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Arizona's Gift
from the Grand Canyon State
CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE 2009

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U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE 2009 TOURS ARIZONA **29 Community Events Held In 10 Days**

Springerville, Arizona (November 9, 2009) – The stunning 85-foot Blue spruce harvested from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests on Saturday, November 7, 2009 begins its journey to Washington, D.C. Taller than a 7-story building the Capitol Christmas Tree, often called The People's Tree, will tour Arizona for 10 days. The tour includes 8 vehicles, including a 100-foot trailer hauling the tree, as well as law enforcement escorting the caravan.

The tour of the Capitol Christmas Tree includes cities and towns of all sizes who have invited the historic tree to their communities. Public events will celebrate the first time the Grand Canyon State has presented a Christmas tree to the United States Congress. Events will feature holiday traditions such as, music, poetry and Arizona history.

During the Capitol Christmas Tree tour merchandise such as comemorative Christmas tree ornaments, mugs, caps, t-shirts and holiday cards featuring art from a juried Capitol Christmas Tree Art Show will be available for purchase. Funds from the sales of these specialty products will support the project expenses.

A detailed tour schedule is included in this release.

WHAT: Historic Capitol Christmas Tree Tours Arizona

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10- 19, 2009

WHERE: 29 events throughout Arizona, beginning in The White Mountains

For more information, background information, photography and archive press materials visit

www.CapitolChristmasTree 2009.org

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Note to editors: See attached Tour Stops detailed list in email message!



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Capitol Christmas Tree Arizona Tour Schedule - November 2009

Arizona Tour

Tuesday, November 10

Route Stops

Event Time

Pinetop-Lakeside

Larson Memorial Library
1595 W. Johnson Lane

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Show Low

Show Low High School
500 W. Old Linden Road

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Snowflake and Taylor

Basha's Shopping Center
65 N. Main Street
Taylor

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Payson

100 N. Beeline Highway

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Fountain Hills

Target Shopping Center
16825 E. Shea

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Prescott Valley

Near Tims Toyota Center
3001 N. Main St.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Prescott

Yavapai County Courthouse
121 W. Gurley St.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

- Peoria** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Rio Vista Community Park
8866 W. Thunderbird Rd.
- Glendale** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Glendale City Hall
Murphy Park at 58th Ave. and Glenn Dr.
- Phoenix** 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Arizona State Capitol
17th Ave. from Washington – Jefferson

Friday, November 13

- Apache Junction** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Chamber of Commerce
576 W. Apache Trail
- Florence** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Main Street Park
121 E. 22nd St.
- Oro Valley** 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Oro Valley Market Place
11875 N. Oracle Rd.

Saturday, November 14

- Tucson** 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Reid Park
850 S. Lakeshore
- Bisbee** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Historic Warren Ballpark
Ruppe Ave.
- Douglas** 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Parade Route
3rd St. & G Ave. to 10th/11th St. & G Ave.

Sunday, November 15

- Gila Bend** 11:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m.
Community Center Park
202 Euclide Ave.
- Yuma** 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Arizona Western College
2020 S. Ave. 8E

Monday, November 16 **Lake Havasu City** 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
 2121 N. McCulloch Blvd.

Kingman 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Chamber of Commerce
 120 W. Rt. 66 / Andy Devine Ave.

Tuesday, November 17 **Williams** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Route 66 & Williams St.

Flagstaff 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 Flagstaff Aquaplex
 1702 N. 4th St.

Wednesday, November 18 **Winslow** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 Community Park
 2nd St. between Warren & Kensley

Holbrook 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Historic Court House
 100 E. Arizona Street - Arizona St. & Hwy 77

Thursday, November 19 **Keams Canyon** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 Keams Canyon Elementary School
 Hwy 264

Window Rock **3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
Rodeo Grounds

National Tour

Saturday, November 21
 Sunday, November 22
 Monday, November 23
 Tuesday, November 24
 Wednesday, November 25
 Thursday, November 26
 Friday, November 27, 28, 29
 Monday, November 30

Route Stops

Amarillo, TX
 Tulsa, OK
 Branson, MO
 Nashville, TN
 Roanoke, VA
 Thanksgiving
 Chevy Chase, MD
 Tree Presented to United States Congress