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## **The State's 2009 Christmas Tree Delivery Lights the Way to the Capitol**

**WHAT:** Cutting & Delivery of the State's Official Christmas Tree

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. November 16, 2009 and 10:00 a.m. November 17, 2009

**WHERE:** [U.S. Forest Service Placerville Ranger Station](#) Camino, California -11/16/09

California State Capitol Building West Lawn  
1400 Tenth St., Sacramento, CA, 95814 - 11/17/09

**SUMMARY:** Monday November 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. marks the beginning of the holiday season when the state's official Christmas tree is cut from its home on U.S. Forest Service property in Camino and prepared for transport. Adorning the west lawn of the Capital this year is a majestic, 55-foot [white fir tree](#) donated by the U.S. Forest Service Institute of Genetics.

[Department of General Services'](#) employees will raise the festive fir at 10:00 a.m. November 17, 2009, following its delivery by CAL FIRE.

Once set up is complete, the tree will be trimmed and bedecked with 1,500 hand-crafted ornaments donated from the Department of Developmental Services. The ornaments are created by children and adults with developmental disabilities who receive services and support from the state's development centers and 21 nonprofit regional centers.

This richly celebrated tradition began 27 years ago and is part of the Governor and First Lady's annual tree lighting ceremony which is expected to take place on December 10, 2009.

Continuing Gov. Schwarzenegger's energy efficiency and conservation initiatives, 14,000 ultra-low-wattage, light-emitting diode bulbs will illuminate the tree, resulting in a 95 percent energy savings compared to incandescent bulbs.