

The 2018 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will be cut from the Sweet Home Ranger District on the Willamette National Forest.

The tradition of the Capitol Christmas Tree, or “The People’s Tree,” began in 1964 when Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John W. McCormack (D-MA) placed a live Christmas tree on the Capitol lawn. This tree lived three years before succumbing to wind and root damage.

In 1970, the Architect of the Capitol asked the U.S. Forest Service to provide a Christmas tree. Since then, a different national forest has been chosen each year to provide “The People’s Tree.” The selected national forest also works with partners to provide 75 smaller companion Christmas trees for offices in Washington, D.C.

The last time a tree was selected from Oregon was 2002. It was a Douglas Fir, from the Umpqua National Forest.

For more information on the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, visit [www.capitolchristmastree.com](http://www.capitolchristmastree.com)



For more information, contact the Willamette National Forest Ornament Committee:  
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Ornaments and tree skirts need to be completed and mailed to the Sweet Home Ranger District by **October 1, 2018**.  
Sweet Home Ranger District  
Capitol Christmas Tree  
4431 Highway 20  
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386



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## Find Your Trail To The Willamette National Forest



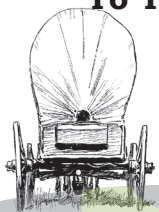
### Sweet Home Ranger District

## 2018

# U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Ornament Making information

Find Your Trail To The Capitol Christmas Tree





## 3,500 Large Ornaments Needed

These will decorate the outdoor U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree in 2018.

Ornaments should be made from lightweight durable materials such as wood, metals or recycled materials. They should reflect Oregon's cultural heritage, natural resources, historical events or people.

### Requirements:

- 9 to 12 inches in size
- Lightweight
- Reflective and colorful
- Weatherproof and durable to withstand snow, rain and ice
- No logos please. It is ok to include name, school, organization and location in Oregon on the back of the ornament.

## 6,500 Small Ornaments Needed

These ornaments will decorate the indoor trees throughout Capitol buildings.

### Requirements

- 4 to 6 inches in size
- Lightweight
- Reflective and colorful
- No logos please. It is ok to include the name of the school, organization and location in Oregon on the back of the ornament.



## Ornament Events

There will be many ornament-making opportunities scheduled throughout 2018 at state and local events. The committee members will be contacting schools, local clubs and other organizations. If you are interested in helping, please contact the committee members listed on the back page. We encourage any individuals and/or groups to participate, in our events or to lead your own.

## Suggested Themes

There are ten suggested themes for the companion trees. The large outdoor tree will display all of the themes. You can create any type of lightweight and reflective ornament that represents Oregon. Logos are not allowed on the ornaments. You may put your school, organization name and location on the ornaments.

1. Smokey Bear Christmas-Smokey hats, face, fire prevention messages
2. Home Sweet Home- house with "Home Sweet Home" stencil
3. Willamette National Forest- trees, leaves, deer, elk, logging things that represents the forest
4. Coastal - boats, jellyfish, fish, anchors, seagulls, lighthouses, crab, or any thing that represents this part of the state
5. Oregon Trail - horses, wagon wheels, covered wagons, etc.
6. Christmas - Christmas colored ornaments, Santa, reindeer etc.
7. Sports - bikes, football, etc.
8. Great Outdoors - mountains, lakes, rivers, fossils, desert scenes etc.
9. Outdoor Nature Art - animal tracks, wood, cookies, pine cones, etc.
10. Recycling - This is open to anything made from recycled materials.

**All ornaments need to be completed by October 1, 2018 and mailed or delivered to the :Sweet Home Ranger District  
4431 Highway 20  
Sweet Home, OR 97386  
Drop off locations listed on: [www.capitolchristmastree.com](http://www.capitolchristmastree.com)**