \$8 per day with a three-day minimum purchase (picking days need not be consecutive).

Harvesters must be at least 18 years of age with a valid U.S. government-issued ID in order to purchase a permit. Each person picking mushrooms must have a permit.

The permits may be purchased Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at all district offices of the Umpqua National Forest. Offices are located in Tiller, Glide, Toketee, and Cottage Grove.

Permits are also available at district offices of the Deschutes, Fremont-Winema and Willamette

National Forests. Hours may vary by ranger district.

Included with each permit is an informational synopsis and a map showing areas open for harvesting.

The permit is not valid on state or private property. Areas closed to harvest include Crater Lake National Park, Newberry National Volcanic Monument, HJ Andrews Experimental Forest, and Research Natural Areas, Wilderness areas, Oregon Cascades Recreation Area, campgrounds, and other areas that are posted closed.

Anyone wishing to camp outside of a designated campground should use the motor vehicle use map to

locate areas for dispersed camping on the Umpqua National Forest.

A campground for harvesters has been established at Little Odell Mushroom Camp near Crescent Lake, Ore. Hoodoo Recreation Services will manage the camp.

The per-person rate for camping is \$125 for the full two month season, \$75 for a half-season and \$40 per week. Site occupancy allows up to 8 persons and 2 vehicles.

Water, garbage, and toilet services are provided. The camp will open Sept. 4.

For more information about rates or services at Little Odell Mushroom Camp you can contact

Hoodoo at 541-338-7869 or www.hoodoo.com.

People are reminded to check in with each National Forest to learn the current fire danger, areas and roads closed because of fire activity, and any Public Use Restrictions in place.

Information can be found by calling a Forest Service office or checking online.

For more information, contact the Umpqua National Forest office at 541-957-3200.

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