



Instructions to submit ornament for the US Capitol Christmas Tree 2021:

**Background:**

The Six Rivers National Forest will provide approximately 15,000 ornaments to bedeck the 2021 U.S. Capitol Christmas tree and up to 130 'companion trees' which are coming from the Forest. The ornaments will be made by California residents, based on instructions provided.

We are seeking ornaments which highlight the diversity of things and peoples iconic to the Six Rivers National Forest and the surrounding area (rivers, recreation, flora and fauna, tribes, logging/industry, etc.), and thus reflect our theme: *Six Rivers, Many Peoples, One Tree*. Ornaments should be easily duplicated by varying levels of skill and using readily available (or provided) supplies.

**How to participate:**

- ✓ Make sure your ornaments meets these requirements:
  - **Requirements for LARGE ornaments which will decorate the outdoor U.S Capital Christmas tree:**
    - Lightweight, durable materials such as natural products (wood, pine cones, sticks, shells, etc.), aluminum/metal, or recycled material.
    - They should be 9-12 inches in size, colorful, shiny, and weatherproof to withstand wind, rain, snow and ice. These will be hung using heavy duty 14-gauge wire.
    - Must be able to withstand being doused with a garden hose, shaken and swung around vigorously, and put in the freezer. Note that some hot glue may not hold up well to freezing.
  - **Requirements for SMALL/MEDIUM ornament which will decorate the indoor trees throughout federal buildings:**
    - Lightweight, colorful, made of any material and measure approximately 4 to 10 inches.
  - **General requirements:**
    - Ornaments cannot include logos, political or religious symbols or references, images of drug or alcohol paraphernalia, or be divisive or offensive.
    - Ornaments and prototypes will **not** be returned.
    - Use of natural/ recyclable materials is valued but not required
- ✓ Submit ornaments 9/1/2021.

*All submissions become the property of the USFS, may be modified at the discretion of the USFS, and will not be returned. Submitting your prototype indicates your permission to use and modify your ideas without further recognition.*



**How to submit your prototype:**

Option 1: Mail to Eureka Six Rivers NF Headquarters Office  
Attn: U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree  
1330 Bayshore Way  
Eureka, CA 95501

Option 2: Contact us to schedule an appointment to submit ornament prototype

- Willow Creek Area: Andrea (530) 629-4930 [andrea.mcbroom@usda.gov](mailto:andrea.mcbroom@usda.gov)
- Del Norte County: Point of contact TBD, please contact Maritza, below
- All other areas contact: Maritza (707) 672-3184 [maritza.guzman@usda.gov](mailto:maritza.guzman@usda.gov)

**For more information contact:**

Maritza Guzman, 707-672-3184 (call/text) or email [maritza.guzman@usda.gov](mailto:maritza.guzman@usda.gov)

**To learn more about the U.S Capitol Christmas Tree Project visit:**

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[www.aoc.gov/what-we-do/programs-ceremonies/capitol-christmas-tree](http://www.aoc.gov/what-we-do/programs-ceremonies/capitol-christmas-tree)

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