



USFS Christmas Tree Cutting Information

The cutting of Christmas Trees is permitted on all National Forest lands on the Gunnison Ranger District *EXCEPT* the following:

CLOSED AREAS: Cement Creek from hwy. 135 to private land above Deadman Gulch Trail-head (7 miles up Cement Creek), Spring Creek from Harmels to the junction with the Deadman Gulch, Taylor Canyon from Almont to Taylor Reservoir, Rambouillet natural snow tree fence, Fossil Ridge Recreation Management area, and all Wilderness Areas.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✎ Hand tools are recommended for cutting your tree.
- ✎ Cut trees 100 feet or more from main traveled roads, adjacent streams and out of sight of the roads and streams. This is to preserve scenery for you, other forest users and future generations.
- ✎ Cut more than ¼ mile from developed campgrounds and homes.
- ✎ Cut in areas where trees are thicker and in need of thinning. This will help provide more growing room for adjacent trees, straight trees and improve timber stands in general.
- ✎ Cut trees with crooked lower trunks, but with good tops.
- ✎ Restrict cutting to trees 10 feet tall or less.
- ✎ Cut trees as close to the ground level as possible and leave no stumps higher the 6" from the ground and scatter any limbs left behind. This will maintain the natural look of the forest.
- ✎ Drive vehicles only on established roads.
- ✎ Be prepared for winter conditions. We suggest 4-wheel drive, chains, shovel and winter gear.
- ✎ Cut trees growing up under Aspen stands. This helps prevent encroachment of our Aspen.
- ✎ Tag your tree prior to leaving the area and transporting your tree.

REMEMBER: This permit is for Forest Service lands only. If you are cutting on other lands, be sure to check with the appropriate land manager and purchase the appropriate permit. If you cut on private lands, be sure you have permission from the landowner. *REFUNDS* are not given on Christmas tree permits.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!
Remember to recycle your tree!

Merry Christmas!