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MEDIA ADVISORY

Official State Christmas Tree Arrives at the Capitol

- WHEN:** Tree Cutting..... Thursday, November 15, approximately 10 a.m.
 Transport..... Friday, November 16, approximately 8 a.m.
 Set-up..... Friday, November 16, approximately 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Tree Cutting..... U.S. Forest Service property, Camino, CA
Take Cedar Grove exit off Hwy 50; turn right and go approximately 100 yards; tree lot will be on your left hand side, across the street from the Ranger sub station
 Arrival/Set-up..... West side of State Capitol (10th Street, between N and L Streets)
- WHAT:** The annual cutting, transport and set-up of the official state Christmas tree, which will happen rain or shine.
- The tree is a majestic white fir, approximately 55 feet tall, donated by the U.S. Forest Service, Institute of Forest Genetics. The California Department of General Services (DGS) will cut down the tree, and the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection will transport it to the Capitol, with a California Highway Patrol escort.
- DETAILS:** Once decorated, the tree will contain 6,500 lights and more than 2,000 ornaments. In keeping with tradition, the Department of Developmental Services provides 1,500 of those ornaments, handcrafted by children and adults with developmental disabilities who receive services and support from state developmental centers and 21 nonprofit regional centers. Again this year, ultra-low-wattage LED lights will be used, saving 95 percent of the energy that would be consumed by incandescent bulbs.
- The annual tree-lighting ceremony will take place on December 4th with Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver.

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