Christmas Tree Cutting Regulations
Palisades Ranger District
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Please review the following information to ensure that your Christmas tree harvesting is legal and to ensure protection of natural resources on the Forest.

Make certain that you are in fact on National Forest System Lands. Please refer to the map on this handout. While this map shows the area open to Christmas tree cutting under this permit, a more detailed map may be needed to help you distinguish between National Forest Lands and other lands (private, State or BLM). If in doubt, ASK!

Make sure to follow the local Forest Service Travel Plan Map as you locate and cut your tree. Some districts have designated areas or areas with restrictions.

Cut a tree up to 12 feet tall for $10. If you want a taller tree, you can buy a permit for a larger tree- 13 to 20 feet for $15.

PERMITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. The Forest Service is not responsible for lost/misplaced permits.

Cut your tree within four (4) inches of the ground. **PLEASE DO NOT CUT** down a larger tree and take only the top. This is a waste of natural resources and leaves an unsightly bush that robs valuable soil moisture and nutrients from the surviving trees around it.

Select conifer/evergreen Christmas trees in aspen stands to allow the aspen trees to expand or select from a clump of conifer trees, allowing the remaining trees more space to grow.

This permit authorizes the cutting of one (1) tree per household/family per year.

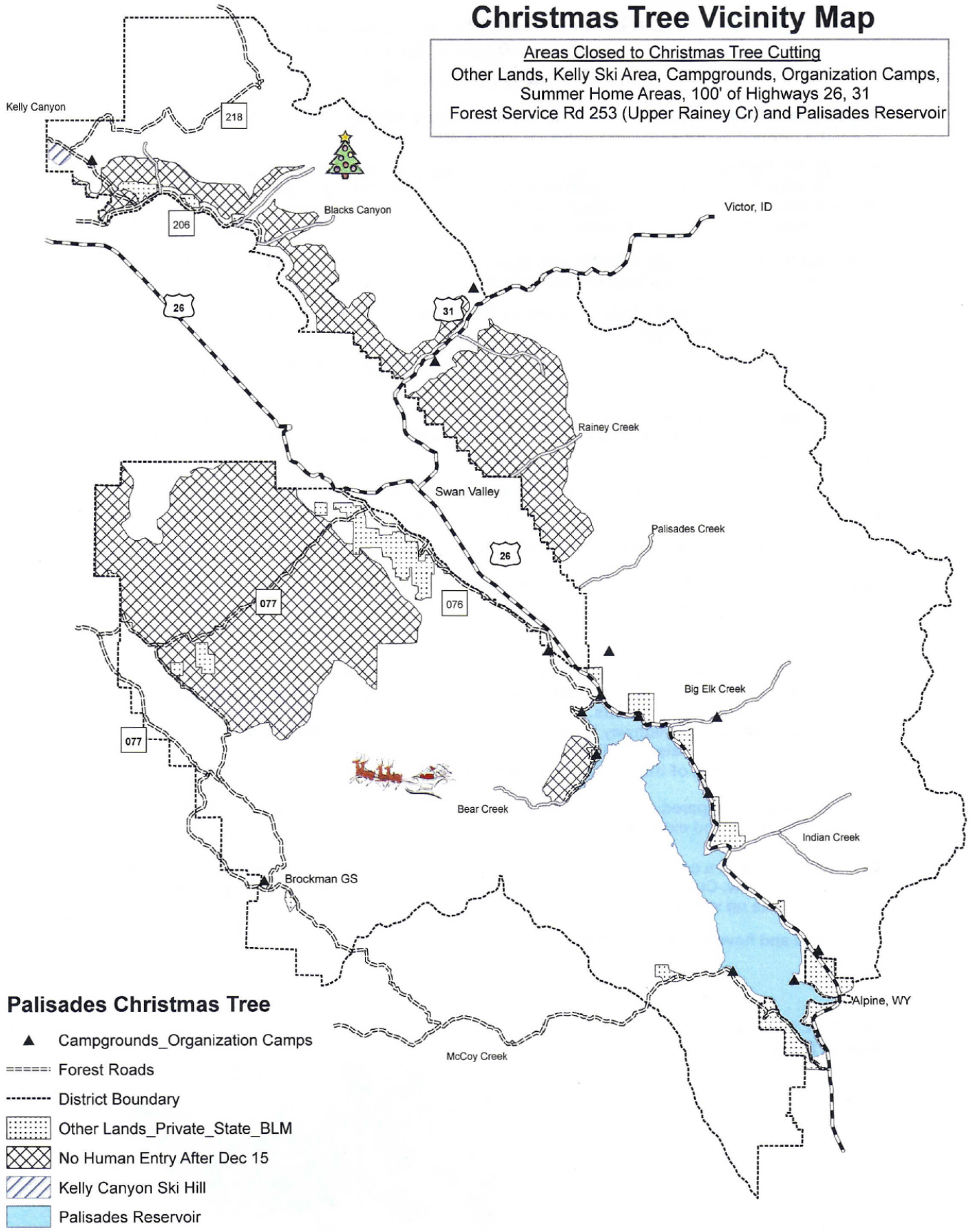
Tags must be signed and attached to your tree prior to loading and transporting your tree home.

DO NOT CUT A TREE FROM:

- Within 300 feet of Campgrounds or Trailheads, Organizational Camp Sites, Summer Home Areas, Administrative sites (guard stations) or regenerated tree plantations
- Private, State, BLM Lands
- Within 100 feet of Highway 31 (Pine Creek Pass) or Forest Service Road 253 (Upper Rainey Creek located off Highway 31).
- Within 100 feet of the Palisades Reservoir shoreline.

Don't forget to go prepared and travel safely. The weather conditions out on the Forest can be very unpredictable and extreme this time of year.

Store tree upright in a cool shaded place sheltered from cold winds with trunk in a bucket of water or packed in snow. Cut off at least two inches from the bottom before you bring it indoors so it can readily take up water and stay fresh.

Happy Holidays,
Tracy Hollingshead
District Ranger

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Christmas Tree Vicinity Map