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U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree National Tour Stop in Downtown Roanoke

ROANOKE, VA (November 18, 2013) – We are pleased to announce the 2013 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, also known as “The People’s Tree,” will be making its only stop in Virginia in Roanoke on Friday, November 22nd from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., on its way from Washington State to Washington, D.C. The community is invited to come see the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree at SunTrust Plaza in Downtown Roanoke and help celebrate the season with performances from Southwest Virginia Ballet and Mill Mountain Theatre. An opportunity will be available to sign banners accompanying the tree to Washington, D.C.

ABOUT THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

A different national forest is chosen each year to provide “The People’s Tree.” This year the Colville National Forest in the northeast corner of Washington State provided the top choice, an 88 foot tall Engelmann spruce. Representatives from the national forest will be available to answer questions and photos can be taken in front of the tree. The tree is currently touring across the country heading east to the U.S. Capitol and will stop in several cities.

The Christmas tree will grace the west front lawn of the U.S. Capitol in December. Once it arrives in Washington D.C. in late November, the tree will be lowered into a 5-foot deep hole, strung with lights, and decorated with thousands of handcrafted ornaments. House Speaker John Boehner will light the tree at a ceremony in early December and the tree will be lit nightly from dusk to 11:00 p.m. throughout the holiday season and enjoyed by people from across the world.

For more information about the 2013 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree –
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Special thanks to Roanoke City Parks and Recreation for sponsoring the stage.