



Lauri and David Dobbs celebrated burning their house down a few years ago. (Not to worry, they built a new one.)

## The *Applegater* bids farewell to long-serving treasurer, David Dobbs

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In July 2016, Dave Dobbs was voted onto the board of the *Applegater*. The minutes say, laconically, “Possible new board member Dave Dobbs was interviewed. He is retired and good with computer technology and is willing to help with deliveries...” He was unanimously approved as our newest board member.

For a year Dave helped by finding grants we could apply for, suggesting changes to the bylaws, and filling in with other important board matters. In January 2017, he was elected assistant treasurer to our long-serving treasurer, the late Chris Bratt.

At the January 2018 meeting Dave added graphs and charts to the treasurer’s report, revealing at a glance the trends in our donations, expenditures, and so on. From that time on, those charts have been a part of the treasurer’s report.

By that time Dave was also taking over tax preparation, a job he continued until we hired a CPA in 2023. He was signing checks for payments due, picking up the mail in Jacksonville, handling donations, going after receipts payable, and doing a hundred other essential jobs. For a short time, he also took on the job of “acting secretary” until we could fill the secretary position. He became our official vice-chair. After the publication of our first book, *From the Heart of the Applegate*, he oversaw book sales until Lisa Baldwin added that job to her position as secretary.

I’m losing track, and I have only begun to itemize all the work Dave has done for the *Applegater*. The list is long and covers financial matters, tax forms, compliance issues, bookkeeping, record-keeping, and much more.

Dave was also important to the *Applegater* because he always had the *Applegater* in mind. If he met someone in a business capacity, he suggested an ad in the paper. If he met someone with skills we needed, he suggested that person work with us. He was always bringing up the *Applegater* with newcomers. He had good ideas about how the *Applegater* could best serve the community. I don’t know that he ever missed a meeting, and he was an important figure in helping produce our events.

I am sorry about the past tense, but in October 2023, Dave Dobbs resigned from the board.

As you can see from my attempt to recognize his contribution to the *Applegater* during those seven years, we will miss him sorely.

Dave Dobbs is a valuable community member, and the *Applegater* was lucky to have him on our board for those seven years. We are a better organization for his contributions.

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For many families, venturing out onto public lands to cut a Christmas tree is an annual holiday tradition! The process of obtaining permits differs a bit by agency, but families can cut Christmas trees on US Forest Service (USFS) or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands using a permit from either agency.

### Options to obtain permits

- In person at USFS and BLM offices.
- BLM-issued holiday tree permits are available for purchase online at [forestproducts.blm.gov](http://forestproducts.blm.gov).
- Many local businesses across southwest Oregon are selling Christmas tree permits. See the current vendor list on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (RRSNF) website at [bit.ly/RRSNFXmasTrees](http://bit.ly/RRSNFXmasTrees). Please call the vendor to ensure passes are available.

Per the Every Kid Outdoors initiative, fourth graders are entitled to one *free* Christmas tree permit with a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass. Visit [everykidoutdoors.gov](http://everykidoutdoors.gov).

USFS-issued Christmas tree permits are available for purchase online through [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov)—search for RRSNF Christmas Tree Permits. Carefully read the overview and need-to-know information prior to purchasing the permit. Visitors will also need to set up or log in to a [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) account to complete the transaction.

Each permit allows the cutting of one personal-use Christmas tree, and a permit is required for each individual tree that visitors wish to take home.

**Permits are \$5 per tree and are nonrefundable.** There is a limit of five tree permits per household, and the permits may be used only on those lands open to Christmas tree harvesting that are administered by the RRSNF and the BLM Medford District. Free printable maps that identify these areas are provided at the time of permit purchase on [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov), as well as for home printing on the RRSNF website. Those wishing to use digital maps and navigation systems can download free maps to use on the mapping app, Avenza Maps, which will also be available on a limited basis in front offices.

**For more information**, including tree-hunting tips, guidelines for where people may cut their trees, and safety tips, visit [fs.usda.gov/detail/rogue-siskiyou/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=stelpbdb5327574](http://fs.usda.gov/detail/rogue-siskiyou/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=stelpbdb5327574).

**Happy tree hunting from the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management Medford District!**

### Farewell to Crystie Hawkins

The *Applegater* board is sorry to announce the resignation of Crystie Hawkins. Crystie had only been on the board since August, during which time she was working to enhance our social media presence. We appreciate her work and hope to see her at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and other events. We thank her for her willingness to serve the Applegate community through her work with the *Applegater*.

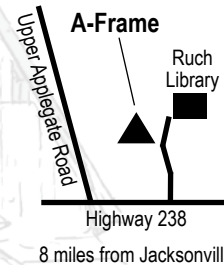


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