

## DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has the following responsibilities for administration and enforcement of laws and regulations relating to Christmas trees:

- To serve as an information source to answer inquiries from the public and disseminate information about the laws and regulations that apply to Christmas tree harvesting and transportation.
- To provide CDF peace officers to validate transportation tags upon request.
- To enforce the Forest Practice Act and its related regulations applicable to Christmas tree harvesting.
- To carry out custodial responsibility to prevent, investigate, apprehend, and bring criminal and civil actions so as to deter, punish, and recover costs against persons attempting to unlawfully cut or remove Christmas trees from state-owned land under CDF jurisdiction, such as state forests and forest fire station sites.
- To report to proper authorities or apprehend persons encountered illegally cutting or removing Christmas trees from public and private lands.

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