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Christmas Tree Permits Available for South Platte District

**MORRISON, Colo.,** September 28, 2017 – The Pike National Forest – South Platte Ranger District has begun selling permits to cut Christmas trees in Jefferson County. We are pleased to announce in addition to our traditional Buffalo Creek cutting area, we will be offering limited Holiday tree permits for the Camp Fickes area.

**Tree cutting details:**

* Cutting areas are at the Buffalo Creek and Camp Fickes sites.
* The deadline for mail-in requests is Friday, November 3. Envelopes must be postmarked by this date.
* South Platte Office walk-in requests begin Monday, November 6, until approximately 8,000 permits are sold.
* Camp Fickes permits are extremely limited only 375.
* On Camp Fickes permits there is no camping, no trailers and no picnics within the cutting area and only vehicles equipped with 4-wheel drive capability are allowed.
* Cutting will take place off of Forest Service Road 550 (map is provided with permit).
* Cutting begins Friday, November 24 through Thursday, December 7.

Anticipate traffic issues with parking and passing. The road has steep switchbacks and wash boarding should be expected.

District employees anticipate 1,500 families will cut their tree in Jefferson County on the Friday after Thanksgiving and during each of the open weekends. Consider weekday cutting for a less-crowded experience.

For more information on the 2017 South Platte Buffalo Creek and Camp Fickes Holiday Tree Program, visit the webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/psicc/about-forest/districts or call the district office at 303-275-5610.

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