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Salal Permit Sales to Begin at Olympic National Forest

Release Date: Aug 25, 2011

Contact(s): Donna Nemeth, Public Affairs Officer, 360-956-2274

Olympia, WA – Special Forest Products Program Manager Chris Dowling announced today that permit sales for salal will begin in early September. Salal (Gaultheria shallon) is an understory shrub commonly used in the floral industry. It grows in dense thickets throughout forests in western Washington and Oregon.

Some changes have been made to the harvest program. Permit holders will be limited to no more than 200 hands per day, maximum, in possession. To reduce confusion regarding boundary areas, unit boundaries will now follow roads or recognizable land features. Two new harvest units have been added to the cycle, including one on the east side of Wynoochee Reservoir and one north of Hamma Hamma Road. A map and guidelines will be provided with the sale of each permit.

Permits will be issued from the Forks, Quinault, and Quilcene offices during business hours on the following dates:

- September 7, 2011
- November 2, 2011
- ▶ January 4, 2012
- February 29, 2012

A total of one-hundred permits will be issued with a maximum of fifteen permits for each harvest unit. Fifty permits will be offered from Quilcene for harvest areas located within Mason County and the east side of Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Twenty-five permits will be offered from Forks for the west-side of Clallam County. Twenty-five permits will be offered from Lake Quinault for harvest areas within Grays Harbor County and the west side of Jefferson County.

A lottery will be used if the demand for permits exceeds the supply. Each permit will cost \$150 and can be used for up to two months. A valid United States picture identification will be required at the time of purchase and those buying the permits must be at least 18 years of age. Cash or checks will be accepted, but no credit cards or debit cards will be accepted.

For additional information about salal permit sales, please contact Chris Dowling at 360-956-2272. For general information about Olympic National Forest, visit http://www.fs.usda.gov/olympic.

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