

# NEWS RELEASE

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## ***\*Traffic Advisory Nov. 6\****

**Temporary Delay November 6<sup>th</sup> during Transport of Capitol Christmas Tree**  
*30-60 Minute Delay Expected on Highway 89 from Moran Junction to Jackson on Saturday*

**Jackson, Wyoming** – Travelers on Highway 89 from Moran Junction to Jackson should expect delays of 30 minutes to one hour on Saturday, November 6 between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree makes it way from Moran Junction to the Jackson Town Square.

Passengers flying out of Jackson Hole Airport on Saturday are strongly encouraged to allow additional time to get to the airport.

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will be harvested on Saturday morning, then transported on an oversized flat bed truck down Highway 89 to the Jackson Town Square. Traffic on Highway 89 will be slowed for large stretches to accommodate the oversized load as it makes its way into town.

Additionally, access to North Cache Drive and parking around the Town Square will be limited throughout the afternoon and early evening for the Jackson Capitol Christmas Tree Community Celebration.

For questions regarding the road closures and delays, please contact U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Coordinator Mary Cernicek at 307-739-5564.

### **ABOUT THE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

The Bridger-Teton National Forest, at the request of Senator John Barrasso, is leading the State of Wyoming in the delivery of the Capitol Christmas Tree for 2010.

The Capitol Christmas Tree will grace the west front lawn of the U.S. Capitol in December 2010. The Architect of the U.S. Capitol has already selected a 67-foot Engelmann spruce from the

Bridger-Teton National Forest which will be cut, loaded, covered and prepped for travel in November to Washington, D.C.

In mid-November, the tree will be toured across the state of Wyoming before heading east to the U.S. Capitol. In late November, the tree will be delivered to the U.S. Capitol, where it will be lowered into a 5-foot deep hole, strung with lights, and decorated with thousands of handcrafted ornaments made by Wyoming people from across the State. In December, the Speaker of the House, along with one Wyoming student, will light the tree and showcase Wyoming's historical, cultural and natural beauty.

Through the holiday season, the tree will be lit at dusk, where it will be enjoyed by people from across world. The theme of Wyoming's tree is "Wyoming-Forever West."

For more information on the Capitol Christmas Tree for 2010, please visit [www.capitolchristmastree2010.org](http://www.capitolchristmastree2010.org), contact [CapitolChristmasTree2010@gmail.com](mailto:CapitolChristmasTree2010@gmail.com), or call Mary Cernicek at (307) 739-5564.

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