

Deck the Halls

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Not everyone's holiday experiences can be quite as eventful as, say, the Griswold's in National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation." But perhaps we can try.

The first step may be procuring the perfect tree. And after purchasing the necessary permit from the San Juan Public Lands Center, anyone who wishes to journey into the designated BLM land can cut their own green beauty – following the legal guidelines, of course – load it on the vehicle of choice, and tote it back home. Or wherever one wishes to display their hard-won prize. Then it's just a string of lights and a few sparkly baubles away from becoming that perfect spot for Santa to stash his goodies.



Picking out the perfect specimen.



Ornaments galore.



Muscle work for the holidays.



Carrying the chosen one out of the woods.



Lights are a key component to a sparkling tree.



The end product can include a plethora of shiny, and recyclable, options.