

Transplant a tree from Chugach

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--May 10, 1985--Branch out and transplant a free tree from the Chugach National Forest.

Forest Supervisor Dalton Du Lac says, "Any family who wishes to transplant a tree for their personal use may do so free-of-charge."

The Forest will be open so that members of the public can obtain the tree of their choice during Anchor Tree Week, May 18 through 24.

Du Lac says, "Trees may be taken from any forested land except in campgrounds, Portage Valley and the Turnagain Pass area."

"Just be sure you are on the National Forest and not in the State Park or on private land," he says.

Members of the public should dig trees at least 200 feet from roads, trails and campgrounds.

The recommended size of the tree to transplant is 2 to 3 feet tall. Spruce, birch, hemlock, bushes and other small plants from the Granite Creek or Ingram Creek areas can provide shade and add to property values.

Those planning to dig trees from the Forest for commercial purposes must first obtain a permit from one of the local USDA Forest Service district offices in Anchorage, Seward and Cordova.

The Forest Service joins the municipality and other community efforts in observing this Arbor Day, May 20. Municipality tree give-aways will start at 9 a.m. on May 18 at Dimond, Service and East High schools.

For information on how to dig and transplant trees, call or write to the USDA Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, 201 E. 9th Avenue, Suite 206, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; Tel: 261-2502.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--May 10, 1985--the danger of exposing undercover vegetation to tracks and wheels of over-snow vehicles has warranted the closure of Chugach National Forest trails and backcountry areas to off-road vehicles.

Forest Supervisor Dalton Du Lac says, "All forest trails and

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backcountry areas, with the exception of Turnagain Pass, are officially closed to motorized vehicles."

The Turnagain Pass trail will be closed when the snowcover melts to less than 10 inches.

Du Lac says, "The disappearance of snow is our signal to shut down the use of snowmobiles on the trails to protect soils and vegetation from damage."

Late winter snows have kept

backcountry trails open somewhat longer than usual.

Trails on both the Kenai Peninsula and the Cordova area of the Forest are closed to motorized vehicles during snow-free periods.

Unless otherwise posted, four-wheel drives, trail scooters, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles are allowed on existing roads, power line rights-of-way and outwash plains such as Snow River.

Further information on trail closures and off-road vehicle zoning may be obtained from the Chugach National Forest, 201 East 9th Avenue, Suite 206, Anchorage, Alaska; phone 261-2502.