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FOREST SERVICE REMINDS USERS TO REMOVE TREE STANDS

Hector, NY (December 23, 2022) –Forest Service officials on the Finger Lakes National Forest are reminding the public to remove tree stands and ground blinds from the National Forest by January 1, 2023.

Forest Service personnel plan to remove, impound and dispose of tree stands or ground blinds left on the Finger Lakes National Forest after December 31, 2022. The use of temporary tree stands or ground blinds on the National Forest is restricted from January 1 to September 1.

“Tree Stands are now a common sight on the Finger Lakes National Forest, with many of these stands never being removed. It is not uncommon to be walking through the Forest and see a tree stand, only to walk a little further and see another,” says District Ranger Jodie Vanselow. “The Forest is a heavily hunted area, with many new people discovering it every year. Everyone with a valid New York hunting license has the privilege of hunting the National Forest. To do so only requires hunters abide by the rules and regulations of both the State and the Forest, so please take your stands home with you before the year ends.”

Per [Forest Order NO.FLNL 2010-07](#) Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are not permitted on the Finger Lakes National Forest from January 1 to September 1 of each year. Temporary tree stands and blinds should clearly be identified with the owner’s name and address in legible English when permitted.

For more information about hunting on the Finger Lakes National Forest, please visit: [Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests - Hunting \(usda.gov\)](#). For mor information on New York Hunting regulations, please consult the current New York State [Hunting & Trapping Regulations Guide](#).

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