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Holiday Tree-Cutting Permits Available for Genesee Park

GOLDEN, Colo. — A limited number of permits are now available for the annual holiday tree sale at Genesee Park. Permit holders can select and cut their own native holiday tree at the mountain park, just minutes west of the Denver metro area off I-70.

Families who purchase a \$25 permit will help the Colorado State Forest Service and Denver Mountain Parks improve forest health in the park and reduce the impacts of future wildfires by thinning overcrowded, dense vegetation. Permits for live Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine and Rocky Mountain juniper trees up to 15 feet tall or 6 inches in trunk diameter are available through the CSFS Golden District Office.

“We want to provide the setting for enjoyable family outings to a scenic mountain park, while helping manage the park’s forest resources,” said Allen Gallamore, CSFS Golden District Forester.

Cutting activities will be permitted in select areas of Genesee Park, a Denver Mountain Park, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4. According to Gallamore, the Saturday permits are already selling out fast.

Those interested in a permit can stop by the CSFS Golden District Office, 1504 Quaker St., Golden, or contact the district at 303-279-9757 to obtain a permit by mail. Permits will be available from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. M-F until Nov. 30, or until sold out. A detailed map of sale areas and additional information will be provided with each permit.

Trees must be cut with hand tools, such as a handsaw or an axe; chainsaws are prohibited. Four-wheel drive vehicles are not necessary to reach the sale areas, except during periods of adverse weather.

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